



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

Thursday 2nd April 2026

This week is Holy Week. It is one of the most important weeks of the Liturgical Year for Catholics as we follow Jesus' journey in his final week, starting last Sunday, Palm Sunday up until his Resurrection on Easter Sunday, this Sunday. We have marked each significant day of Holy Week with a special liturgy led by different year groups.

Nursery and Reception led our Palm Sunday Liturgy on Monday, on Tuesday, Years 1 and 2 led our Liturgy for Maundy Thursday, The Last Supper. Yesterday, Wednesday we had a whole school day of reflection, using the poem Footsteps, each class spent time in the Hall reflecting on what wrong choices and decisions they are leaving behind this Lent and how they are going to make the right step forward. We finished our Holy Week Liturgies today with Years 5 and 6 leading Stations of the Cross, the final part of Jesus' journey to the cross.

All year groups showed a true understanding of the journey of Jesus in his final days, delivering the liturgies with thought, prayerfulness, reflection and a sense of spirituality.

Thank you to all our families and friends who joined us over the week and thank you to all the staff and children for making the week and liturgies so very special.

Please join us on Thursday 30th April when Years 3 and 4 are leading the next part of the Easter Story with Stations of the Resurrection.

What a fabulous evening last Friday was, it was great seeing you all at Bingo, it had a real family and community feeling to it, thank you! Your amazing generosity and kindness helped to raise £460 for the PTFA who have kindly gifted it towards the Year 6 Residential to the Anderton Centre. Thank you all and well done to all winners and also the raffle winners who were drawn today! 😊

Year 4 have now finished their Swimming sessions and how far they have come! A matter of weeks ago, many of the children were worried about getting into the pool, last week at their final session, they were swimming to the deep end!

Amazing!! Well done everyone!

After Easter, it is Year 3's turn to go swimming, when I am sure they will also be fabulous!



Attendance Matters!

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

	Attendance	Punctuality (Lates)
Reception	88%	6
Year 1	91%	4
Year 2	91%	6
Year 3	87%	17 😞
Year 4	90%	5
Year 5	90%	6
Year 6	89%	7
Total	90%	51 😞

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
Thursday 2 nd April	School closes for the Easter holidays Usual times
Monday 13 th April	School re-opens for the Summer Term
Thursday 16 th April (and every Thursday)	Year 3 Swimming sessions
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

*'He is not here; he has risen!
Remember how he told you, while
he was still with you in Galilee.'* Luke

24:6

