



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

Friday 17th April 2026

Welcome back to the final term this academic year! Where has time gone! I hope you have all had a good Easter break and enjoyed some of the glorious weather we had last week, and avoided Storm Dave!

This term ahead is one full of assessments (KS2 SATs and KS1 SATs, Phonics Screening Checks, Multiplication Tables Checks and the EYFS Profile Assessments), however, we have lots of 'fun' things planned too: Year 6 Residential, end of year trips for different classes, Sports Day, the famous EMIs (English Martyrs' Inspirational Awards) and plenty more besides! Keep checking the 'What's on in School' section below.

Our Lifelong Learning theme this half term is co-operation. We will be focussing on how we can co-operate with others, with requests, with work, with play and in all we do, understanding that being co-operative helps life go smoother! 😊

Yesterday, our Year 3 class had their first swimming session. Mr Eastwood and all the Year 3 Staff Team were bowled over with how well they all did and how fears and worries were confronted with the children having a go! Well done children! 😊

3 weeks on Monday sees the start of the Year 6 SATs week. Please can we all get in the habit of being on time every day – 8.55am Years 2 – 6 and 9am Reception & Year 1. It is an expectation that **everyone** is on time **everyday**, being late is upsetting for the child who is late and also causes disruption in classes and missed learning. 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%	7
Year 1	96%	1
Year 2	95%	4
Year 3	96%	15 😊
Year 4	97%	1
Year 5	95%	4
Year 6	93%	4
Total	96%	36 😊

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 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

'Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.'

Mother Teresa

The theme for English Martyrs' Shining Stars this week
was chosen by Year 6 for...

'Maturity'

Nursery – Haneesh

Reception – Ivy

Year 1 – Ilnaz

Year 2 – Hadassa

Year 3 – Dhruvi

Year 4 – Valerie

Year 5 – Martins

Year 6 – Calista



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

'Co-operation'

Nursery – Ryan

Reception – Millie

Year 1 – Agnes

Year 2 – Somto

Year 3 – Piper

Year 4 – Kendrick

Year 5 – Lukas

Year 6 – Skylar



Well done EVERYONE!

You ALL always make us proud!

