

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th June 2026

Dear parents and carers

This has been a very unusual week in very unusual circumstances! The relentless **heath wave** meant that both pupils and staff had to make the extra effort to carry on trying their best in such challenging circumstances with soaring temperatures that none of us are used to.

Apart from the regular lessons in class, children in different year groups had other activities which included:

- ⇒ Celebrating **Windrush Day** on Monday 22nd June
- ⇒ Year 5 taking part in **Climate Ed workshops**
- ⇒ Children from Years 3 and 6 attending an **concert** by the **London Philharmonic Orchestra** at the Royal Festival Hall.
- ⇒ Collective Worship **Assemblies** on Monday and Good News Assemblies on Thursday.

Finally, a group of children helped recording another episode of our **NEWSROUND** Information videos. They presented on a range of subjects such as the Year 4 visit to the London Zoo last week, their learning about Catholic social teaching and the Activity day on Catholic Social Teaching. You can access this Newsround video at [English Martyrs Newsround: Summer 2026 – English Martyrs RC Primary School](#)

A number of other activities are planned for next week as you can see on the right of this newsletter. In the meantime, teachers have started preparing the **End of Year Reports** for each child which we hope to be able to send to you next Friday.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

Monday 29th June
Trip– SEND Festival at Bacon's College

Tuesday 30th June
Science Club Trip to The Royal Society

Thursday 2nd July
Year 6 Trip to BMX Track at Burgess Park

Friday 3rd July
Class Assembly - 3M
Parents of children in 3M are invited to join us in Building 2

Wednesday 8th July
SPORTS DAY
Years 1 to 6

Thursday 9th July
SPORTS DAY
Reception Class and Nursery

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



SPORTS DAYS

Please note the dates for our Sports Days:



Wednesday 8th July -

Years 1, 2, 3 at 10.00am - 11.30am
Years 4, 5 and 6 at 1.00pm - 2.30pm
Venue: Burgess Park (Rugby Pitch)

Thursday 9th July -

Nursery (AM & Full time) and Reception class
at 10.00am - 11.30am
Nursery (PM & Full time) and Reception class
at 1.00pm - 11.30am
Venue: Building 1 Playground

Parents of children are welcome to attend as spectators.

All children are to come to school in their **PE Kit and team coloured T-shirt** for their sports day on the dates shown above.

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:
Aslan, Zahra

Reception:
Raphael D, Ava

Year 1:
Shemariah, Elsa

Year 2:
Joseph, Oscar,
Fatimah, Soromtochi

Year 3:
Ethlyn, Adriel,
David

Year 4:
Nzola, Edwin

Year 5:
Charles, Isabella

Year 6:
Julius, Joashua

HOMETIME

The school day finishes at **3:15pm for Reception and Years 1 to 6**. Please make sure your child is collected promptly at this time, unless they are staying for an after-school club.



For safeguarding reasons, if you have arranged for your child to be collected by someone who is **not a named contact** on your child's file, you must inform the school office **in advance**. The class teacher will not release your child unless they have been notified.

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



FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

CLASS 4J

Year 4 went on an educational outing to **London Zoo** to consolidate their learning in Geography about **The Rainforests** and their learning in Science about **Animals and Their Habitat**.

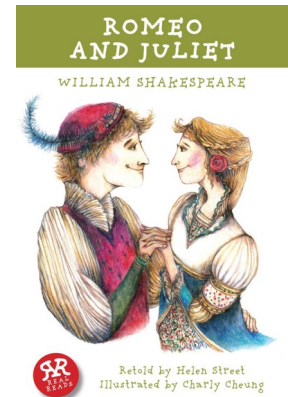
They also went on another educational outing to the **Science Museum** to consolidate their learning in Science on the **Digestive System**.



CLASS 6T

This week we started with a **Windrush assembly** as we remember the contribution those that came, made to our country.

In writing we are studying **Romeo and Juliet**. This week we will read out some of the book and analyse the characters and their relationships. We will also look at using the language of today to rewrite some of the scenes.



We are coming to the end of year 6 and will be starting work on our **transition booklet**. We are using these lessons to learn about our new school, understanding how they are different from primary. We will be looking at timetables, lunchtimes and how best to organise ourselves for September.

In science, we are looking at **evolution and inheritance**. We are looking at how characteristics are passed from one generation to the next. We have also looked at **environmental changes** and how they are not inherited from our family history. This week we will focus on how plants and animals adapt to survive in their environments.

NURSERY

The children have been focusing on our topic this term, '**Bears.**' The children have been looking at **facts about bears and their natural habitat**. We have also been looking at the **features of different bears** and what makes them unique. We designed bears using different materials, such as tissue paper and paint to create our art pieces and made bear dens. We are also going to have a **Teddy Bears' Picnic!**

In Maths the children have been investigating **counting to ten and beyond** and **identifying numerals from 1 to 10** and sorting objects into different into groups.

In RE and Literacy we continued to learn through **drama activities** to gain more in confidence and participate in **gymnastics** to gain better gross motor skills. We have also been learning **Set 1 phonic sounds** and have been very successful! We even had time for a drama performance of **Peter Pan** and went to Neverland. Now as the weather is becoming increasingly warmer please ensure your child comes in with a sun hat as we will be spending a lot more time outdoors during free flow. What a wonderful start to the term. Many thanks for all your support again this term. A BIG thank you to everyone!





**FREE
YEAR 6**



**LITTLE FISH THEATRE
SUMMER PROGRAMME**

**FOR SOUTHWARK CHILDREN
27TH JULY - 7TH AUG
2026 (MON-FRI)**

**AT RYE OAK PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO
BOOK A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD
EMAIL: INFO@LITTLEFISHTHEATRE.CO.UK

BOOK NOW BY CLICKING THE LINK BELOW
OR SCANNING THE QR CODE

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DRAMA: *Music*





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AGES 5-11

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(Monday to Thursday only)

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MONDAY - THURSDAY
27TH JULY - 20th AUGUST



10AM-4PM



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