



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

Friday 11th September 2026

Happy Friday everyone!

We really have come back with a bang! We have already had visitors into school with Mr Souter spending an action packed day in Years 5 & 6. Mr

Souter is a regular visitor to school providing essential learning about money and how we can manage it and plan, deciding what we need to buy and what we would like to buy. Preparing our older children for the future. Both classes behaved impeccably and Mr Souter once more applauded them for their engagement, interaction and enthusiasm. Well done children and thank you Mr Souter and Mrs Abbas for organising!

We have also started our *Meet & Greet* sessions for families. Year 6 and Year 4 have met with families this week, introducing the class staff teams and also sharing the day to day life in the class, including homework, reading books, PE days and the importance of Attendance!

Reception welcomed back families this morning for a Phonics and Reading Expectations session also.

Thank you to all families who have come along to these sessions. They really are important and an opportunity to get to know the staff and also see where your child spends their day!

All other classes will be having their sessions over the next couple of weeks and we look forward to seeing you there!

We welcomed in the new school year yesterday with Mass celebrated by Fr Paddy who was supported by members of our new Chaplaincy Team.

It was lovely coming together as a whole school and celebrating being back where we all belong together! Thank you Fr Paddy and well done Chaplaincy Team!

We also welcomed some of our newest and youngest children this week into Nursery. All are settling in well and finding their feet exploring, investigating and generally having a great time!

As part of our Curriculum Offer, as well as academic learning we also pride ourselves on the enrichment opportunities we provide. Giving every child 'extras' to enhance their learning and school journey. If you head over to the school website, we have our Enrichment Statement on there, explaining some of what we offer.

Many of these activities and opportunities are supported by fundraising by the PTFA. If you would like to join the PTFA and work alongside other families and staff to plan fundraising events, please speak to your child's class staff team, new faces are always welcome!

A few updates on the website and the Juniper Education App! You should all have received an invitation to join the Juniper Education App, this replaces the previous School App which we used as a form of communication for Newsletters, messages, attendance updates, letters home, Parent and Guardian consultation bookings, clubs registrations and more. We urge you to accept the invitation, it is free and once downloaded, easy to use! 🖱️ If you have any issues with it, please get in touch and if families wish, we can have a quick demonstration after school! Thank you for your patience with it, we are all still getting to grips with it ourselves!

Attendance Matters!

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

	Attendance	Punctuality (Lates)
Reception	96%	2
Year 1	94%	2
Year 2	93%	1
Year 3	96%	2
Year 4	94%	4 😞
Year 5	99% 🌟	4 😞
Year 6	98%	0 🌟
Total	96%	15

Another change has been to Free School Meals! From September 2026 all households receiving Universal Credit, regardless of household income, will qualify for free school meals. So please contact LCC Free School Meals on 01772 532109 or follow the links on our school website – Parent Zone – Free School Meals. You can apply online. It will only take a few minutes but could save you a fortune and we will also get additional funding in school which will always go towards the provision for children. Any questions, just pop to the school office and ask!

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 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
Tuesday 29 th September	Mayjor Nweeda visiting school
Friday 25 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9 – 10am in the Hall
Wednesday 30 th September	Individual school photos
Thursday 1 st October	Fairtrade Football Friendly mini tournament (Y5&6)
Friday 2 nd October	Germ Buster sessions
Wednesday 14 th – Wednesday 21 st October	Scholastic Pop-Up Book Fair
Tuesday 20 th October	Face to Face Parent and Guardian meetings
Friday 23 rd October	School closes for half term (usual times!)
Thursday 5 th November	School re-opens for Autumn Half Term 2



Love, care, trust, nurture in all that we do and for all.