



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

Friday 6th March 2026



What a brilliant book week we have had! The week has been full of different activities to inspire reading and promoting reading for pleasure whether it is through reading the whole Harry Potter series or sitting down with a favourite picture book, regardless of age, reading for pleasure, to relax, switch off and immerse ourselves in the pages and story is a skill for life and one we promote always, no more than in Book Week!

We have welcomed a published author, Saira Shah into school on Wednesday for a Super Story Day! What an inspiration and super story day it was! Saira is a teacher and manages to also write children's books! She had the children in awe during her workshops and really inspired them in their writing. Thank you Mrs Abbas for organising such a treat!

Staff have also taken part in the Great EM Teacher Swap, going into different classes to read to different children, sharing favourite stories and getting to know different year groups!

Of course we also celebrated with millions across the world yesterday on World Book Day. What a fabulous array of costumes and ideas of book characters! We were awash with Harry Potters, Hermiones, Mary Poppins, Alice in Wonderlands, Dr Seus, you name the character, we probably had one! Thank you to all families who went all out to support us on what is always a fantastic day!

The staff also got into the spirit of all things books and once more had a chosen book theme. This year we chose 'What the Ladybird Heard' – Julia Donaldson. We acted out the book in our World Book Day assembly yesterday!

Head over to our website (videos @EM) and our social media platforms for pictures of the week!

Thank you to all staff for getting behind reading this week and every week, especially in this Year of Reading!

As well as books and reading, Year 5 have been showing off their musical talents this week! Yesterday as well as celebrating reading, they took part in a Heritage Learning Lancashire day here in school on Music and Wellbeing.

They spent the day listening to music and analysing it with the musician Luke Wallace. They then spent time writing a song together before singing a song they have been learning with Luke. A fantastic time was had and the children made us so proud with their enthusiasm, engagement and brilliant behaviour! 😊

Thank you for all the donations of chocolate for our Easter Bingo (Friday 27th March), we will be having another non-uniform day for donations next Friday. Watch this space for tickets and bingo books for Bingo! 😊

Attendance Matters!

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

	Attendance	Punctuality (Lates)
Reception	95%	3
Year 1	93%	6
Year 2	94%	5
Year 3	97%	10
Year 4	97%	0
Year 5	94%	12
Year 6	91%	6
Total	94%	42

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
Friday 13 th March	Non-Uniform for chocolate donations for Easter Bingo
Tuesday 17 th March	Let's Go Sing Blackburn Ice Rink
Wednesday 18 th March	Year 4 Schools Linking Project trip to Burnley Youth Theatre
Friday 20 th March	Non-Uniform for chocolate donations for Easter Bingo
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

"So, Matilda's strong young mind continued to grow, nurtured by the voices of all those authors..." Roald Dahl