



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

Friday 9th October 2026

I have had the privilege this week to go in and out of classes as part of our regular school improvement monitoring. It really has been a joy and delight to see how well the children are settled, in routines, are engaged, enthusiastic and enjoying learning! It is such a pleasure to be part of such a fantastic school and see the children so happy! Well done and thank you all! 😊

Yesterday, the team from *Let's Go Sing* came in to work with our amazing Choir and go through the initial songs. They were very impressed with their enthusiasm and how well they are picking up the songs and also the moves! Well done children, you really are a credit to us all! Thank you Mrs Abbas and Miss Walker for leading choir with such enthusiasm also! 😊

The amazing EM Colour Run is back!... **Wednesday 21st October**. Please check book bags for the letter and sponsor form which came home last week!

Today is *Wear Yellow for Mental Health* and tomorrow is *World Mental Health Day*. To support both, we are having our own *Wear Yellow for Mental Health* on Monday. Let's add a bit of sunshine to Monday! We are also having a Mental Health Café at 230pm in the Hall. Come and grab a brew, a piece of cake or biscuit and have a chat with friends and chill (rumour has it Mrs Hew is baking!!)!

In a couple of weeks, we have our *Autumn Parent and Carer meetings*, both by phone and face to face on **Tuesday 20th October**. If you haven't booked an appointment yet, please chat with your child's class team to arrange one. These meetings are really important to see how well your child is doing and also to chat through any issues and needs.

Next Wednesday the *Scholastic Pop Up Book Fayre* arrives in school until the morning of **Wednesday 21st October**! It will be open every day after school for children and families to attend and buy books! Every book bought earns book tokens for school for us to buy additional books for the library and classes. A great way to get Christmas presents bought too!

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Attendance Matters!

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

	Attendance	Punctuality (Lates)
Reception	97%	1
Year 1	99% 👍	0 👍
Year 2	89%	3
Year 3	92%	5
Year 4	97%	12 😞
Year 5	96%	2
Year 6	93%	1
Total	95%	24 😞

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
Wednesday 14 th – Wednesday 21 st October (morning)	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!)
Wednesday 4 th November	School re-opens for Autumn Half Term 2 *** Please note the correct day, NOT 5 th November (Blame the headteacher!!! 😊)



‘Always laugh when you can. It is cheap medicine.’

Lord Byron

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The theme for English Martyrs' Shining Stars this week
was chosen by Year 3 for...



'Showing mature attitude'



Nursery – Ashleigh

Reception – Farook

Year 1 – Kamsy

Year 2 – Mann

Year 3 – Arwa

Year 4 – Piper

Year 5 – Britney

Year 6 – Safaa

The Pod – Lucas



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

'Curiosity'

Nursery – Chukwuemeka

Reception – Kylie

Year 1 – Ariella

Year 2 – Zaneta

Year 3 – Ezra

Year 4 – Harrison

Year 5 – Austin

Year 6 – Ruvel

The Pod – Dominik



Well done EVERYONE!

You ALL always make us proud!



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