



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

Friday 15th May 2026

We have had a very busy week in school!

Year 6 have been simply amazing this week during their SATs tests. They have showed true determination, resilience, strength and that they will leap over any challenge and do so with pride! They sat each test with a determination to do their very best. Regardless of the results, we are proud of all they have done, well done children and thank you to Mrs Abbas who, together with Miss Patel and Mrs Ahmed, have worked their socks off to prepare the children. Yesterday afternoon, the children all received their Class of 2026 Leavers' Hoodies and had an afternoon of fun outside. Today they shared a takeaway lunch together as an end of SATs treat followed by an afternoon of films, outdoor play and chilling. So very much deserved (children and staff!)

Thank you also to all the staff who helped out in the SATs test and the whole school who have been so supportive and encouraging and patient with later breaktimes! I am a very proud headteacher of all of you! 🌟

Not only is it the time for testing across school, it is also the time for ducklings! Mrs Thomas was beside herself on Monday morning when the farmer brought the duck eggs to Nursery with 1 already starting to hatch! Shortly before Monday lunchtime, we welcomed FeeFee the duck to the world! Later in the afternoon, after school Yolk hatched out! We now have 4 ducklings, FeeFee, Yolk, Stacey and Forest, bringing laughter, happiness and sheer joy to children and staff (and their families) across school! 🐣 🐣 🐣 🐣

Yesterday, Mrs Ridings and Mrs Ahmed took 10 of our amazing Year 4, 5, 6 engineering stars over to the Primary Engineering Exhibition 2026 at Ulan's Engineering & Innovation Centre. These 10 children have all been shortlisted for their recent Primary Engineer entries! They saw their entries together with those from other schools. Well done children, a fantastic achievement! 😊

As well as our busy week of SATs, ducklings, trips and learning, we also spent time together yesterday afternoon with Fr Paddy in a special Ascension Thursday Service, coming together as one family in Christ for the feast when Jesus returned to His Father in heaven. Thank you Fr Paddy and the Chaplaincy Team for leading.



Next week is another busy one! Year 6 are off to the Anderton Centre on their residential on Monday to Wednesday. On Thursday we have our special Dinosaur themed lunch and we are inviting everyone to wear something linked to dinosaurs if you wish! Then Friday is History Day, please chat with your child's class teacher for any theme or topic they are focussing on! 😊

Attendance Matters!

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

	Attendance	Punctuality (Lates)
Reception	99% 😊	3
Year 1	93%	3
Year 2	95% 😊	8
Year 3	94%	12 😊
Year 4	95%	1
Year 5	93%	4
Year 6	98% 😊	2
Total	95%	33 😊

Pantry @ EM

We are 'open' any day at any time if 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
Monday 18 th May – Wednesday 20 th May	Year 6 Residential to The Anderton Centre
Thursday 21 st May	Dinosaur Day! Dress as a dinosaur or wear something with a dinosaur on if you want to!
Friday 22 nd May	History Day
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
Tuesday 2 nd June	KS1 SATs begin Year 2

‘Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realise they were the big things.’ ~ Charles Dickens

