



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

Friday 22nd May 2026

Happy Friday and Happy Half Term! We have had a very busy final week in school! The perfect end to a very busy, and fun, term!

On Monday, Mrs Abbas, Miss Patel, Mrs Ahmed and Mr LeLuan took 27 intrepid Y6 adventurers off to the Anderton Centre in Chorley for their 3 day residential, a rite of passage for the children as they bridge Primary to Secondary School! From the moment the children arrived in school to say they were giddy was an understatement! They had a good wave off from staff, children and families when they set off ready for their adventures ahead! They made their own beds, faced fears on the water, played team building games, had a go at orienteering and playing sardines! They ate food they hadn't tried before, they had a go at everything. And everything they had a go at, they did so with gusto, a smile, laughter and enthusiasm! On

Monday Mrs Howarth, Mrs Thomas and the ducklings went up for the evening and on Tuesday, Mrs Hewitson went up for the evening. They may have taken a while to get to sleep that first night, the girls at least (!), but nonetheless, Mrs Thomas was so very proud and impressed with all! 🌸

Yesterday we had Dinosaur Day! A just for fun day to support the special themed lunch! Well done for all the dino costumes and adaptations! Thank you to Stacey and Yvonne our cracking kitchen staff for a fab lunch! A fun filled day for all!

Today we have had History Day with staff dressing as Victorians for the day. Mr Eastwood set up a mini museum in the Hall which all classes visited. He even managed to bring a display of cotton from Horrocks' cotton mills, the making of Preston with Horrocks' Mill families. Classes have spent the day looking at the history of Preston, which I am sure you will all agree is steeped in history. Next time you are in town, why not pop into The Harris Museum to find out more about our Proud Preston history!

Unfortunately, from 1st September 2026, as a result of increased costs in food, we are having to increase the cost of school dinners to £2.75 a day. As you know, we continue to have one of the lowest prices for school dinners in our surrounding school area and it is not something we have done lightly. Please remember to keep checking for Free School Meal eligibility, you never know! Thank you for your understanding 😊

Do you have 11 hours a week and would like to earn a bit extra whilst helping school? If so, we have a part time cleaner vacancy here in school! 3:15 – 5:15pm Monday to Friday. If you are interested, please ask either Mrs Galka or Mrs Edwards in the main office! 😊

Attendance Matters!

Being in school EVERY DAY and ON TIME is a non-negotiable and expectation for EVERYONE!

	Attendance	Punctuality (Lates)
Reception	97% 😊 ☆	5
Year 1	94%	0 😊 ☆
Year 2	94%	8
Year 3	94%	7
Year 4	95%	3
Year 5	92%	9
Year 6	93%	5
Total	94%	37 😊

Pantry @ EM

We are 'open' any day at any time of there is ANYTHING you need to stock up on. Please don't be shy, don't be proud or embarrassed, we are all here to help and support each other.

Please either ask in the office, ask Mrs Hewitson or Mrs Howarth, or any member of staff, or drop one of us an email and we will have a bag ready for you by the end of the day. 😊

What's on in School?	
Date	Activity
Friday 22 nd May	Finish for half term
Monday 1 st June	School re-opens for Summer Term 2
	PC Ruth in for Knife Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour talk Y4, 5, 6
Monday 1 st – Friday 12 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables check
Tuesday 2 nd , 3 rd , 8 th , 9 th , 10 th June	KS1 SATs Year 2
Monday 8 th June – Friday 12 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Tests

The theme for English Martyrs' Shining Stars this week
was chosen by Year 3 for...



'Independence'

Nursery – Zakariya

Reception – Martha

Year 1 – Tasmay

Year 2 – Sabawoon

Year 3 – Kayson

Year 4 – Somto

Year 5 – Emilia

Year 6 – Aiza, Sophie, Kyran



The Life-Long Learners at English Martyrs' theme for
this half term is

'Co-operation'

Nursery – Essa

Reception – Ivy

Year 1 – Rishaan

Year 2 – Somma

Year 3 – Sheikha

Year 4 – Sochi

Year 5 – Tyler

Year 6 – Whole of Year 6



Well done EVERYONE!

You ALL always make us proud!



**'Good manners and kindness are always in
fashion' Anonymous**

Please can we all remember our manners and kindness when speaking to
one another, we are all human!

