



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

Friday 19th December 2025

As another calendar year draws to a close and our Autumn Term also does, I would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helps make English Martyrs' great.

Firstly, thank you all once again for your support, patience and understanding with the unavoidable closure on Monday, it was very much appreciated!

As you know, instead of having a Christmas Fayre this year, we have had 2 Christmas Cafes and Bingo Bells as well as our raffle. In total, you have helped to raise £826 for the PTFA! Amazing! Thank you all! This money goes straight to benefit the children with trips, 'little extras', technology and to enhance all learning opportunities. Thank you all for coming and supporting and for all the kind donations!

Years 1 and 2 have wowed us all this week with their performances of 'Bethlehem Ballroom'. They really have done well to have perfected dances, lines, songs and acting in a couple of weeks! Mrs Thomas and Miss Walker stepped in to support Mr Davis in sorting and directing the production, determined as they were for it to go ahead. Even missing the Dress Rehearsal on Monday because of the school closure did not stop the children doing a magnificent job. Well done and thank you to all who made it possible!

Yesterday the staff put on a performance for the children with their version of The Masked Singer! A little bit of fun for all! Well done to all who took part!

We have ended the week with Mass which was led by Fr Paddy and Team 1 from the Chaplaincy Team and Carols from KS2 this morning. The most fitting ways to end.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all once more for a great Autumn Term and thank you for all your cards and generous gifts and mostly for being you as part of the EM School family. I am sure you will all join me in thanking all the hardworking, dedicated and simply fantastic staff also for making things possible for all! Wishing you all the most blessed and Happy Christmas and see you all on **Monday 5th January 2026** for the Spring Term and next part of our school journey!

Anna Howarth x



'For unto us a child is born' Isaiah 9:6

