



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

Wednesday 15th July 2026

What a year!

We have had accomplishments, animals and admiration; visitors, visits and victories!

It seems a long time since September 3rd when we welcomed everyone back to school and welcomed new children, families and staff to our school. It now feels like our new children, families and staff have always been with us, always part of the EM school family!

Over the year we have had so many successes and achievements.

We have welcomed visitors, authors, poets, bands, theatre companies, speakers, our local police, members from CAFOD, clergy, volunteers. We have had a whole array of school trips: Museum of Lancashire, PNE, Swimming, Chinese Supermarket, the Dance Festival, Let's Go Sing, Burnley Youth Theatre, University of Lancashire, Mrs Dowson's Farm, the Primary Engineer Exhibition, the Anderton Centre, Imagine That!, Corpus Christi, British Transport Museum, Ribchester Museum, Blackpool Zoo!

The children have taken part in Sports Days, Colour Runs, special Assemblies, Liturgies, Masses, Road Safety, Community Road Watch, iRock, Choir, Dance Club, Astronomy Club, Fly Football Club, Football Club, Eco Club, Lego Club. They have had their voices heard as School Councillors, Eco Councillors, Digital Leaders and on the Chaplaincy Team.

Our School Council have realised their goal of having a lending library of games and books for the playground. The Eco Club have litter picked, taken part in Bird Watch, The Great Plastic Count, have received their Eco Schools Award. The Chaplaincy Team have planned and led Mass, helped in Prayer and Liturgy, helped younger children with prayers. The Digital Leaders have discussed the Social Media Ban and asked peers their thoughts.

The children have shown entrepreneur skills and have had cake sales to help reduce costs for trips, events, charities.

As a school we have raised an incredible amount for different charities: CAFOD, Cancer Research, Macmillan Cancer Support, Water Aid, Young Minds.



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And on top of all this, we have learnt many things, experienced exciting, engaging and inspiring lessons. Developed our learning, our knowledge, our skill. Children have developed their academic learning and also their emotional literacy, learning calming techniques, ways to ask and seek help, supporting each other as well as themselves.

All of this would not have been possible without your tremendous support, care, dedication, friendship and love for school. Nor would it have been possible without the fabulous staff team we have here at English Martyrs'. Staff, and volunteers, who work tirelessly and incredible hard to make sure the school experiences and school life the children have are the best to ensure they reach their true potential.

And of course, it would not be possible without the incredible children who we are proud to call members of the English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School Family. You simply are the best!

Thank you one and all for another fantastic year. English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School is an incredible school and one I am extremely proud to serve and be part of.

Have a good rest over the summer break everyone, relax, have family time, take time to appreciate all we have and all we have accomplished, together with love, care, nurture and trust.

With love,

Mrs H xxx

'Dear young people, make the most of these years of your youth. Don't observe life from a balcony. Don't confuse happiness with an armchair, or live your life behind a screen. Whatever you do, do not become the sorry sight of an abandoned vehicle! Don't be parked cars, but dream freely and make good decisions. Take risks, even if it means making mistakes. Don't go through life anaesthetised. Live! Give yourselves over to the best of life! Open the door of the cage, go out and fly! Please, don't take early retirement.'

taken from Christ is Alive, Pope Francis, 2019