ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd October

Dear parents and carers

It's hard to believe that we're now at the end of the Autumn 1 term. Already seven and a half weeks have passed since the beginning of this school year.

We started this week with our collective worship gatherings when we reflected on the main message from Sunday's gospel – **being grateful.** Throughout the week we also continued to reflect on and pray the **Rosary** in the mornings as children arrived and before they started their first lessons.

Class 6M took part in the **INTO University** workshops throughout the week. Today, both Year 6 classes took part in their end of programme **Graduation** where they had further activities and presentations to celebrate their achievements during this week.

We also continued with our work for **Black History month**. Many parents have already visited our **exhibition** in the undercroft. Please do come in to visit at the end of school today if you haven't done so already.

Today **Class 2E** led our **Friday assembly**. Many thanks to the large number of parents who joined us. On a final note, as we break up today for **half term week**, we wish you all a restful break and look forward to welcoming you all back on **Monday 2nd November**.

Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

Week beginning
Monday 26th October
Half Term Week

Sunday 1st November
All Saints Day

Monday 2nd November
Children return to school
Beginning of Autumn 2 Term

Wednesday 4th November
Year 3 Trip to Southwark Cathedral

Friday 6th November - 8.50 am
Class Assembly – 4G
Parents of children in 4G invited to attend in Building 2

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

Ofsted raising standards improving lives | Ofsted GRADED GOOD | LifeSavers Helping children manage money wisely | HEALTHY SCHOOLS LONDON GOLD AWARD | UNICEF UK RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS AWARD BRONZE - RIGHTS COMMITTED | MUSIC MARK SCHOOL MEMBER | WE ARE A FAIR ACTIVE SCHOOL



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY



ROSARY EVERY DAY TO OBTAIN PEACE WORLD.
Our Lady in Fatima

ONLINE SAFETY

Nowadays our children are exposed to a number of **social media** platforms that are not appropriate for their age.

One of these apps is **WHATSAPP**. Have a look at page 4 of this newsletter to find out more about how to make sure we are all using social media in a safe way.



Please make sure you always monitor what your children are accessing on laptops or mobile phones in order to ensure they are always safe online and away from any potential danger.

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)

Arbor

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.

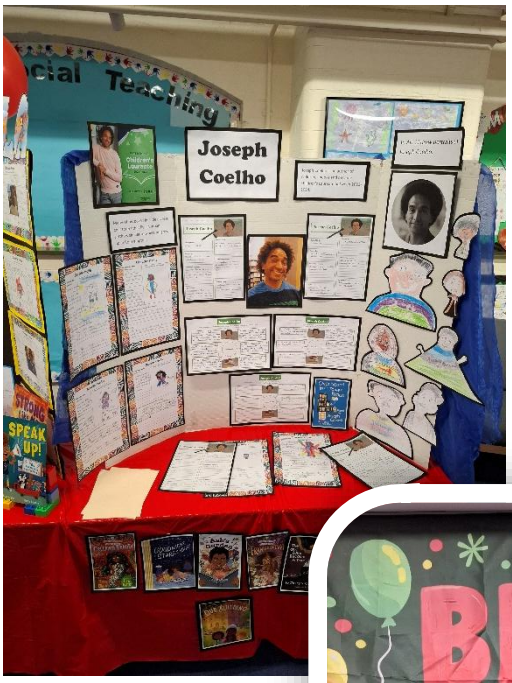
Every week our Mid-day meals supervisor's award stars to pupils who show our school values during lunchtime breaks.
The following are the names of our Star children for this week.



Nursery:
Nana and mercy
Reception:
Ethan and Channah
Year 1:
Adrian and Adelle
Year 2:
Mardiyah and Khadija
Year 3:
Lorenzo, Aqueelah and Tiffany
Year 4:
Zainabu and Davina
Year 5:
Nzola, Avia and Darleen
Year 6:
Cosam, Amaris and Steven



FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL THIS WEEK



Our work on BLACK HISTORY MONTH reached its climax today with the exhibition in the Undercroft. Come in to view the various displays with writing, drawing and other work about famous black people who contributed to their communities.















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

Southwark Council
southwark.gov.uk