



# English Martyrs CVA

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



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## Coming Up

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<b>Monday 15th Jan</b>	Y5 Swimming	LAMDA Lessons PM
	Drama Club 3.30-4.30pm	Y1-3 Multiskills Club 3.30-4.30pm
<b>Tuesday 16th Jan</b>	Y4 Oakham Museum Trip	Singing Lessons AM
	Flute Lessons PM	Y1 Swimming
	Y4-6 Hockey Club 3.30-4.30pm	
<b>Wednesday 17th Jan</b>	Y 3-6 Choir 12-12.30pm	Piano Lessons PM
	Drum Lessons PM	Y4-6 Netball Club 3.30-4.30pm
<b>Thursday 18th Jan</b>	Guitar Lessons AM	Drum Lessons PM
	Y1-2 Art Club 3.30-4.30pm	Y3-6 Spotlight Club 3.30-4.15pm
	Gymnastics Club 4.15-5pm	Boccia League
<b>Friday 19th Jan</b>	Piano Lessons AM	Celebration Assembly 2.45pm

### Notices

#### • Happy New Year!

We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and New Year and welcome you all back!

#### • Internet and Phones

Our phones and internet are thankfully back up and running now. Thank you for your patience while we catch up with all correspondence.

#### • Emailing the office

For any queries or absence reporting, please can parents/carers email [enquiries@englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk)



### Virtue of the week

The virtue next week is: **Faith**

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

### Opal Project

#### Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our sale and who bought items on the day. We raised £68!

**Guess the Teddy's name**—The winner is Caleb with the name Taffy!

Remember we are looking for donations for our playground play—Large toy animals, Lego, large trucks and diggers, toy cars, pots and pans, kitchen utensils, scooters and bikes, cardboard boxes and tubes. Thank you!





## Head Teacher Awards



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



### Basketball

Well done to the Basketball teams who competed today. Team A won all four of their games qualifying for the finals as group winners. Team B performed superbly and were third on their group, narrowly missing out on a finals spot. The children were amazing!



Happy Birthday to the children who have had birthdays recently



**EYFS**— Penelope

**Y3**— Grace

### Maths Challenge Success!

Well done to the Maths Challenge team made up of Alissa, JR, David, Deandre, Seth and Sam who competed in the third round of the challenge on Tuesday. Once again the children were amazing and achieved a perfect score of 144/144. This means that for the second year we are the winners of the UKMT Team Maths Challenge! A fantastic achievement. It is also worth noting that of the four competing schools we were the only school to get the tie break question based on the Königsberg Bridge Problem completely correct.

### Boccia

Well done to the boccia team of Rhys, David, Micaiah and Jerome who competed on Thursday evening. They played four games, winning three and losing one. They were second overall and qualified for the finals event in a couple of weeks time. Well done everyone!



## Wraparound Care Staffing

For the start of this term we have had some changes to the staffing in our After-school Club. Miss Miller has stepped down from her After School Club post to take on more Teaching Assistant hours. We would like to thank her for all her hard work over the years in running the After-school club with Miss Stead and we know the children will miss her very much! Her role will be taken over by Mrs Orgee and Mrs Barkley who will share the post.

## Y2 Forest School

Miss Turner's class braved the cold and had a fantastic first session at Forest School!



## FEM News!

### Cake Raffle

The winner this week is Heidi!

### Prayer of the week

Dear Lord, please pray for all those across the world who need courage daily to overcome challenge, those affected by war, poverty, loss and illness.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Amen.

## Y6 Legacy Project

Before Christmas, Year 6, led by Mya were running a fund-raising Lucky Dip. They are collecting money which will go towards the Year 6 Legacy Project. The Money will be spent on something which Y6 decide to leave as a lasting memory of their time with us in school. Well done everyone!



## Welcome & Goodbye!

Welcome to Thanulka who started in Y4 before Christmas! We also said a sad goodbye at the start of term to Zarina and Boglarka who moved to their new school in Melton. We wish them all the best and will miss them!

## Children's Mental Health Week



We are busy planning the children's mental health week which starts on Monday February 5<sup>th</sup>, the theme this year 'my voice matters' and it is encouraging young people to be able to talk openly about mental health. We will organise the week around the 5 NHS areas to mental wellbeing: physical activity, connecting, trying something new, giving to others and being mindful. The literacy trust are also involved this year with evidence showing that literacy skills are also connected to positive mental health. Therefore we will be having a whole school writing day during this week, more information to follow.

## St Joseph's Church

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

