



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

Friday 27th March 2026

Yesterday we had a special service in school, a Penitential Service with Fr Paddy. It was a time for the whole school to come together and say sorry for any wrong doings we have done. It is an important service for all, but particularly Catholics, especially in Lent. Thank you Fr Paddy and Chaplaincy Team 2 for leading and helping us to shed our sorries and leave them behind, ready to make the right choices going forward.

Next 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 this Sunday, Palm Sunday.

As in previous years, we will be marking the week with a series of Liturgies led by each Phase. You are all most welcome to come and take part with us. Each Liturgy will start at 930am and will last about half an hour. Please see the diary dates for who is doing what and when! Thank you!

We are busy getting ready here in school for our Easter Bingo after school today!

This is an event that would not have been possible without your immense generosity and kindness in donating all the chocolate over the past few weeks, thank you! It is also thanks to Mrs Abbas, Mrs Hewitson and Mrs Kenny for sorting and organising things, and the rest of the staff (!). Thank you all and see you later, eyes down at 345pm, doors open from 330pm. 😊

Uniform woes! Your child might have come home last week telling you about 'Mrs Howarth's clamp down on uniform'! It is all true! We are, as a school, tightening up on uniform, especially the wearing of jogging bottoms and leggings instead of trousers. Please remember our Uniform Expectations of grey or black trousers and also black or dark coloured school shoes. As I told the children, leave the fancy trainers and shoes for non-uniform days and out of school please! Also we have had issues with children not having PE kits. Again, it is part of our uniform expectation to have black or red shorts and a white tshirt, it does not have to have the school logo on it, and also black pumps. PE kits stay in school and if taken home to be washed, must be returned for the following session. We are clamping down on this as it is for hygiene as well as expectations. Therefore there will be sanctions should kits be repeatedly forgotten. Any questions, please ask! Thank you for the support! 😊

As you know, Mrs De Carteret has been absence since Novermber 2025, for personal reasons, she has made the decision to resign.

Please rest assured though, Mrs McLintock and Mrs Delves will be continuing to teach the Year 2 class until the end of this academic year with the fabulous support of Mrs Kenny.

As Governors and with our Local Authority Adviser, Mrs Ballard, we are currently beginning our search for a new Deputy and will keep you updated as we go. Thank you for all your patience and support.

Attendance Matters!

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

	Attendance	Punctuality (Lates)
Reception	92%	4
Year 1	93%	5
Year 2	95%	8
Year 3	91%	16
Year 4	94%	7
Year 5	89%	5
Year 6	93%	7
Total	92%	52 😊

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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
Holy Week in School	
Monday 30 th March	Palm Sunday Liturgy ~ 930am EYFS
Tuesday 31 st March	Maundy Thursday Liturgy ~ 930am KS1
Thursday 2 nd April	Stations of the Cross ~ 930am Years 5 & 6
Thursday 2 nd April	School closes for the Easter holidays Usual times
Monday 13 th April	School re-opens for the Summer Term

*'Have patience with all things,
but first of all with yourself.'*

St. Francis de Sales