



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

Friday 1st May 2026

Yesterday we reflected on our Eastertide journey so far with a Liturgy led by Years 3 and 4 with Fr Paddy. The focus was new beginnings and how we can make the right choices going forward. Thank you Years 3 and 4 and Fr Paddy for leading such a reflective, thought provoking Liturgy and well done to all the children who engaged, listened and were respectful throughout.

Mrs Ridings has signed school up for the Tesco *Recycle to Read* initiative! It is a fun, whole-school campaign that aims to reduce plastic waste, promote responsible consumption and support children's reading across the country. Pupils all over the country are 'recycling to read' by rehoming and recycling their unwanted and broken toys to get books for their school. We can earn book rewards, and there's a chance for families to win book prizes, too! It's quite simple, take your old broken plastic hard toys to one of the recycling bins at Tesco (we will let you know where in Preston) then register it at www.revcycleto.read.org and that's it! School earn a *Planet Care Point* for each toy recycled. We will also be having a recycle your old toys day here in school over the coming weeks, watch this space!

Thank you Mrs Ridings for signing us up! 🗑️😊🗑️

On Tuesday, Year 4 had a fabulous day at ULan's Young Scientist Centre, making bath bombs and lip balms on their Cosmic Chemistry trip. Their behaviour was exemplary, as was their enthusiasm and engagement. They walked there and back and made us all proud! Well done children and thank you Mrs Ridings for organising and Miss Ironfield, Miss Hodson and Miss Gillett for taking them! 😊

On Monday, PCSOs Ella and Poppy popped into school to chat with Nursery and Reception classes, with a police car! They chatted with the children about how they help people as part of the EYFS topic of *People Who Help Us*. The children, and staff, had a great morning finding out about the police and having a sit in the car and wearing the police hats! 😊

Do you fancy a free comic book? If you do, pop along to *That Comic Shop*, 116 Friargate, Preston, this Saturday between 10am and 4pm. Just pop in and get a comic, for FREE!!!

'May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope.'

Emily Brontë

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	97% 😊	3
Year 2	92%	7
Year 3	96%	14 😊
Year 4	97% 😊	4
Year 5	97% 😊	8
Year 6	94%	7
Total	96%	46 😊

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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 4 th May	Bank Holiday Monday... School closed!
Friday 8 th May	EYFS trip to Mrs Dowson's Farm
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
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