



## Coming Up

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**Thursday 31st August** 8.50am Back to School!

### Notices

- Parentpay balances**

Please ensure you log into Parentpay and clear any outstanding balances by the end of the week. Thank you.

- Wraparound Bookings**

Please email [wraparoundcare@englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk](mailto:wraparoundcare@englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk) to get your children booked in for the new year.



### Good bye and good luck Year 6!

We say goodbye to our Year 6 children today. We are so proud of all they have achieved whilst being at English Martyrs and we know they will go on to do more amazing things in secondary school!



### Y3 Residential!

Mrs Topping's class have had an amazing time at their residential in Beaumanor. They enjoyed a treasure hunt, den building, playing in the sensory garden, adventure playground, climbing and lots more! A bit thank you to Mrs Topping, Mrs McKay and Miss Miller for taking the children and helping make it so memorable for them!





# End Of Year Awards



Congratulations to all the children who received an End of Year Award!

**Kindness** – showing kindness throughout the year.

**Resilience**– for not stopping challenges let you be the best you can be.

**Confidence**– for growing in confidence this year using courage to have a go at new things.

**Love of Learning** – for showing curiosity and sharing learning with others.

**Faith**– showing others how to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

**Most Improved Sportsperson** – child showing a marked improvement in sport this year.



## Sports Awards

Congratulations to our New Age Kurling Team who were nominated for the best primary team award at the Let's Get Moving Sports Awards last week. As a school, we were also presented with the Fair Play trophy after being nominated by another school for showing great sportsmanship across the year. Well done to all of the children who have taken part in sports activities this year and for always showing our school virtues!



Happy Birthday to the children who have had birthdays recently and will celebrate over the holidays!



**Y1**– Katie, Eva, Joshua, Harry,  
**Y2**–Heidi, **Y4**–Grace, Oscar, Poppy,

**Y5**–Mya, Oliver T, Alissa

**Y6**– Harvey, Lottie, Lukas, Jasmine

## Message from Mrs Chambers

I wanted to take this opportunity to celebrate another amazing year in school and to thank all our wonderful children, staff and families for their hard work and ongoing support during the year.

We have so many things to mention both within the curriculum and beyond. All of our children have grown their virtues this year, and on so many occasions we have had positive comments about the behaviour of our children, and the respect they show others when they are out of school or if somebody is visiting school.

This year we have excelled academically across the school with excellent data at the end of EYFS, KS1, phonics, time tables results and KS2 SATs. This is a fantastic reflection of the hard work of all the children and staff. The children have really enjoyed their learning and secured lots of new knowledge around all curriculum subjects.

Our new behaviour curriculum has really enabled all children to have a thorough understanding of our 5 school rules, and we have taught throughout the year what these look like and how they are linked to our 10 school virtues.

As part of the curriculum we have tried to provide as many different opportunities as possible to enhance the teaching in the classroom, trips to Richard III, the Warning Zone, local museum and castle, the Space Centre, New Walk Museum, Romeo and Juliet and more recently Burghley House and Gardens as well as residential to Crich and Beaumanor.

Sport continues to be a strong focus in school and as part of the Rutland Schools Sports Partnership we try and provide as many sporting opportunities through clubs, workshops and competitions. This year we won the fair play award as a school reflecting the respect our children continually show to others through sporting experiences. All of our children had an outdoor and adventurous opportunity beyond school to give them the opportunity to grow confidence, resilience and courage.

Participating in the UK Maths Challenges this year has also been a highlight with lots of children having a go at numerous competitions. This has given lots of children increased confidence and enjoyment of maths and we ended the year with Sofia named as the UK Primary Maths Champion for the year.

Our STEM week was a huge success and the evening well supported by families, again we celebrated the certificates the children received from the STEM competition for their incredible designs.

We continue to have so many children playing instruments beyond the music curriculum, and this year we have introduced drums and singing for children to do. Our music evening really showcased the talent our children have in this area and we continue to work closely with the Rutland Music hub.

Many of our children have also been participating in drama activities run by Beth Daniel and performed at school and at the theatre which was amazing and shows such confidence. We are pleased that next year we will be offering children the chance to do LAMDA qualifications with Beth as part of our extended offer alongside music lessons.

I would like to thank all of our pupil leaders this year for their leadership in so many areas, and providing such positive role models to our younger children. We look forward to growing our new pupil leaders next year.

Our school environment has also been enhanced this year with the addition of our Prayer Pod, new trim trail, outdoor history timeline and refurbishment of our pond area. We are looking forward to our new sensory path which will hopefully be constructed over the holidays in the pond area, thank you to Mrs Burdass for leading on this project.

Can I also take this opportunity to thank all the members of FEM who work so hard to raise additional monies for resources and experiences for all our children, our budget would not stretch to provide all of these wonderful resources and we are all very grateful.

I would also like to thank the governors for their continued support across the year, their time and hard work to make our school the best it can be and for those parents who have supported parents forum providing amazing ideas that have really helped us as a staff to move the school forward. Thank you also to all our volunteers who help us in many different ways throughout the year.

Finally I have to mention the staff team, all of them work incredibly hard putting the children at the centre of all they do, always going above and beyond and continually providing incredible support for one another when challenges arise.

I would like to wish everyone a restful and fun filled Summer holidays and look forward to seeing you back in school on Thursday August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Kind regards, Mrs Chambers.

## Level 3 Bikeability

Well done to the 10 Year 6 children who successfully completed their Level 3 Bikeability training on Tuesday - a great effort all round.



## Talent Show

Well done to all the children who performed in the talent show and thank you to our judges for coming along too! We had magic, singing, dancing, tricks, gymnastics, music and much more! It was a fantastic showcase of our children's talents!



## Ice Cream Van Treat!

Thank you to FEM who arranged an ice cream van to come to school on Wednesday for a special treat for the children. A huge thank you to all members of FEM for all their hard work this year—they have been able to pay for some amazing things that benefit the children this year. Thank you so much!



## Summer Holidays

We hope everyone can have a good rest over the summer! Have a look here at some summer holiday wellbeing activities for children.

[10 Summer Holiday Wellbeing Activities for Children - Twinkl](#)



## Prayer of the week

May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime. Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts, during these months of summer .

## FEM News!

**Cake raffle** The hamper this week was won by Luke E!

### **New members needed**

Thinking ahead to next year, FEM will need new members for the committee so please email FEM on [femoakham@gmail.com](mailto:femoakham@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping out. Thank you!

## St Joseph's Church

Keep up to date with the Parish news [here](#) .

