



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

Friday 24th April 2026

Last Thursday, school and families were all informed of school places for Reception Class in September. We are so proud to say we have a full class already, with names on a waiting list! We are also so very proud and pleased that so many of our Nursery children have secured their places with us and also so many siblings! We can't wait to welcome all our new families and children to our wonderful school in September! 😊

Wednesday was Earth Day. Mrs Ridings and the Eco Council promoted the day, and we were all reminded of how we can protect our earth and each do our own bit to do the right thing for it. Children throughout school joined the BBC Live Lessons for Earth Day, learning about climate change and carbon emissions. Don't forget to do your bit, recycle, reuse and reduce waste. Remember we are now collecting used ink cartridges in school, just drop them off at the main office!



Yesterday, many of our staff spent the day refreshing, and for some learning new, first aid skills. We pride ourselves in school by making sure most of our staff are first aid trained.

Thank you ladies for doing the training and keeping us all safe! 😊

Over the next few weeks EYFS' topic is *People Who Help Us* Mrs Thomas and Miss Walker have a lot of different people who help in the community coming to visit, including police, ambulance, nurses, paramedics. Fun times ahead in EYFS!

Some of our Year 1 children have been taking part in a new project on Tuesday afternoons, *Story Time*. It is run by the Family Hub and they are enjoying listening to stories and doing different activities based on language and communication linked to the stories. This week was the first week, however, they have already shown how enthusiastic they all are! Well done children and thank you Family Hub!

School trips a go-go! Over this term, every child in school will be going on an educational visit! Staff have worked incredibly hard to find, plan, book, risk assess and confirm trips, keeping costs as low as possible. All trips this year have been subsidised from our Autumn Term Colour Run. Please ensure that all trips are paid for by the deadline otherwise trips may need to be cancelled.

Attendance Matters!

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

	Attendance	Punctuality (Lates)
Reception	95.3%	8
Year 1	97% 😊	1
Year 2	96%	5
Year 3	91%	13 😞
Year 4	97% 😊	1
Year 5	96%	8
Year 6	97% 😊	3
Total	96%	39 😞

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 27 th April	PC Ruth visiting Nursery & Reception 'People Who Help Us'
Tuesday 28 th April	Year 4 trip to Ulan 'Cosmic Chemistry'
Thursday 30 th April	Stations of the Resurrection Led by Years 3 & 4 with Fr Paddy
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 18th May – Wednesday 20th May	Year 6 Residential to The Anderton Centre
Friday 22nd May	History Day
Friday 22nd May	Finish for half term
Monday 1st June	School re-opens for Summer Term 2
Tuesday 2nd June	KS1 SATs begin Year 2

**‘Take risks, love deeply, have no regrets and
always, always have rebellious hope.’**

Dame Deborah James

The theme for English Martyrs' Shining Stars this week
was chosen by Year 5 for...

'Being a good role model'



Nursery – Anaya

Reception – Ariella

Year 1 – Christopher

Year 2 – Sharon

Year 3 – Christabel

Year 4 – Rayaan

Year 5 – Amber

Year 6 – Isa



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

'Co-operation'

Nursery – Alphonsa

Reception – Arlo

Year 1 – Haya

Year 2 – Jovan

Year 3 – Iremide

Year 4 – Leen & Emily

Year 5 – Christopher

Year 6 – Mia



Well done EVERYONE!

You ALL always make us proud!

