



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

Friday 25th September 2026

I am very proud and happy to inform everybody that after full application forms being completed and interviews with Governors, Mrs Abbas and Mrs Thomas have been appointed as Acting Assistant Headteachers. I am delighted to continue working with them as our Senior Leadership Team and the roles, and titles, are so very much deserved! Congratulations ladies! 😊

Thank you everyone who came to our Macmillan Coffee Morning today! It was a fantastic morning and was great to see you all as always and for such a worthwhile cause too! Thank you all 😊

Thank you to all our Year 1 families who joined Mr Davis, Mrs Polli and Mrs Boujattouy on Thursday morning. Great to see you all! I hope you found the meet useful. I hope all our families who have come to the Meet & Greet sessions have found them beneficial. As always, please do not hesitate to chat with your child's staff team should you have any questions in the future. We are looking forward to the year ahead, working with you and watching all the children grow!

On Monday, the children had a different Prayer & Liturgy. The children were introduced to our Anaphylaxis and Allergy policy, what it means to have an allergy and examples of what we could be allergic to. We also talked about how we can be Allergy Aware and Allergy Safe. We have recently purchased an Anaphylaxis Kit from Kitt Medical. It has 4 emergency epi-pens in. This should be in school in the next week or 2. 😊

Many of our enrichment activities and opportunities in school 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%	2
Year 1	93%	4
Year 2	94%	1✳
Year 3	95%	7
Year 4	92%	7 ☹
Year 5	95%	5☹
Year 6	98%✳	4
Total	94%	30☹

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!

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
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



'Every one of us needs to show how much we care for each other and, in the process, care for ourselves.'

Princess Diana

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The theme for English Martyrs' Shining Stars this week
was chosen by Year 5 for...



'Helping others'

Nursery – Divine

Reception – Grace

Year 1 – Ivy

Year 2 – Ilhaz

Year 3 – Isla

Year 4 – Radeyah

Year 5 – Valerie

Year 6 – Amaara



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

'Curiosity'

Nursery – Nabil

Reception – Itzak

Year 1 – Blessed

Year 2 – Agnes

Year 3 – Freiah-Mae

Year 4 – Ethan

Year 5 – Orion

Year 6 – Lucas Moore-Crewe



Well done EVERYONE!

You ALL always make us proud!



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