

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th July 2026

Dear parents and carers

This is the last school newsletter for this school year. Our Summer term comes to an end for children on **Friday 17th July**. It has been a busy year and we are very proud of everyone's achievement.

This last week was another special week in many ways which among other things included Collective **Worship Assemblies, Reading Passports Assemblies, Sports Days on Wednesday for Years 1 to 3 and then for the rest of the year groups on Thursday**. Groups of children also went on trips for 'Good to be Green' records during the year.

We are now looking forward to **next week** which is our final full week of term. Year 5 classes also have a trip planned for Tuesday and Early years will have their Graduation assembly on Wednesday.

Next week we will be saying farewell to our **Year 6 children**, most of whom have been with us for 8 years. They will soon be moving to the next phase of their education in **Secondary school**. We wish them all the best. Parents are invited to their end of year leavers' assemblies on Thursday 16th July.

On Thursday of next week, children from Nursery to Year 5 will have an opportunity to meet with their **new class teachers**. They will have a session with them before they move to the new year group in September.

As shown on the **2026-27 Term dates** calendar we published a few weeks ago, children will return to school on **Thursday 3rd September**.

Thank you and have a good weekend!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

Tuesday 14th July
Year 5 Trip to the Anish Kapoor Art Exhibition

Thursday 16th July
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly -
9.15 am and 2.15 pm

Friday 17th July
Year 6 Leavers' Barbeque in the school garden.

Friday 17th July
Last Day of the school Year
Whole school mass in church
at 9.30 am
Children finish at the normal time
3.15 pm

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

Thursday 3rd September
Children return to school

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.

WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



YEAR 6 LEAVERS' ACTIVITIES

Thursday 16th July at 9.15am:
LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY - Parents invited

Thursday 16th July at 2.15pm:
LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY - Parents invited

Friday 17th July at 9.30am:
LEAVERS' MASS IN CHURCH - Parents invited

Friday 17th July at 12.00pm:
BARBEQUE - School Garden. Dismissal will be at 2pm

AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUB

The last day for After-school activity clubs (3.15pm—4.15pm) for the Summer Term is today, **Friday 10th July**.

Breakfast club (7.40am-8.45am) and After-School club (3.15pm-5.30pm) which run daily will continue until and including the last day of term, Friday 17th July.



After School Clubs

FAREWELL

Next week we will be saying Farewell to some of our members of staff.

Ms DaSilva, Year 3 class teacher, Mr Fenton and some Teaching assistants who have been supporting children in different classes will be leaving us for pastures new at the end of next week.

We are very grateful for their service to the school community and wish them all the best for their next venture.



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



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:
Mercy, Ava

Reception:
Richard, Khalid

Year 1:
Levi, Victoria O

Year 2:
John, Stella

Year 3:
Ethan, Flourish

Year 4:
Darleen, Chanelle

Year 5:
Isata, Litzy

Year 6:
Linh, Akeem, Chesner, Tunmise



FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

CLASS 2J

In 2J this week we have been having fun with telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes. Our new books in English are '**The Goldilocks Project**'. We have



been planning to write a sequel describing the lives of Goldilocks and Baby bear as grownups.

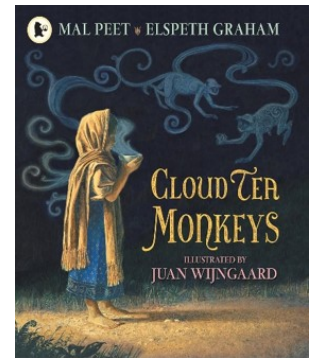


This week was also **Art week** so we created portraits including symbols to show our 'Sense of Place.' We have had a lot of fun in science using **glo germ gel** to show how germs spread and why washing our hands is so important. In RE we have been learning about other religions and how they link to the story of **The Good Samaritan**.



CLASS 3C

In English, we have been reading the story **Cloud Tea Monkeys** by **Mal Peet** and **Elsbeth Graham**. During our lessons, we tasted different teas and described their flavour. We also wrote about where tea grows and why people drink tea. Next week, we are going to write a **non-chronological report** all about tea.



In Religious Education, we have been learning about **St Paul** and his conversion. We also learnt about the life of **St Dominic Savio** and **St Gemma Galgani** and how their lives could inspire us.

In History, we have been learning about **Ancient Rome and Pompeii** including looking at the qualities needed to be a Roman Soldier.

On Wednesday, we had our **sports day** and all had fun supporting each other and competing in different activities.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This half term, we all started by learning about **Islam**.

The whole school has been busy with their learning in Religious Education.

In class, children in Early Years have been learning about **St Peter and Paul** and the different beliefs of people in our communities.

In year 1, children have been learning about **religious symbols** such as the cross and the different beliefs of people in our communities such as Judaism and Islam.

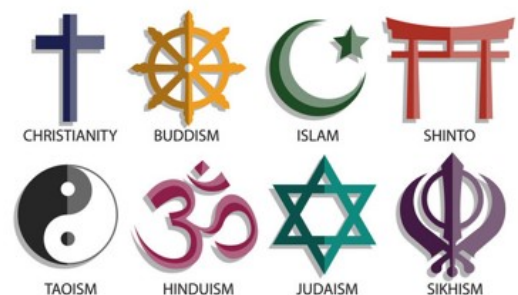
Children in year 2 have been learning about what it means to be a '**Good Neighbour**,' and how people in our communities have different beliefs and pray in different ways.

In year 3, children have been learning about **St Paul** and his conversion. We also learnt about the life of **St Dominic Savio** and **St Gemma Galgani** and how their lives could inspire us.

In year 4, the children have learnt about belonging to The **Church** including reflecting on ways in which they belong to The Church.

In year 5, the children have been learning more about people of other faiths including learning more about the **Qur'an**.

Finally in year 6, the children have been learning about many things including the **seven Sacraments**.





**FREE
YEAR 6**



LITTLE FISH THEATRE SUMMER PROGRAMME

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

AT RYE OAK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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27TH JULY - 20th AUGUST



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