



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

Thursday 12th February 2026

*It is hard to believe we are now officially halfway through the school year!
How time flies when you are having fun! And this half term, we have had
lots of fun with more to come in the coming weeks and months!*

This week Year 6 have made us all proud with their maturity, their keen sense of hard work and in doing their very best during their practice SATs. Mrs Abbas and the Year 6 Staff Team, replicate the conditions that the children will do their end of Year 6 SATs in in May. The children got on with the tests and adapted really well. Well done everyone, so proud of you and thank you Mrs Abbas and the Year 6 staff team for all your hardwork. 😊

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week. Whilst we always have the emotional and mental health of everyone on our school family at the forefront of everything we do here in school, this week we have joined thousands across England in promoting that it is ok to have feelings and that it is ok to sometimes not to feel ok. Mrs Hewitson made some fabulous items to support positive mental and emotional health which the children, and staff, have bought with all proceeds going towards funding items in The Snug, our very own haven of calm and support. Thank you to all who joined us for our Coffee Afternoon yesterday and special thanks to Mrs Hew for all your amazing cakes and organising this week.



Congratulations to Ivanna and Nicole's mum, Mrs Fatayat Abdullmaleer, who has been appointed as our new Parent Governor. Her role will involve reflecting the views of the children and the families whilst supporting continuing school improvement. We all look forward to working with you and thank you for giving up your time for our school family. 😊

Please can you make sure all items of clothing are named! We have had a few items of clothing going missing, please can you check at home. Thank you! 😊

Before you know it, Book Week and World Book Day will be upon us! Have a chat with your child over the next few weeks about their favourite book character who they can dress up as. If you need any ideas, pop into school and chat to your child's staff team! 😊

Attendance Matters!

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

	Attendance	Punctuality (Lates)
Reception	97%	4
Year 1	98%	5
Year 2	95%	6
Year 3	92%	9
Year 4	96%	6
Year 5	92%	16
Year 6	96%	6
Total	95%	52 😊

Some great attendance this week everyone! Thank you!

Let's go for improving the punctuality after half term!

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
Each Thursday until Easter	Year 4 Swimming lessons
Tuesday 17 th February	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 18 th February	Ash Wednesday
Monday 23 rd February	School reopens for Spring Term 2 at the usual times
Monday 2 nd March – Friday 6 th March	Book Week
Wednesday 4 th March	Saira Shah Author Visit
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day! Dress as your favourite book character
Wednesday 18 th March	Year 4 Schools Linking Project trip to Burnley Youth Theatre
Thursday 26 th March	Year 6 Parent and Guardian meeting All about SATs and The Anderton Centre 2.15pm

*‘Never be ashamed of what you feel. You
have the right to feel any emotion that you
want.’*

Demi Lovato, American singer

