

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th October

Dear parents and carers

This week we continued with our focus on **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** and the **ROSARY PRAYER** with children in all year groups. On Monday we gathered for our **worship** which focused on the Sunday Gospel reading as well as **St Carlo Acutis**, whose feast day was on Monday 12th October. Carlo was a young lad born in London who took his Christianity very seriously, always reached out to help others in need and was also keen on computers and technology and used it to spread the devotion of the Holy Eucharist.



On Tuesday, all children in Year 6 attended the **Junior Citizenship workshops** in Peckham. These workshops are aimed at making children more aware of fire safety, health related dangers, transport issues and much more. See more details about these workshops on page 2 of this newsletter.

Today, **Class 5E** led our Friday **class assembly** in which they told the audience of children and parents about what they have been learning about in recent weeks.

Next week will be the final week of this first part of the Autumn Term. There will be an opportunity for parents to come in to visit the **Black History Month Exhibition** which will include displays prepared by each class on inspirational Black people they learned about this month.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

Monday 19th October
Class 6T begin their Focus week at INTO University

Thursday 22nd October
Year 4 Trip to the British Museum

Thursday 22nd October and Friday 23rd October
BLACK HISTORY MONTH Exhibition open for parents, children and other family members.

Friday 23rd October
Year 6 pupils attending the INTO University Graduation

Friday 23rd October - 8.50 am
Class Assembly – 2J
Parents of children in 2J invited to attend in Building 1

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Children in **Year 4 or above** can apply for the **First Holy Communion programme** at English Martyrs Parish. Those who apply will need to attend **Catechism sessions on Saturdays** and also attend **Sunday Mass** regularly in Church with the Parish Community.

Registration Forms are available from the church or the school office.



WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER





THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

ROSARY EVERY DAY TO OBTAIN PEACE WORLD.

Our Lady in Fatima



HOMEWORK

Please remember that our teachers continue to set Homework for children on

MS Teams.

A schedule for the week is posted online by teachers every Monday for children to work through



Microsoft Teams

during the week. Our normal homework pattern is as follows:

Mondays - Spelling

Tuesdays - Online Maths

Wednesday - The Wednesday Word

Thursday - Writing task

Friday - Reading task.

Please make sure your child is able to access MS Teams and complete all homework tasks regularly and let us know if you need any support with this. Thank you.

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



BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our Breakfast Club and After school club have now started.

BREAKFAST CLUB: Every day from 7.40 am to 8.40 am.

Cost each day - £2 (£10 we

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: Every day from 3.

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.

Every week our Mid-day meals supervisor's 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:

Edward and Rebecca

Reception:

Baba and Mariano

Year 1:

Rapheal O and Daniel

Year 2:

Landea, Louis and Makbel

Year 3:

Kian and Stella

Year 4:

Adriel, Baraka and Zainab

Year 5:

Harli and Adura

Year 6:

Elia, Kaliyah and Elijah



FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

Nursery



It has been a very busy start to the year for Nursery children. The children have settled into Nursery well. They are now more familiar with the **school routine and the rules** that we have to keep everyone **safe and create a positive learning environment**. We have been particularly focusing on making **new friendships, playing with each other nicely, sharing and taking turns**. We have been getting more involved on our topic '**Our Wonderful World**.' The children have been talking about their family members and drawing them as well as **talking about how God has created us and everything else in this world, learning the school prayers and making the sign of the cross**. In English our focus books have included **Owl Babies, Stanley's Stick and Guess How Much I Love You**. In Maths we have started learning about **patterns, shape and space and measures**. The children have been developing their confidence and have been singing some of their



favourite **nursery rhymes** in front of the class. We have also loved **building, writing, playing in the sand and water, home corner and painting** with our new friends. Well done Nursery and a great start to the year! I look forward to next term and getting to know your children even more. They are a fantastic cohort.

Please remember that Nursery children need to come in wearing the correct **PE kit on Wednesdays**.

4J

Our topic in science is Sound. Here we are finding out how sounds are made through vibrations.



In History, we have been learning about the Romans invasion of Britain. The children have learnt that good roads were very important to the Romans as they had better links between places for trading and their troops could move around quickly. They (the children) are having fun locating some of the roads on a map.



6T

Our On Tuesday 13th October we – and 6M – attended the Southwark Junior Citizenship workshop that is sponsored by TFL. The workshops are interactive and are about safety and life skills. It is aimed at year 6 children in preparation for transition to year 7. The workshops were with London Fire Brigade, ambulance service, metropolitan police, road safety, trading standards and TFL. In class we are writing an extended narrative for our book Hugo Cabret. We are learning that our main characters have lots of secrets that are now being revealed to us.



In Math's we are busy learning and understanding Algebra. We have started by understanding that the unknown can be written with a symbol or a letter. We are currently working on substitution. Last week, we had our class assembly. It gave us a chance to show all the work we have been doing since arriving in year 6. Thank you to all those adults that came and supported us.



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4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90
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Mastering Times Tables: A Guide for Parents

Why are times tables so important?

Knowing times tables is essential to helping children progress in almost every area of mathematics. Being able to instantly recall multiplication facts helps learners answer questions more quickly, allowing them to tackle complex problem-solving in division, fractions, decimals, percentages, and algebra without being slowed down by the basic calculations.

Primary school children are expected to know all their times tables up to **12 x 12** by the end of **Year 4**. Here is the minimum timeline recommended by national expectations:

- **Reception:** Grouping objects in twos, fives, and tens.
- **Year 1:** Counting in sequences of 2s, 5s, and 10s; knowing doubles and halves up to 12.
- **Year 2:** Recalling and using facts for the 2, 5, and 10 times tables.
- **Year 3:** Recalling and using facts for the 3, 4, and 8 times tables.
- **Year 4:** Mastering all tables up to 12 x 12.

Top Tips for Practising at Home

Short, daily bursts of practice are much more effective than spending hours studying once a week. Try integrating these fun, quick ideas into your routine.

Chant with a Twist: Have your child chant the number sequences (e.g., 3, 6, 9, 12...) or full sentences ("3 times 3 is 9...") using funny voices, like a robot, a parrot, whispering, or shouting.

Sneak it into the Routine: Quiz your child on the journey to school, while making dinner, or encourage them to chant a times table every time they walk up the stairs.

Use Visuals & Toys: Build arrays using Lego bricks or coloured sweets to help them visualize the math. Put a times table poster up near the dinner table or bathroom mirror.

Flash Cards: Create simple flashcards together with the question on the front and the answer on the back so they can test themselves or quiz siblings.

There are also many free multiplication and division games and songs available online:

Top Marks - [Times Tables Games for 7 to 11 year olds - Topmarks](#)

Times table games - [Times tables games - Timestables.co.uk](#)

Maths frame - [Tommy's Trek - Times Tables - Mathsframe](#)

Multiplication games - [Master Multiplication Facts](#)

Songs

Mr Demaio multiplication songs - [Mr. DeMaio - YouTube](#)

Number rocks - [Focus Episode 1 + Addition Ad Desktop Arrow CTA](#)

Thank you for your ongoing support.



WALWORTH LIBRARY HOMEWORK CLUB



WELL, WE CAN HELP!



**Need support
with
homework?**

We are offering pupils the
support needed to complete
homework or revision

**Every
Tuesday
4-5PM**



**Children's
Area**

TERM TIME ONLY