



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

Friday 7th November 2025

Welcome back!

Welcome back to the 2nd half of the Autumn Term! What a great start back we have had too and what a busy half term ahead!

Please check the *What's on in School* dates below to get them in your diary so you don't miss out!



As always, any questions or worries, please do not hesitate to ask 😊

Y6 go back in time

Mrs Abbas, Mrs Ahmed, Miss Gillett, Miss Lawson and the Year 6 class started the new half term off with a trip back in time on Tuesday!

They spent the morning at the Museum of Lancashire, taking part in a WWII secret war workshop. They learnt about the secret codes used, the war cabinet work done behind closed doors and experienced a bit of what things would have been like if you worked for the Government in the War Office.

The staff at the museum were very impressed not only by their engagement and knowledge but also by their fabulous behaviour. They also did marvellously walking there and back! Well done children and thank you Mrs A for organising and to Mrs A, Miss G and Miss L for going with them. Another successful enhancement to the learning at EM! 😊

Growing up can be difficult!

Growing up is indeed hard! To help our children understand from a factual and scientific point of view, yesterday, we invited, Karen from Coram Life Education into school to talk to different classes about growing up and about how we change in body, hormones, feelings and emotions.

She delivered workshops on *Puberty* in Year 6 and *Growing up* in Year 3. She also spent time in Years 1 and 2 talking about and explaining how our bodies are special and ours.

Outdoor Learning Day

Today we are having an Outdoor Learning Day. At the time of writing, preparations are underway for a fantastic day of learning outside.

As you know, at EM, we fully support learning outside on any day, in any weather, we don't let a bit of rain and wind put us off going outside! However, today we are joining thousands of other schools across the UK to celebrate National Outdoor Learning Day. Staff have planned some great activities and all are getting involved! Why not carry on learning outdoors with your child this weekend and have a walk in the park, by the river or canal!

Attendance Matters!

Being in school EVERY day and ON TIME is essential and an expectation for all.

	Attendance	Punctuality (lates)
Reception	98%	1
Year 1	97%	3
Year 2	93%	3
Year 3	90%	7
Year 4	91.5%	2
Year 5	91.5%	3
Year 6	100%	3
Total	94.5%	22

Lifelong Learners

A new half term means a new Lifelong Learner theme. Each half term we have chosen different Lifelong skills to focus on to help build resilience, positive qualities and positive learning behaviours. This half term we are focussing on *keeping improving* in all we do.

What's on in School?	
Date	Activity
Monday 24 th November	Reception & Year 6 Heights & weights check
Wednesday 26 th November	Year 6 PNE Heritage Project
Tuesday 2 nd December	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Story Session with LCC Libraries (in school)
Wednesday 3 rd December	EYFS Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 3 rd December	Year 6 PNE Heritage Project
Thursday 4 th December	930am & 130pm EYFS Christmas Production of <i>Barrrrrrmy Bethlehem</i>
Wednesday 10 th December	Year 6 PNE Stadium Tour 930am
Wednesday 10 th December	KS1 Christmas Production of <i>Bethlehem Ballroom</i> 130pm
Thursday 11 th December	KS1 Christmas Production of <i>Bethlehem Ballroom</i> 930am
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Café (KS2)
Friday 12 th December	Be Cyberwise (Coram) KS2
Friday 12 th December	Bingo Bells! 330 – 5pm
Monday 15 th December	Christmas Café (EYFS & KS1)
Wednesday 17 th December	Early Reading & Phonics Workshop for Families 9am
Friday 19 th December	KS2 Carol Concert

Pantry@EM

We are 'open' any day at any time if there is anything you need to stock up on. Please don't be shy, don't be proud or embarrassed, we are all one family together and there to help and support each other. Just speak to Mrs Hewitson, Mrs Howarth, or any member of staff and a bag will be ready for collection at the end of the day ☺

'The more you praise and celebrate life, the more there is. In life to celebrate' Oprah Winfrey

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



'Being Passionate'

Nursery – Alphonsa

Reception – Shreyan

Year 1 – Mann

Year 2 – Sharon

Year 3 – Mehran

Year 4 – Nelly

Year 5 – Ruvel



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

'Keeping Improving'

Nursery – Evelyn

Reception – Profit

Year 1 – Alex A

Year 2 – Ezra

Year 3 – Sierra

Year 4 – George

Year 5 – Raja



Well done EVERYONE!

You ALL always make us proud!

