



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

Friday 30th January 2026

We are finally at the end of January, possibly one of the longest months of the year, not in days but because it seems never ending! However, from now on days will be getting longer and the sun is rising earlier and setting later!

Thank you to everyone who came to join us for Mass this morning. Team 2 of our Chaplaincy Team did a marvellous job supporting Fr Paddy in leading and Fr Paddy gave us some food for thought about being a good neighbour and samaritan just like the Good Samaritan in the Gospel reading. Thank you as always Fr Paddy and a great job Chaplaincy Team 2! 😊

We are once again entering the Primary Engineer competition which is supported by UCLan. Over the last week, all children have had 2 exciting visitors to school delivering special assemblies all about engineering. We have been very lucky to welcome 2 real life engineers into school! Last Friday Bev Wood, an Interior Designer and Engineer came in to speak to all year groups about what it is like to be an engineer, work on building sites, see buildings grow and develop. She really has achieved some great designs in her career!

On Monday, Joe Dowling, an engineer who works for Rolls Royce, came in to speak to and inspire our children. He explained the importance of not only good design but being aware you always have to go back and check things and make sure all is right with your design and continually improve them.

Both Bev and Joe have been a delight to welcome into school and have hopefully inspired some of us into becoming an engineer in the future! 😊

Don't forget, applications for Parent Governor need to be in this Monday, 2nd February by 12 noon. If you are interested, have a chat with one of our Governors or Mrs Thomas our staff Governor for more info about the role. 😊

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

	Attendance	Punctuality (Lates)
Reception	93%	6
Year 1	87%	6
Year 2	95%	6
Year 3	96%	12
Year 4	98%	1
Year 5	97%	14
Year 6	88%	3
Total	93% (lots of poorliness)	47 😊

Fantastic attendance this week everyone! Thank you!

Let's go for improving the punctuality next week!

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
Wednesday 4 th February	KS2 Schools' Dance Festival
Wednesday 11 th February	Mental Health Week Cafe 230pm
Thursday 12 th February	School closes at the usual times for the Spring Term Half Term Holiday
Monday 23 rd February	School reopens for Spring Term 2 at the usual times
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

The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) teaches that a neighbour is anyone in need, regardless of background. Be a Good Samaritan to all, always!



The theme for English Martyrs' Shining Stars this week
was chosen by the Staff for...

'Persistence'

Nursery – Elijah

Reception – Peace

Year 1 – Hallie

Year 2 – Roman

Year 3 – Radeyah

Year 5 – Teddy

Year 6 – Evie



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

'Enjoying Learning'

Nursery – Evelyn

Reception – Blessed

Year 1 – Shan

Year 2 – Ezra

Year 3 – Harrison

Year 5 – Christopher

Year 6 – Angela



Well done EVERYONE! You ALL always make us proud!

