



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

Friday 23rd January 2026

On Tuesday, Year 5 and 6 welcomed Mr Souter into school once more. We always love having Mr Souter in school, his humour, dedication and vibrant sessions always engage and enthuse the children. He taught the older children about money and planning, helping them understand things they want to have and things they need to have. Mr Souter commented on how great the children were, in their questions, responses, behaviour, enthusiasm and engagement. Well done children and thank you once more Mr Souter!



Thank you for all the extra support and effort in getting back into uniforms!



NEXT FRIDAY, 30th January, we are having Mass in school (this is a change from Thursday 12th February!), led by Fr Paddy and Team 2 of our Chaplaincy Team, celebrating being half way through the school year, with the theme of Love. Mass is at 1030am here in school and you are all welcome! 🌟

Rehearsals are in full swing with the KS2 Dance Troupe in preparation for the Schools' Dance Festival in a couple of weeks.

The theme this year is team sport and Miss Walker has choreographed a fantastic football themed dance. We will be filming it nearer the competition in February and sharing it. So far it is looking amazing and worthy of any top spot in a competition! Keep on going children and thank you Miss Walker for sharing your dancing prowess and enthusiasm! 🌟

You should have all received a letter about the Parent Governor vacancy yesterday. This is a really interesting role and is an important part of our school development moving into the future. If you are interested, have a chat with one of our Governors or Mrs Thomas our staff Governor for more info about the role. 🌟

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	99%	1
Year 1	99%	4
Year 2	99%	7
Year 3	97%	5
Year 4	96%	5
Year 5	95%	11
Year 6	95%	3
Total	97% 😊	36 😊

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
Monday 26th January	Joe Dowling (Engineering Assembly) 'If I was an engineer I would...'
Friday 30th January	Whole School Mass (1030am) 'Love'
Wednesday 4th February	KS2 Schools' Dance Festival
Thursday 12th February	School closes at the usual times for the Spring Term Half Term Holiday
Monday 23rd February	School reopens for Spring Term 2 at the usual times
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day! Dress as your favourite book character
Wednesday 18th March	Year 4 Schools Linking Project trip to Burnley Youth Theatre

Saturday is International Education Day.

*“Education is the most powerful weapon which
you can use to change the world.”*

Nelson Mandela



The theme for English Martyrs' Shining Stars this week
was chosen by Year 1 for...

'Kindness'

Nursery – Haneesh

Reception – Sofia

Year 1 – Oakleigh

Year 2 – Freiah

Year 3 – Zuzanna

Year 4 – TJ

Year 5 – Joanna

Year 6 – Elma



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

'Enjoying Learning'

Nursery – Chukwuemeka

Reception – Chimdiebube

Year 1 – Rishaan

Year 2 – Isla

Year 3 – Dido

Year 4 – Orion

Year 5 – Isla

Year 6 – Isa



Well done EVERYONE! You ALL always make us proud!

