



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

Friday 19th September 2025

Artists in Residence!

During the first week and a half of term, we have once more had an art focus. This time we paired art with Poetry and used the text *The Lost Words* by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris. It was a book gifted to EM many years ago by our then Patron of Reading, Sue Allonby.

We used the text to create our own artistic representations in drawing and words for all the lost words, the words we don't use very much anymore.

Staff stayed in school on Tuesday evening as part of Staff Meeting and proudly displayed the children's work on the corridor displays.

Head over to the school website and socials for pictures! Well done children and thank you to our very creative staff!

Talk Like A Pirate Day!

What a great day we have had today talking and being like a pirate! We have celebrated the learning in Nursery and Reception and have had a great day all arrrr-ound! Thank you EYFS for inspiring us all! 🚩🦴

Let's Go Sing 2025!

On Tuesday morning, Years 4, 5 and 6 had their first Let's Go Sing rehearsal with Rose from the LGS team. The children sang with gusto and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Now we have the songs, the children will be practising them each week in Choir ready for the great show at Blackburn Cathedral in March (date TBC!) If children wish to sign up and are not in choir in years 4, 5 and 6, please speak to Mrs Abbas or Mrs DeCarteret

Compliments to school!

On Tuesday, Mrs Ballard, our Local Authority Adviser, popped into school for a regular visit. After a walk around school, meeting many of our children, she commented what a happy, positive feel and environment school has and so very welcoming. It is always lovely to hear this from others as well as thinking it ourselves!

Money, Money, Money!

We welcomed back Mr Souter on Monday into Years 5 and 6. He spent the day delivering the first of his sessions on Debt Awareness. He spoke with the children about what you need to buy and what you want to buy and the difference between them. Lifelong skills were taught to help set the children up for the future. As always, Mr Souter was entertaining, fun and a great inspiration to all the children! Thank you Mrs A for

Attendance Matters!

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

	Attendance	Punctuality (lates)
Reception	91%	2
Year 1	97%	2
Year 2	94%	3
Year 3	100%	12
Year 4	93%	1
Year 5	92%	3
Year 6	96%	1
Total	94%	24

Meet & Greet!

Thank you to all our families who come into school for the Meet & Greet session in Year 3 this week, so lovely to see you all. The children have really enjoyed showing how well they are getting on too! Thank you all!

<i>What's on in school?</i>	
Date	Activity
Wednesday 24 th September 9 - 1030am	Reception Class Stay & Play Phonics session for Parents and Guardians
Friday 26 th September 915 - 1030am	Macmillan Coffee Morning in school
Monday 29 th September	Flu Immunisations
Tuesday 30 th September 9 - 10am	Year 1 Stay & Play Phonics session for Parents and Guardians
Wednesday 1 st October 1030am	New term Mass in school
Friday 10 th October	World Mental Health Day
Monday 13 th ~ Friday 17 th October	Parent & Guardian consultations: Telephone consultations TBC Face to Face: Wednesday 15 th October
Wednesday 22 nd October Usual times	School closes for the Half Term break
Monday 3 rd November	INSET Day for staff
Tuesday 4 th November	Pupils return to school
Tuesday 4 th November	Year 6 trip to the Museum of Lancashire <i>The Secret War</i>
Friday 7 th November	National Outdoor Learning Day

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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 ☺

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Don't forget out MacMillan Coffee Morning NEXT Friday, 915 - 1030am in the hall.

Any donations of cakes are most welcome for this fabulous cause!

Thank you!☺

The theme for English Martyrs' Shining Stars this week
was chosen by Year 6 for...



'Being Respectful'

Nursery – Irvan

Reception – Jeremy

Year 1 – Kayden

Year 2 – Hadassah

Year 3 – Zuzanna

Year 4 – TJ

Year 5 – Lukas

Year 6 – Abra



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

'Curiosity'

Nursery – Ryan

Reception – Adrit

Year 1 – Tijesu

Year 2 – Coby-Joe

Year 3 – Piper

Year 4 – Daya

Year 5 – Mohammad

Year 6 – Aiden



Well done EVERYONE!

You ALL always make us proud!



'No matter what you do in life, always put
your heart into it.

Live your life without regret.'

Author Unknown