



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

Friday 4th September 2026

Welcome back to the 2026 ~ 2027 school year! Here's to a fabulous year ahead for everyone!

We have enjoyed the last couple of days welcoming back children and families and catching up and also welcoming our new children and families! We can't wait to share your learning journey with you this year!

You might have all noticed the lack of School App messages, (and going old school with a paper newsletter this week!), this is out of our hands unfortunately. You may have noticed we have a new website design.

Primary Site, our previous website provider have been taken over by Juniper Websites. Unfortunately, things have not gone as smoothly as we would have liked. One issue has been the School App. We are having to send out new invites to everyone to be able to access messages and the App. We will be sending more information out next week and hopefully we should all be back up and running within the week! Thank you for your patience!

Over the holidays we have had some work completed in school. We have split The Snug in half, with 1 half still being The Snug where Mrs Hewitson is based supporting children with Nurture and ELSA Provision and both in small groups and 1 to 1. The other half is now The Pod. A new venture of ours for a few of some of our children who work best in a very small group. Miss Williams, Mrs Howson, are now based in there together with 2 new members of staff, Miss Abbas and Miss Newman. We also have turned part of the Open Area into a new room, The Den. This is where interventions, some meetings, some Phonics sessions will take place and it is where The Pantry@EM is now based. So, some changes, but all for the best interests of your children 😊

Attendance Matters!

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

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
Monday 7 th September	Mr Souter in Year 5 & 6 'Money Matters'
	Reception Class First Full Day
	Nursery Class First Day
Wednesday 9 th September	Year 6 Meet & Greet 2.30pm
Thursday 10 th September	New School Year Mass Time TBC
Friday 11 th September	Reception Phonics & Book Expectations 9.15am
Tuesday 29 th September	Mayjor Nweeda visiting school
Wednesday 30 th September	Individual school photos



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