

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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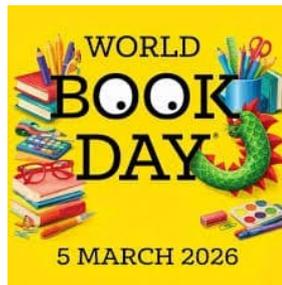
Headteacher: Mr J Camilleri

NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th March 2026

Dear parents and carers

This has been a very special week at English Martyrs'. The week was packed with activities for all children to mark **Book Week**. Activities included visits to the **public library**, a **book fair** over 5 days, **assemblies** and of course coming to school in **character costumes** on **World Book Day** itself on Thursday. It was a wonderful week and we hope that our pupils will continue to be inspired to enjoy their reading even more.



This week we also continued to reflect on the special **Season of Lent** and how we can make best use of this time to repent and move closer to God. Today, a big thank you goes to 3M for leading our Friday Class assembly in Building 2.

We now look forward to next week when we will focus on Science activities to mark Science Week. It will also be **Assessment Week** when all children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be working on assessment tasks for Reading, Writing and Maths. Parents will have the opportunity to discuss progress and attainment with class teachers at the **Termly Learning Conferences** in two weeks time.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

CORE VALUE - SPRING 2

Our Spring 2 core value is **FAIRNESS**. This is about making sure we are treating everyone else equally and in a fair manner and without any prejudice. **Do you always show FAIRNESS towards others at home, in school and everywhere else?**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

Sunday 8th March
3rd Sunday of Lent

Week beginning 9th March
SCIENCE WEEK

Friday 13th March - 8.50 am
Class Assembly - 5E
Parents of children in 5E are invited to attend in Building 2

Tuesday 24th to Thursday 26th March
TERMLY LEARNING CONFERENCES
Meetings between Teachers and Parents

Week beginning 30th March
Easter Holidays

Tuesday 14th April
Beginning of the Summer Term
Children return to school

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER





TERMLY LEARNING CONFERENCES

Our Termly Learning Conferences will take place from

**Tuesday 24th to
Thursday 26th March.**

Appointments can be booked from Wednesday 11th March, please see class teachers when you collect your child. Each parent will have 10 minutes to speak to the class teacher so punctuality is of utmost importance.

Every week our Mid-day meals supervisors award stars to pupils who show our school values during lunchtime breaks. The following are the names of our Star children for this week.



THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Every Wednesday we ask our children to have a look and read through THE WEDNESDAY WORD.



This is a Catholic flyer about the Sunday Mass readings and includes a range of activities for children. Use the link below to share this Sunday's gospel as a family.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/prayer?pid=MTA101634&v=17.8>

Nursery:
Chloe, Zahra

Reception:
Raphael, George

Year 1:
Sarah, Victoria

Year 2:
Kane, David,
Deborah

Year 3:
Ezekiel, Lavie

Year 4:
Edwin, Arnica

Year 5:
Michael, Simeon

Year 6:
Hawa, Jhayra,
Jheison, Hemen

This Sunday is the THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



We continue to think about ways on how to change and become better people. See the **Lent calendar** for ideas of things you can do everyday at school or at home.

Year 6 SATs Revision

Vocabulary Ninja will be uploading weekly support videos on their YouTube channel for the next 16 weeks!

Each video will cover important topics that are likely to come up in the SATs tests.

Please encourage your child to watch these videos to support their revision.

<https://www.youtube.com/@vocabularyninja>



FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

BOOK WEEK AT ENGLISH MARTYRS'



VISIT BY AUTHOR DAN FREEDMAN

Wednesday 4th March 2026

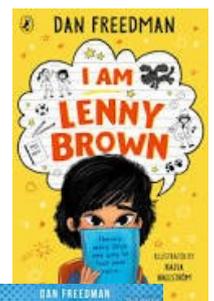


This is what Dan said about his visit to English Martyrs....

It was an absolute privilege to visit English Martyrs RC Primary School to help celebrate the joys of reading and writing with pupils. It was such a positive experience. I thought the session went really well and it was very impactful to see how many pupils wanted to ask a question! They were a great combination of enthusiastic, interactive as well as being very polite and listening well. They represented the school fantastically.

We discussed the power of reading and writing - and how sport and stories allow us to make bonds and build friendships. We also talked about resilience and how real-life stories can be weaved into fiction. Plus we explored all the varied and incredible career opportunities that are available within football, even if you don't make it as one of the twenty two players on the pitch.

It was a pleasure to speak with the pupils and big thanks to Ms Thompson and the team for inviting me and organising such a great day. I hope the experience encourages the pupils to Go For Their Goals.



FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

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CLASS 4G



As part of **World Book Day**, the class visited **Walworth Library** in Elephant and Castle. During the visit, the pupils listened to a **poem** and learned about the different activities available at the library, as well as how they

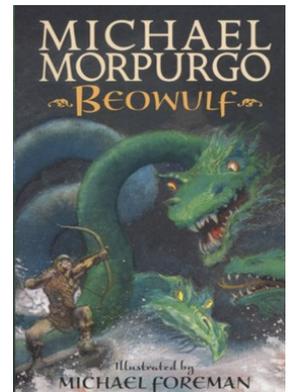
can borrow books for reading at home. To celebrate World Book Day, the children also enjoyed **dressing up** as their favourite characters from their favourite books.

In Religious Education, the pupils are learning about **Jesus as the Saviour**. They began by exploring the belief that Jesus is truly God and also truly human, reflecting on what this means for us. The children will also learn about **Holy Week**, including Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Death of Jesus on the Cross, and the Resurrection of Jesus.



CLASS 5T

This week, class 5T have been reading about the adventures of **Beowulf**. Within our writing we have used **Kennings and superlatives** to write in the style of **Michael Morpurgo**. For reading, we have been looking at the language that he uses and have been using this to hone our **inference skills**.



In maths, we have been learning about **mixed numbers** and **improper fractions** and have been



revising **equivalent fractions** too. For RE, we have been deepening our knowledge of the **sacrament of reconciliation** and its importance within the Catholic faith.

RECEPTION

This term, we have been identifying the signs of **spring** and talking about our favourite **seasons**. The children have also been learning about the new life that appears in spring and taking part in meaningful discussions about their observations.

We started our new story, **The Tiny Seed**, and the children have learned the steps involved in **planting seeds**. They will care for their plants until the end of term, taking responsibility for watering them and making sure they have everything they need to grow.





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FREE EVENT

Southwark Heritage Centre & Walworth Library
145-147 Walworth Rd, London SE17 1RW

TALES AT TWILIGHT

Pack your sleeping bag for a night of magic,
stories, and after hours library fun!

Saturday 21st March 2026 7:00 PM

to

Sunday 22nd March 2026 9:00 AM

6 to 11 years

parents & carers are welcome

Booking is essential

please email:

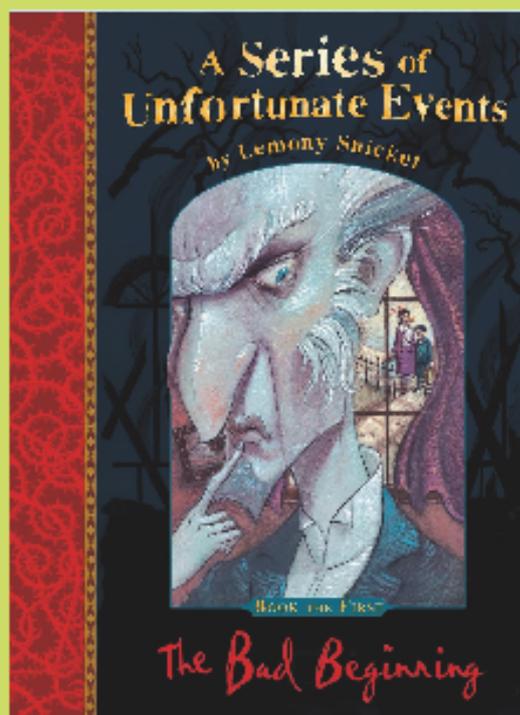
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Chatterbooks

Free book club for children aged 7-11 years



Chatterbooks is our friendly club that helps children build a lifelong reading habit. Come along to discover new reads and try a craft!

For our first session of 2026, we'll be reading *A Series of Unfortunate Events: The Bad Beginning* by Lemony Snicket.

Una Marson Library, SE17 2GN
Tuesday 10th February, 4pm - 5pm

To sign up, please scan the QR code, visit

forms.cloud.microsoft/e/kv4taUBWrp
or ask staff for a paper form. Limited places.



Please email questions to libraries@southwark.gov.uk.

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Young Musicians

Perform at Una Marson Library



Join the young musicians of the Pembroke Academy of Music, for an afternoon of musical performances. Pembroke House, offers around 50 local children aged 7–14 the chance to learn and perform music, regardless of circumstances. Students will showcase their skills on violin, cello, trumpet, trombone, guitar, clarinet, and flute, performing pieces they are preparing for exams at the end of March. This highlights the vital role of community support in keeping creative opportunities accessible to all.

Una Marson Library, 62 Thurlow Street, London SE17 2GN

Saturday the 7th of March, 2pm to 3.30pm

Refreshments will be available

To Book Your Free Place Email
Elaine.Walters@southwark.gov.uk

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The National Year
of Reading 2020

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IN.**

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Southwark Family Hubs

INCREDIBLE YEARS AUTISM PROGRAMME

For children 2 -8 years

The Incredible Years Autism Programme offers great strategies for promoting children's language skills, school readiness, emotional self-regulation, social skills, empathy, and building positive relationships. It provides evidence-based strategies for parents and carers to enhance their parenting confidence and understanding of the valuable role that they play in promoting their children's development.

Wednesdays
4th March to 8th July
2026

Book your place or for more
information contact

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southwark.sch.uk

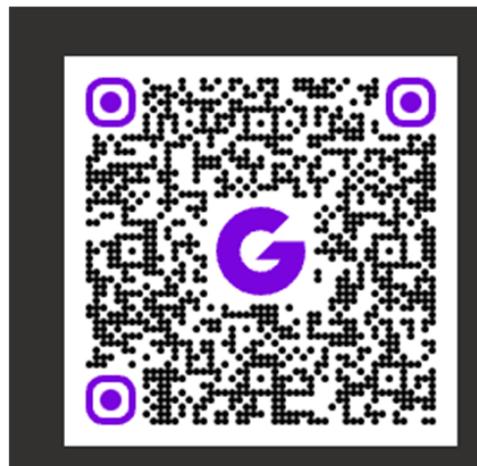
Rye Oak Children & Family Hub
Whorlton Road SE15 3PD



Mr Field's fundraiser for The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD)

Mr Field will be running the London Marathon in April 2026 to raise money for CAFOD. Please use the link below if you would like to donate towards this great cause.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/john-field-2>



After taking on the Great North Run for the last two years, I am excited to share that I will be taking on the London Marathon team 2026 by running in the marathon on April 26, 2026. I will be running in support of the wonderful work of CAFOD.

Through my 11 years as a teacher at South London Catholic Primary School in Southwark and 27 years as an Altar Server (and now MC) at St George's Cathedral in Southwark, I have learnt more and more about the wonderful work CAFOD do.

CAFOD is an international development charity dedicated to helping people affected by poverty, climate change, conflict, and injustice around the world. Their work is vital, as they collaborate with local experts within communities to create real, lasting change.

For instance, in Bolivia, one of the poorest countries in South America, CAFOD partners with organizations to ensure that 'the most disadvantaged people have the skills and knowledge to propose and implement strategies to change their lives and communicate their needs to decision-makers.' In Bangladesh, they have provided essential support for Rohingya refugees by offering shelter, water and sanitation services, as well as nutrition and education for children.

Donations made on my page will be sent directly to CAFOD in a fast and secure way. My target is £3,000, any donations and sharing of this would be great.

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