



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

Friday 18th September 2026

Another busy week here in school! We have had more *Meet & Greet* sessions with Mrs McLintock in Year 2, Mr Eastwood in Year 3 and Mr LeLuan in Year 5 meeting, greeting and welcoming parents and families. These sessions have been really informative and positive for all classes. Year 1 will be having their *Meet & Greet* next Thursday morning 915 – 945am, please do come along if you are able. Thank you 😊.

We have also started our workshops with *Cre8ability* with parents and children. The workshops focus on emotions, feelings wellbeing and positive attendance whilst being creative with crafts. The families who have taken part so far have really enjoyed it and found it beneficial. Thank you Mrs Hewitson for organising it with *Cre8ability*.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Macmillan Coffee morning next Friday, 915 – 1030 in the Hall. Any cake donations are most welcome. We will also be having a cake sale at playtime, 50p – £1 a cake. Children are invited to come in non-uniform for donations of money or cakes for Macmillan. Thank you and look forward to seeing you all! 😊

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! One of the popular events is the Colour Run. This year we will be having a Colour Run on Wednesday 21st October. More details and sponsor forms will be coming home in the next couple of weeks.

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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!

Attendance Matters!

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

	Attendance	Punctuality (Lates)
Reception	95%	1
Year 1	95%	3
Year 2	90%	1
Year 3	92%	3
Year 4	94%	6 😞
Year 5	99% 🌟	2 😞
Year 6	96%	3 🌟
Total	95%	19

Don't forget to check if you are eligible for Free School Meals for your children, even if they are in Reception or Years 1 and 2. From September 2026 all households receiving Universal Credit, regardless of household income, will qualify for free school meals.

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!

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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
Friday 25 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9 – 10am in the Hall
Tuesday 29 th September	Mayjor Nweeda visiting school
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
Wednesday 21 st October	PTFA Sponsored Colour Run
Friday 23 rd October	School closes for half term (usual times!)
Thursday 5 th November	School re-opens for Autumn Half Term 2



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



'A positive start'



Nursery – Olivia

Reception – Ryan

Year 1 – Emma

Year 2 – Hammad

Year 3 – Triumph

Year 4 – Oscar

Year 5 – Maisie

Year 6 – Christopher



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

'Curiosity'

Nursery – Lara

Reception – Stanley

Year 1 – Daniyal

Year 2 – Tasmay

Year 3 – Sharon

Year 4 – Iremide

Year 5 – Joe

Year 6 – Teddy



Well done EVERYONE!

You ALL always make us proud!



*"The important thing is not to stop questioning.
Curiosity has its own reason for existing."*

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Albert Einstein

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