

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear parents and carers

This final week of Summer Term 1 started with our whole school collective worship when we reflected on the solemn feast of **Pentecost** which we are celebrating this Sunday. On Tuesday, Year 4 children visited the **Science Museum** and took part in a workshop on the human body and the digestive system. On the same day, a group of girls from Years 5 and 6 took part in a **Girls' Football Competition**, playing 6-a-side football against teams from other local schools.

On Wednesday all children took part in different activities to mark **National Numeracy Day** to better understand the importance of Maths in real life situations. On the same day children were invited to come to school wearing something **green** to reflect on the importance of **Mental Health** and things they can do to ensure they look after themselves in this wellbeing aspect.

Today **Class 4J** led an informative **Friday class assembly** which included sharing what they have learnt recently about the importance of the rain-forest and a re-enactment of Saul's conversion to Paul on the way to Damascus.

This week we have also received the **Report for the Catholic School Inspection** that took place last month on the 24th and 25th April. We are very happy with the outcome. On behalf of the Governing Body and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their contribution in whatever role they played towards this Inspection process. Reading the report shows how everyone at English Martyrs' contributes towards building a community based on the Gospel Values, something that we all value greatly and something that makes a big difference for so many.

We are now ready for our Half Term break. We'll meet again on Monday 1st June.

Thank you and have a good half term week!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

Sunday 24th May
PENTECOST SUNDAY

Week beginning
Monday 25th May
HALF TERM WEEK

Monday 1st June
Beginning of Summer Term 2
Children return to school

Week beginning
Monday 1st June
OTHER FAITHS WEEK

Tuesday 2nd June
Year 2 Trip to Surrey Docks

Friday 5th June
Class Assembly - 1K
Parents of children in 1K are invited to join us in Building 1

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY



Love our Lady and she will
obtain abundant grace
to help you conquer
in your daily struggle.

- Saint Josemaria Escriva'

ENGLISH MARTYRS' PARISH CHURCH

Our school is part of the ENGLISH MARTYRS' PARISH community. The parish church is right next door to the school.

There are Masses regularly every weekend at the following times:

Saturday evenings

at 6:00 pm

Sundays at 9.00 am

Sundays at 11:30 am

Sunday evening at 6:00 pm

For more information call the
parish office on

020 7703 4967



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

We are very proud of our high percentages of our pupils' school attendance over these last few years. However, parents are reminded that **no holidays or travel should be booked during term time** and that all children arrive by no later than **8.45 am** each morning.

ENGLISH MARTYRS' NURSERY

Applications are now being accepted for enrolling children to start at our **Nursery** in September. If your child was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, you can apply for a place.



Both half day and full day places are available. Come and visit us or call the school office on 0207 703 4726 to find out more.



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:
Evangeline, Ethan

Reception:
Raphael O, Merly

Year 1:
Lavi, Khadija

Year 2:
Shaqir, Stella

Year 3:
David, Iman,
Flourish

Year 4:
Nzola, Fifi

Year 5:
Elia, Adedolapo

Year 6:
Briana, Richard



FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

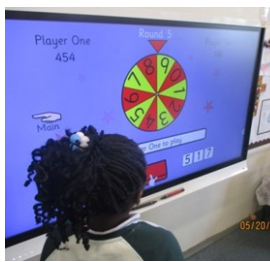
THIS WEEK

CLASS 2J

In 2J this week we have been having fun with **Numeracy day** by playing lots of different maths games and talking about numbers. Our new book in English is



'**Rosie Revere, Engineer** by **Andrea Beaty**. We have been writing about some of her inventions.

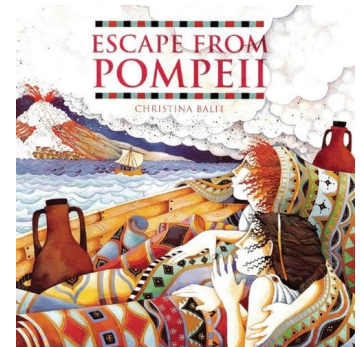


It was also outdoor learning day on Thursday so we went on a **scavenger hunt** around the playground looking for clues and answering questions. In computing we are continuing to learn about **coding** and how **algorithms** work. We have used our art skills to create clay pots and figures.



CLASS 3C

In English, we have been reading the book **Escape From Pompeii** by **Christina Balit**. Everyone worked hard to write a letter of advice to the main characters in the story and this week we have been **writing our own newspaper reports** about the disaster.



In Science, we have been learning about **light** and in class we used **data loggers** to measure which surfaces were the most reflective and which blocked out the most light. We also saw how the size and position of our shadow changes throughout the day

Finally in **French**, we have been **learning the alphabet**. We also learnt about the names for different members of our family such as our mother, father, brother and sister. In addition, we learnt the names of various household objects we might find in our bedroom.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As you will be aware, the school had its successful **Catholic Schools Inspectorate** inspection a few weeks ago. This half term, we also celebrated the **feast day of the Patronal Saints** of our school; the English Martyrs'.

Early Years and Key Stage 1 have been studying a unit of work named, '**To The Ends Of The Earth**,' As part of this, they have done work based on many areas including **Jesus' Ascension, Pentecost and The Early Church**.

In Year 3, the children have also studied the account of Jesus' Ascension, the events of Pentecost as well as **The Road to Emmaus story**. They have also reflected upon the **Fruits Of The Spirit** and what difference demonstrating these gifts can make to our lives.

Children in year 4 have also studied Pentecost. In addition, they have looked at the lives of the **Early Christians including St Stephen and St Paul**.

Children in year 5 have been studying a unit called **Life in the Risen Jesus**. They reflected on what the Resurrection of Jesus means for us and reflected on the Spirit at work in the church. The children also explored different ways of praying.

In year 6, the children have learnt about **The Transforming Spirit** and studied the Ascension and Pentecost. They have learnt about the **Apostles** and their work spreading God's word and reflected on their part in the Christian community.





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