



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

Friday 8th May 2026

I hope you all enjoyed a good long weekend and the sunshine!

We have taken full advantage of the good weather this week with playtimes, lunchtimes and PE times on the field! As the weather, hopefully, gets warmer, please can you provide your child with a hat and suncream that they can apply to themselves. We want to take advantage of learning outside, especially in the sunshine! ☀

Don't forget to bring into school or take your old broken plastic toys to Tesco to be recycled and earn book rewards for school! We will be having a collection day after half term for you to bring all your old hard plastic toys in, so why not start having a root through toy boxes and cupboards now and put them to one side! Let's try be top of the Tesco Recycle to Read Leaderboard! ♻️😊♻️

The children in EYFS have been learning all about farm animals and farms this week as part of their *People Who Help Us* topic. Today to bring their learning to life, all the Reception and Nursery children and 14 adults have gone on a trip to Mrs Dowson's Farm! Watch out on our social media sites for reels, videos and pictures! Needless to say when they set off this morning, they were all giddy with excitement, the children as well as the staff! Thank you Mrs Thomas and Miss Walker for organising another fab trip!😊

On Monday, our Year 6 superstars are sitting their end of KS2 SATs. The rite of passage at the end of their Primary School journey and chapter. The children have worked incredibly hard throughout the year, building up their knowledge, their resilience and their determination in all they do, wanting to do their very best as we know they all will. Thank you to Mrs Abbas and the Year 6 staff team, Miss Patel and Mrs Ahmed for your dedication towards the children's learning this year, the support and care you have shown them and the encouragement and belief in them. Children, it is your time to shine, show off your amazing brains and knowledge, keep calm, breathe and focus, you've got this!😊

Please can EVERYONE be on time next week especially so late arrivals do not disturb the children sitting the tests. Thank you!

We have been made aware that some plastic 'squishy' toys, especially the Dumpling squishies contain latex and also chemicals which can cause anaphalaxic shock, please take care.

Please can we also leave all toys, including squishies at home. Mrs Hewitson does loan children fidget toys if it is deemed by staff that they would benefit from them, these are the **only** ones that should be in school. Thank you!

Attendance Matters!

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

	Attendance	Punctuality (Lates)
Reception	98% 😊	5
Year 1	92%	2
Year 2	97% 😊	2
Year 3	92%	11 😊
Year 4	96%	1
Year 5	93%	5
Year 6	97% 😊	3
Total	95%	29 😊

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
Monday 11 th May – Thursday 13 th May	KS2 SATs Year 6
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
Tuesday 2 nd June	KS1 SATs begin Year 2

‘Believe you can and you're halfway there.’

Theodore Roosevelt

Good luck in your SATs Year 6!

The theme for English Martyrs' Shining Stars this week
was chosen by Year 4 for...

'Enthusiasm'

Nursery – Divine

Reception – Tanvi

Year 1 – Mann

Year 2 – Ritav

Year 3 – Harper

Year 4 – Austin

Year 5 – Eli

Year 6 – Lydia



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

'Co-operation'

Nursery – KingEthan

Reception – Elliot

Year 1 – Hallie

Year 2 – Nadia

Year 3 – Sierra

Year 4 – Aivan

Year 5 – Madhav

Year 6 – Josephine



Well done EVERYONE!

You ALL always make us proud!

