



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

Friday 20th March 2026

What a busy old week we have had here in school, lots happening and lots to celebrate!

On Tuesday, Mrs Abbas, Mrs Ahmed, Miss Ironfield and our wonderful volunteer helper, Mrs Doyle, went with our KS2 Choir to Blackburn Ice Rink for Let's Go Sing 2026. (It doesn't seem 2 minutes since last year's!). They left after lunch for an afternoon of rehearsals before the great concert for family and friends in the evening. Our children were simply fabulous, their singing, enthusiasm, engagement and behaviour. They made everyone beam with pride! They have been keeping us all impressed with their performances and singing each Thursday at our Shining Star Awards. Well done children for being fab and thank you Mrs Abbas and all staff for your time and dedication to make this happen 😊

For the last few years, we have taken part in the LCC Linking Schools network, a great project that pairs up schools across Lancashire, giving children a chance to share their experiences and school lives with others from another school.

On Wednesday Year 4 went to Burnley Youth Theatre where they met up with their friends from Chorley St Peter's CofE Primary School, in real life, up until now they had only chatted to as a class over Teams. They took part in different drama activities, shared lunch together and got to know each other better. In the Summer Term, we will hopefully be welcoming St Peter's into EM for the day! ✨

Thank you for all the donations of chocolate for our Easter Bingo, 1 week today, 27th March, eyes down at 345pm! A letter should be coming home about buying Bingo Books.

In a couple of weeks it is the last week of term and Holy Week in the Catholic Church's calendar. It is one of the most important weeks of the Liturgical Year for Catholics as we follow Jesus' journey in his final week. 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!

Yesterday our Year 4 class continued their busy week with a day of Bikeability! They took to riding like ducks to water, showing determination to succeed, resilience and enthusiasm. Well done children for being YOU, you make us all proud!

Attendance Matters!

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

	Attendance	Punctuality (Lates)
Reception	95%	3
Year 1	98%	5
Year 2	95%	5
Year 3	94%	11
Year 4	95%	4
Year 5	94%	7
Year 6	97%	9
Total	95%	44 😊

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
Each Thursday until Easter	Year 4 Swimming lessons
Thursday 26 th March	Year 6 Parents & Guardians SATs chat 2pm
Friday 27 th March	Easter Bingo 330 - 5pm
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

'Happiness is not something ready-made. It comes from your own actions.' Dalai Lama

The theme for English Martyrs' Shining Stars this week
was chosen by Nursery Class for...

'Being Observant'

Nursery – Evelyn

Reception – Joud

Year 1 – Zeneta

Year 2 – Jayden

Year 3 – Dido

Year 4 – Leen

Year 5 – Safaa

Year 6 – Helena



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

'Concentration'

Nursery – Irvin

Reception – Emma

Year 1 – Ilnaz

Year 2 – Ediee

Year 3 – Leon

Year 4 – Riley

Year 5 – Leila

Year 6 – Lydia

Well done EVERYONE, you all make us proud, always! 

*Eid Mubarak to all our families, friends, staff &
Governors! May it be filled with love, happiness
and joy!*