

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th April 2026

Dear parents and carers

We have now started the last full term of this school year. We hope that everyone had a good Easter break and that all children are now ready for more exciting learning during this **Summer Term**.

Following the training day for staff on Monday we had a four day week for children during which classes started **new topics** in the various areas of the curriculum. Topic overviews have been sent to parents this week.

On Thursday we had assemblies in both buildings with presentation of **Bronze, Silver or Gold Certificates** to children for completing their **Reading Passport tasks** last term. We are currently in the National Year of Reading and we hope that all our children will continue to do their best to enjoy their reading and excel when working on comprehension tasks.

Next week we'll resume with our **after school activity clubs** for the Summer Term. There are a range of clubs including computing, sports, arts and crafts and others. Those who have been offered a place are asked to settle the £10 contribution for the term on **ARBOR** by the end of the day today.

Thank you and a good weekend.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

Thursday 23rd April

St George's Day

Patron Saint of England

Friday 1st May

Class Assembly - 2E

Parents of children in 2E are invited to join us in Building 1

Thursday 7th May

Local Elections

Nursery children in the main building today

Week beginning

Monday 11th May

SATs Week

Year 6 Pupils.

CORE VALUE - SUMMER TERM 1

Our Core Value for this Half Term is **COMPASSION**. This is about trying to do something when we see others who are in need of our help. We can show compassion in so many different ways. **Do you always show COMPASSION towards others at home, in school and everywhere else?**



NEWSLETTER ONLINE

For an extended version of our school newsletter please visit our **website** or use the link emailed to parents.



WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES CLUBS

After school Activity Clubs will be resuming from **Monday 20th April**. These will be led by school staff after school for 1 hour **from 3.15pm to 4.15 pm**.

The contribution for taking place in these Activity clubs is **£10** for the **whole term**. Parents please use **ARBOR** for this and make sure children are always collected on time at 4.15pm.

PE DAYS

Children can still come in their **PE kit** on the day they have their PE lessons on the days shown below.

CLASS	PE DAY
Year 4 and Year 5	MONDAYS
Reception and Year 3	TUESDAYS
Nursery	WEDNESDAYS
Reception	THURSDAYS
Nursery, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6	FRIDAYS

HOMEWORK

Please remember that our teachers continue to set Homework for children on **MS Teams**.

A schedule for the week is posted online by teachers every Monday for children to work through during the week. Our normal homework pattern is as follows:



- Mondays - Spelling**
- Tuesdays - Online Maths**
- Wednesday - The Wednesday Word**
- Thursday - Writing task**
- Friday - Reading task.**

Please make sure your child is able to access MS Teams and complete all homework tasks regularly and let us know if you need any support with this. Thank you.

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>

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.



Nursery:
Baaba, Mariano

Reception:
Elijah, Pelumi

Year 1:
Oscar, Ayla

Year 2:
Abdul, Kane, Tiffany

Year 3:
Regan, Philip

Year 4:
Harli, Taiwo

Year 5:
Simone, Litzy, Kelis

Year 6:
Benjamin D, Trinity, Moringa





Saturdays
18 Apr • 25 Apr • 2 May

Castle Festival

SPORTS • FITNESS • ARTS • DANCE

FREE FESTIVAL
All Welcome

The Castle Leisure Centre
2 St Gabriel Walk, SE1 6FG



Register now for Early Access to Event Bookings and entry into our free prize draw.

Scan the code or go to southwarkleisure.co.uk/castle10



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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