

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th April 2026

Dear parents and carers

This week has been a rather different one than usual! Although our teaching and learning and all other activities carried on as normal throughout the week, we welcomed special visitors who came in on Thursday and Friday for an RE Inspection of the school, otherwise known as a **CSI Inspection** which is aimed at taking a snapshot of the school's work in three main areas namely, the **Catholic Life of the School, Religious Education Teaching** as well as **Worship and Liturgy**. A lot of productive discussions were held over these two days and the two Inspectors met with children, attended acts of worship and saw RE being taught in all classes. The inspectors will write to us to share the findings and a report will be published in a few weeks' time.

Any inspection time is a very important time for a school and although we'll have to wait for the outcome, what I am able to tell you is how proud I am of the children and staff who all contributed to this positive experience over these last two days. We particularly would like to thank the parents for completing the online questionnaire too. Together, we will continue to show what an amazing community English Martyrs' School is and how we follow Christ in trying to become more holy and make a difference.

We now look forward for next week when the children will continue with their learning on topics for this Summer 1 Term and then for the beginning of the special month of May which will include so many special events for our children.

Thank you and have a good weekend

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?**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

Friday 1st May

Feast of St Joseph the worker and beginning of the month of Mary.

Friday 1st May

Class Assembly - 2J

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

Monday 4th May

Feast of the English Martyrs

Patron saints of our school and our local Parish

Thursday 7th May

Local Elections

Nursery children in the main building today

Week beginning

Monday 11th May

SATs Week

Year 6 Pupils.

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES CLUBS

After school Activity Clubs have resumed 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.

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES THIS WEEK

Well done to **Year 1** pupils who registered the highest attendance percentage this week - very close to 100%

YEAR GROUP	ATTENDANCE
Reception	94.6%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	97.6%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	96.6%
Year 6	97.9%

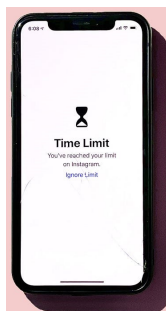
SCREEN TIME, SMARTPHONES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Along with 20 other schools across Southwark, this week we have collectively pledged to address the issues associated with **screen time, smartphones and social media**.

Headteachers have worked collaboratively to create a **SET OF PRINCIPLES** which we will work towards when educating your child on screen time, smartphones and social media.

We also hope that all families in our school community will support these principles at home too.

Please see **page 3 of the newsletter** which shows recommendations for screen time, social media and smartphone use.



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:
Neriyah, Al-Amin

Reception:
Shaydasha, George

Year 1:
Kamiah, Kevin

Year 2:
Tiffany, Moses

Year 3:
Flourish, David

Year 4:
Ethan B, Minerva

Year 5:
**Kalayah, Dylan,
Steven, Michael**

Year 6:
**Deborah Y, Joshua,
Deborah A**



The table below shows our recommendations for screen time, social media and smartphone use are therefore presented as the 'best advice' we can give based upon the current evidence available.

Age/Year group	Maximum screen time	Outside of school hours, what are appropriate <i>amounts</i> and <i>types</i> of screen time?
Birth to 18 months	5 minutes	Access to short supervised video calls to close family/support network Avoid access to any other screen time of any kind especially in the hour
18 months to 2 years	Up to 1 hours	Access to up to 1 hours of age-appropriate TV* per day and/or short supervised video calls to close family/support network Avoid access to any other device including computer games, any phone or tablet Avoid screen time in the hour directly before sleeping
2 years to Reception	Up to 2 hours	Access to up to 2 hours of age-appropriate TV per day* and/or short supervised video calls to close family/support network Avoid access to computer games and any type of phone, tablet or social media Avoid screen time in the hour directly before sleeping
Reception to Year 2	Up to 2.5 hours	Access to up to 2 hours of age-appropriate TV per day* Access to a tablet/laptop/PC for educational purposes for up to 30 minutes a day Avoid access to computer games and any type of phone, tablet or social media
Year 3 to Year 5	Up to 3 hours	Access to up to 2 hours of age-appropriate TV show content per day* or age-appropriate computer games** Access to a tablet/laptop/PC for educational purposes for up to 1 hours a day Avoid access to any type of phone or social media
Year 6 to Year 9	Up to 4 hours	Access to up to 2 hours of age-appropriate TV show content per day* or age-appropriate computer games** Access to a tablet, laptop or PC for educational purposes for up to 1 hour a day Access to a 'brick phone/non-smartphone' for communication to/from school.
Year 10 to Year 11	Up to 5 hours	Access to up to 2 hours of age-appropriate TV show content per day* or age-appropriate computer games** Access to a tablet, laptop or PC for educational purposes for up to 2 hours a day Access to any phone, although not to be used between 21:00 and 07:00 Avoid access to any applications/social media with age restrictions above



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



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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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