



English Martyrs CVA

We grow and learn with the gifts we have been given, following in the footsteps of Jesus



Coming Up

Newsletter Issue 12 - W/c 4th December 2023

Saturday 9th Dec	Cross Country League Y3-6 @ UCC 9.30am	
Monday 11th Dec	Y3 Swimming	Y1&2 Christmas Nativity 2pm
	Y3-6 Basketball Club 3.30-4.30pm	Drama Club 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 12th Dec	Singing Lessons	Y5/6 Football League @ UCC 4.30pm—selected children
	Y1&2 Christmas Nativity 6pm	
Wednesday 13th Dec	Piano Lessons	Drum Lessons
	Christmas Lunch	
Thursday 14th Dec	9.10am Guitar Assembly	Drum & Guitar Lessons
Friday 15th Dec	Piano lessons	2.45pm Celebration Assembly
Monday 18th Dec	EYFS Christmas Craft & Performance 1.30pm	Y3-6 Basketball Club 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 19th Dec	Singing Lessons	
Wednesday 20th Dec	Advent Mass/Mass for Fr Stephen 10am @ St Joseph's	School Closes at 2.45pm

Notices

- **Payment for Christmas Lunch (Y3-6)**

Please remember to pay for your child's Christmas lunch on Parentpay—it is a separate payment item. Thank you.

- **School Clubs**

A reminder next week there are no school clubs (Creative, Football, Sewing and Gymnastics)



Virtue of the week

The next virtue is: **Faith around Peace**

Please take time to discuss this at home with your child/ren.

Service Children Club

All of our children who have parents currently serving in the Armed Forces joined our new Service Children Club on Wednesday led by Mrs Hilton and Mrs Chambers.



The children made snow globes, chatted about their experiences and took home books and scarp books to complete with their families.



Head Teacher Awards



Congratulations to all the children who have received awards this week.



Swimming Gala Finals

Well done to all the children who competed in the Swimming Gala Finals this week. The children swam brilliantly and we came 4th overall! In terms of individual medals we got 2 golds, 5 silver and 6 bronze! The mixed relay team also got a gold medal! Well done everyone! Thank you to Mrs Barlow and Mrs Keany for accompanying the children.



Happy Birthday to the children who have had birthdays recently

Y3— Marguerite, Henry

Y5— Adrian

Y6— David



Maths Challenge

Well done to the Maths Challenge team of Seth, Sam, Deandre and David who took part in the first round of the UKMT Primary Maths Team Challenge on Tuesday. It was a demanding 4 rounds of questions, but the children did incredibly well - scoring 141/144. There are three other teams taking part in the competition nationally, after round one English Martyrs are top of the league. The scores were: 141, 138, 138 and 129. Hopefully they will perform just as well next week. Thanks to Mrs Keany for supervising and marking the papers.

Thank you!

In assembly today we presented Mrs Cooper and Miss Turner with



thank you gifts for all their hard work on FEM. Thank you!



Christmas Jumper Day



The children looked very festive in their Christmas jumpers today. They all did really well on their Santa Run! Thank you for all the donations and sponsorship money. We will let you know the grand total next week!



Christmas Card Competition

On Thursday we had a visit from our local MP Alicia Kearns who presented Marcus in Year 4 with a teddy bear dressed in the colours of the speaker of the Houses of Parliament. Marcus entered her Christmas card competition which was across Melton and Rutland and won! Alicia will use his design as her Christmas card this year! Well done Marcus!

Her visit was also a great opportunity for the children in Y4-6 to ask her questions about her job and actions she had helped with locally and nationally.



Y1 Sea Dragon talk

Y1 enjoyed a visit this week from Luke from Anglian Water who came to talk to the children about the Rutland Sea Dragon. It was fascinating!



FEM News!

Cake raffle This week's winner is Caden!

Christmas Hampers

FEM are busy preparing the hampers for this year's Christmas Hamper Raffle. Please hand in you donations by **Tuesday 9am at the latest!**

Raffle tickets will go on sale next week!



FEM Facebook Page

Make sure you join the FEM Facebook group so you can keep up to date on all the FEM activities!

[Click here!](#)

Prayer of the week

Dear Lord,
Patience is a virtue.
Patience eventually grows within us.
Help us become patient, Lord.
Calm our anxiousness.
When we have a hard time waiting our turn,
Help us wait quietly. Amen.

Y6 Forest School & DT

Y6 had their last Forest School session this week and enjoyed the obligatory hot chocolate and marshmallows!

In Design & Technology they have been learning about cams. They have used their knowledge to design and build moving toys which feature a cam. Their creations are superb!



Mental Health at Christmas



Although Christmas is known as being such a joyous occasion, it can also be an overwhelming time for some. Take a look at the Mind.org website for some tips for how adults can look after their mental health at Christmas. [Christmas and mental health - Mind](#)

St Joseph's Church

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

