



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

Friday 5th December 2025

What a week of great things we have had! From starting with a thought provoking assembly from Frances at CAFOD on Monday to our TTRS Rock Day today and a jam packed week in between!

Our assembly on Monday was led by Frances Fordyce from CAFOD. She had a bit of help from some willing volunteers as she spoke about how we can help others this Christmas, asking them what was their best ever gift and the best gift they hgave ever given. Some of the answers were spectacular! The children didn't just focus on material gifts, but mainly the gifts of family, happiness, trust, friendship. Frances, Mrs Howson, who was in the assembly and I were so impressed with their thoughtfulness. Frances also commented on what a lovely warm welcome she always gets at EM and how very generous children, families and staff are. Thank you all! 😊

On Tuesday, EYFS and KS1 continued a Christmassy theme, taking a bit of time out from rehearsing their Christmas productions to listen to Christmas stories from one of Lancashire School Library Service's Elves who visited each of the 4 classes. The children sat mesmerised, thoroughly enjoying the stories! 😊 Don't forget to watch the Advent Calendar of Bedtime Stories on the school website each night for a Christmassy treat and a helping hand in bedtime story reading too! 🎄

Yesterday we had not 1 but 2 fantastic productions of *Barrrrmy Bethlehem* performed by the most amazing actors, singers, readers, dancers from Nursery and Reception. They were simply fab! They have made everyone so very proud, learning lines, dance moves, songs and being able to sit through the performance at such a young age! Of course none of this would have been possible without the unbelievable hard work of the EYFS staff. Thank you everyone and also to all our families who have supported the children learn lines, dances, songs and also huge thanks to Mrs Thomas' mum who made such amazing costumes! Well done children you little stars! 😊

Today has been a fantastic day celebrating all things times tables with a bit of rock and music thrown in too! iRock came in to perform at assemblies first thing, getting everybody moving and excited to learn. KS2 had a *Battle of the Class Bands* on TTRS and all children spent the day doing multiplication times tables activities, all whilst dressed as their favourite pop and rock star! 😊

Next week, is another busy one, please check the different dates on the events calendar below! Don't forget Bingo Bells next Friday!



Attendance Matters!

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

	Attendance	Punctuality (Lates)
Reception	93.5%	2
Year 1	90%	1
Year 2	90%	3
Year 3	95.5%	5
Year 4	92%	1
Year 5	95.5%	7
Year 6	93.5%	6
Total	93%	25

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. 😊

This Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent, a time for waiting, for preparation.

The theme for the first week is Peace.

'Peace begins with a smile' ~ Mother Teresa of Calcutta

What's on in School?

Date	Activity
Wednesday 10th December	Year 6 PNE Stadium Tour 930am
	Christmas Jumper Day!
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Café (KS2)
Friday 12th December	Be Cyberwise (Coram) KS2
	Bingo Bells! 330 – 5pm
Monday 15th December	Christmas Café (EYFS & KS1)
Tuesday 16th December	KS1 Christmas Production of <i>Bethlehem Ballroom</i> 930am & 130pm
Wednesday 17th December	School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Mass 10am
Friday 19th December	School Christmas Buffet Lunch
	KS2 Carol Concert
	School closes for Christmas at the usual times
Monday 5th January 2026	School re-opens for Spring Term 2026