

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st May 2026

Dear parents and carers

We have now started the Month of **May**. This is always a very important month for different reasons. As a Catholic school we will be having liturgies and prayers about Our Lady as for us May is the **Month of Mary**. It will also be a special month for our Year 6 pupils who will be sitting their End of Key Stage 2 Tests in just over a week's time.

This has been a special week particularly for **Class 2J**. On Wednesday year 2 went on a trip to Pizza Express while today the same class led our Friday assembly in which they shared very interesting facts about things they are covering in class this term such as **the Great fire of London**, the story of **Pentecost** Sunday and the sessions they had on **using money wisely** including the importance of Saving for future needs.

Next week is a four day week as **Monday is a Bank Holiday**. Among other things, children will also be taking part in activities related to the feast of the **English Martyrs**, patron saints of our school.

THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

This Monday 4th May is the **feast of the English Martyrs**, Patron Saints of our School and our local Parish. The English Martyrs were brave people who were ready to put God first and even give up their lives as true witnesses to their Catholic Faith. They are role models for all of us.



There will be a presentation in Church on Wednesday 6th May for which everyone is invited. *See page 4 for more details.*

ENGLISH MARTYRS - PRAY FOR US.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

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

Friday 8th May
Class Assembly - 3C
Parents of children in are invited to join us in Building 2

Week beginning
Monday 11th May
SATs Week
Year 6 Pupils.

Sunday 24th May
PENTECOST SUNDAY

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



Celebrating the feast of THE ENGLISH MARTYRS



**TALK and PRESENTATION on
who were the ENGLISH MARTYRS**

on **WEDNESDAY 6th MAY** at **7:00 p.m.**
at **ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH CHURCH**

All parents and parishioners invited

See page 4 of this newsletter for more information

BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our Breakfast Club and After school clubs are on daily.

BREAKFAST CLUB: Every day from 7.40 am to 8.40 am.
Cost each day - £2 (£10 weekly)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: Every day from 3.15 pm to 5.30 pm.
Cost each day - £8 (£40 weekly)

Fees must be paid weekly or termly in advance using **ARBOR**
(Link on School Website). If you need
Arbor login details, please contact the
school office.



CORE VALUE - SUMMER TERM 1

Our Core Value for this Half Term is **COMPAS-
SION**. 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?



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:
Tobi, Al-Amin

Reception:
Anya, Pelumi, Pamileri

Year 1:
**Louis, Alisha,
Elsae**

Year 2:
**Deborah, Olufela,
Moses**

Year 3:
**Adriel, Regan,
Flourish**

Year 4:
Ishi, Destiny

Year 5:
Kyla, Adedolapo

Year 6:
**Leyla, Joshua,
Benjamin**



FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

CLASS 4G

Pupils have been enjoying their learning about the **Early Christians in RE**. They explored the coming of the **Holy Spirit at Pentecost** through engaging **role play** and **creative art** activities, helping them to deepen their understanding of this important event.

In **Humanities**, pupils are learning about the **rainforest**. They will be researching the different layers of the rainforest, as well as the **plants and animals** that live there. They will also explore the impact of **deforestation** on these environments.



RECEPTION

In Reception, we have been exploring ways we can care for our **environment** and make more sustainable choices. As part of our discussions, the children have been thinking about how we can **look after our world and reduce waste**. Inspired by this, they decided to design and create their own toys using a variety of materials found within our classroom.

This activity links closely to **Catholic Social Teaching**, particularly the **principle of stewardship of God's creation**. We are called to care for the Earth as a gift from God, using resources wisely and responsibly. By **reusing and repurposing materials**, the children are learning the importance of **sustainability** and how small actions can help protect our planet for future generations. Through this experience, the children have shown **creativity, teamwork, and a growing awareness** of their role caring for the world around them.

In Maths, we have been exploring **addition and subtraction**, with a focus on finding one more and one less. The children have been working in partners to explain their answers and share their thinking. This has helped them to develop their **reasoning skills**, as they begin to understand not just what the answer is, but how they know it.



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EVERYONE IS WELCOME

You're invited ...



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



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entry into our free prize draw.

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