



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

Friday 9th January 2026

Happy New Year everyone! Welcome back to school and to 2026! I hope 2026 brings you all happiness, peace, love, laughter, family and friendship. 😊

Thank you for all your care with the icy weather earlier in the week! Thank you for sending your child in in appropriate clothing too. Please continue to send the children with suitable clothing, regardless of the coldness, as long as it is safe, wrapped up warm, we go out, especially if there is a hint of snow! Thank you 😊

Yesterday, Year 4 began their Swimming lessons at West View Leisure Centre. Mrs Ridings, Miss Ironfield, Miss Hodson and Mrs Wadeson accompanied them and were very impressed with their behaviour and also at how well they remembered from their lessons last year. The staff at the pool were equally impressed with them. Well done children, so proud of you for over coming fears and worries and having a go!

Year 6 have been demonstrating their design and making skills this week! As part of their Technology, they have designed, made, modelled and evaluated their own waistcoats. They have done everything, from making templates, cutting fabric, sewing, adjusting and then held a fantastic fashion show, to which they invited guests from school. They were fabulous! Such high quality, amazing designs and thought has been put into them. Well done children, what a cracking job you all did, I look forward to seeing you on *Sewing Bee* in the future!

Part of our Curriculum Offer at EM is to ensure our children have life skills that will be needed in future life, skills that even with the highest grades as essential for future success. This half term's Lifelong Learning focus is *Enjoying Learning*. This means feeling proud of our learning and achievements, using what we have learnt in real life, knowing we can do it if we have a go and practice and feeling our own intelligence and brains growing and connecting!

Attendance Matters!

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

	Attendance	Punctuality (Lates)
Reception	88%	4
Year 1	93%	1
Year 2	91%	1
Year 3	90%	9
Year 4	93%	3
Year 5	93%	12
Year 6	96%	5
Total	92% 😊	35 😊

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 20th January	Mr Souter working with Years 5 & 6 All about Money
Monday 26th January	Joe Dowling (Engineering Assembly) 'If I was an engineer I would...'
Wednesday 4th February	KS2 Schools' Dance Festival
Thursday 12th February	Whole School Mass (1030am) 'Love'
	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
Wednesday 18th March	Year 4 Schools Linking Project trip to Burnley Youth Theatre

Remember....

*The glass isn't half full or half empty, the glass is
refillable.*



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

'Trying my best'

Nursery – Joachim

Reception – Joud

Year 1 – Moreno

Year 2 – Shekinah

Year 3 – Liam

Year 4 – Timothy

Year 5 – Raja

Year 6 – Aurora



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

'Enjoying Learning'

Nursery – Anaya

Reception – Lani

Year 1 – Agnes

Year 2 – Arwa

Year 3 – Liam

Year 4 – Maisie

Year 5 – Amaara

Year 6 – Sophie



Well done EVERYONE! You ALL always make us
proud! 