



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

Friday 13th March 2026

This week we have been celebrating National Science Week. Each class has used the theme of 'Curiosity' to develop their scientific knowledge and intrigue. Mrs Ridings kick started the week with a special Eco based Prayer and Liturgy where she launched the annual Big Plastic Count. Letters have gone home this week with what to do. As a school we have also taken part in the Primary Engineer competition. This year, we have focussed on sustainability.

We only have 1 planet and as Pope Francis said, it is our job to look after it and at EM we are doing our bit!

On Wednesday our Year 3 class had a real treat! They spent the day in groups with the instructors from Go Velo (Bikeability), learning the basics of riding a bike. Riding a bike is a life skill and one we promote in school. Year 3 are the first Year 3 class to do Bikeability and they really made us proud with their fab behaviour, engagement and determination to do their best. Next week Year 4 are having a go, another first! Well done Year 3, you stars! ✨

Thank you for all the donations of chocolate for our Easter Bingo, 2 weeks today, 27th March, eyes down at 345pm!

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!

Next week is a busy week for some of our KS2 children with Let's Go Sing on Tuesday at Blackburn Ice Arena, please see separate letter from Mrs Abbas. On Wednesday, Year 4 are off to Burnley Youth Theatre to take part in the 'Linking Schools' first meet up. The children have met up virtually with the Year 4 class from St Peter's CofE school in Chorley back in February and next week they will get a chance to work together in real life!

Attendance Matters!

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

	Attendance	Punctuality (Lates)
Reception	96%	1
Year 1	98%	6
Year 2	92%	5
Year 3	95%	6
Year 4	97%	6
Year 5	94%	4
Year 6	93%	4
Total	95%	32 😊

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
Tuesday 17th March	Let's Go Sing Blackburn Ice Rink
Wednesday 18th March	Year 4 Schools Linking Project trip to Burnley Youth Theatre
Friday 20th March	Non-Uniform for chocolate donations for Easter Bingo
Thursday 26th March	Year 6 Parents & Guardians SATs chat 230pm
Friday 27th March	Easter Bingo 330 - 5pm
Holy Week in School	
Monday 30th March	Palm Sunday Liturgy ~ 930am EYFS
Tuesday 31st March	Maundy Thursday Liturgy ~ 930am KS1
Thursday 2nd April	Stations of the Cross ~ 930am Years 5 & 6
Thursday 2nd April	School closes for the Easter holidays Usual times
Monday 13th April	School re-opens for the Summer Term

Wishing all the mums, mummies, aunties,
step-mums, foster mums, grandmas,
grannies, nannies, nanas, nans and all those
who play a mum role a very Happy Mother's

Day on Sunday!



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

'Courage'

Nursery – KingEthan

Reception – Zornista

Year 1 – Omari

Year 2 – Triumph

Year 3 – Matin

Year 4 – Britney

Year 5 – Sienna

Year 6 – Logan



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

'Concentration'

Nursery – Nicole

Reception – Profit

Year 1 – Alona

Year 2 – Hessa

Year 3 – Sierra

Year 4 – George

Year 5 – Mohammad

Year 6 – Rachel

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

'The important thing is not to stop questioning.
Curiosity has its own reason for existence.' Albert
Einstein