

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th May 2026

Dear parents and carers

It's been a shorter week than usual but it has been equally busy with so many things taking place every day.

Activities this week included the special assembly on Tuesday to mark the feast of the **ENGLISH MARTYRS**, patron saints of our school and our parish; reflecting on the Month of May as the **month of Mary**, our mother. As it was elections day on Thursday, children also learned about **Democracy** and the process of choosing representatives through electoral process.

Today **Class 3C** led our Friday **Class Assembly**. They shared a highly enjoyable assembly where the children reminded us about the English Martyrs and the importance of standing by our faith.

We now look forward for next week which is **Mental Health Awareness week**. All children will be learning about the importance of staying healthy in mind and body and ways how to deal with difficulties when they arise from time to time. It will also be a special week for all our **Year 6 pupils** who will be sitting their **End of Key Stage 2 tests** between Monday and Thursday. We wish them all the best for this important milestone in their academic journey.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

**Week beginning
Monday 11th May**
**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS
WEEK**

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

Thursday 14th May
**Feast of the
ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**

Friday 15th May
Class Assembly - 5T
**Parents of children in 5T are
invited to join us in Building 2**

Wednesday 20th May
National Numeracy Day

Sunday 24th May
PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY - THE MONTH OF MARY



The month of May is traditionally associated with Mary, our mother and the mother of Jesus. We are thinking of this special lady in school, particularly through collective worship. There are prayers to Mary in prayer books or the prayer cards children have which they can also use for prayer with the family at home.

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



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?



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.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Nursery:

Ayo, Zahra, Naomi

Reception:

George, Kendra, Merly

Year 1:

Louis, Eleanor

Year 2:

Kian, Dion, Amelia, Jaiye

Year 3:

David, Yasmin

Year 4:

Grace, Mbuta, Akira

Year 5:

Roman, Elia

Year 6:

Linh, Tunmise



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.



SAFEGUARDING

Are you concerned about the Safeguarding or wellbeing of a child?

Make a record of your concern and include facts such as date, time, what you know and any witnesses.



Add your signature and submit to a member of our Safeguarding team.

Ms Akpojotor - Mr Camilleri - Ms Essel

Ms Bentaleb - Ms Castaldi

Remember:

We all have a duty to share concerns

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

CLASS 4J

We have been enjoying our learning in science. Here, we are carrying out an investigation to



gain in-depth understanding on how the **digestive system** works.



Our current topic in Geography is *The Rainforests*. We have created a cross-curriculum link with Reading and Science to help the children develop their knowledge, skills and understanding in the topic. These interconnected subjects also make learning more interesting and enhance the children's learning. We use **globes, atlases and maps** to find different countries in which rainforests can be found. As well as continuing to develop **geographical skills**, we have been learning about the four layers in the rainforests and the animals that live in them. We have also been learning about **deforestation** and environmental problems caused by illegal loggers and farmers as this links to the book (*Rainforest Calling*) that we are using in Reading. The children have made their own booklets and posters on The Rainforests.



CLASS 6T

For writing, we have been **creating characters**. Through drama we pretended to be on the boat with the main character. We gave them names, ages and a brief description of why they were travelling. We returned to class and used that information to **write a profile**. We are now **writing dialogue** for pictures as the main character moves through the process of entering a new country. The children are really enjoying the **drama and role play** of this text.



In maths, we are working hard as we prepare for the end of **key stage two assessments**. This means we have been revising and practising maths – from year 3 and onwards – to be ready for next week.



We have also started our letter of introduction for our new secondary school. These letters are a good way for the children to introduce themselves before they start in September. Thankfully, many of the new school reply exciting the children for their next steps in education.

NURSERY

This term our theme is **Transport** and we will be using lots of good quality texts to explore this including a very humorous book called **Naughty Bus** about a very mischievous London bus that makes trouble. We will begin to follow **Ruth Miskin's Read, Write, Inc phonics**. Children will have the opportunity to apply their phonics in writing and to practice writing words and their **names independently**.

In Maths we will be looking at **counting to 5, 10 and 20**, making comparisons, solving practical problems in play and meaningful activities, patterns, shape and space and measures. The children will learn new **nursery rhymes and songs** and participate in lots of messy Arts and Crafts including **3D 'junk' modelling**, painting, collage and clay. In RE we will be focussing on **the scheme Lighting the Path and learning more Bible stories**.

In PE we will continue to find out about the importance of **exercise** and play fun running games about different modes of transport and use different sized balls to throw and catch to help with our fine motor skills. Please remember that Nursery children need to come in wearing the correct **PE kit on Wednesdays and Fridays**.





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**Every
Tuesday
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Area

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