



# English Martyrs CVA

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



## Coming Up

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<b>Monday 29th Jan</b>	Y5 Swimming	Y2 Forest School
	LAMDA Lessons PM	Drama Club 3.30-4.45pm
	Y1-3 Multiskills Club 3.30-4.30pm	
<b>Tuesday 30th Jan</b>	St Thomas Aquinas Mass— Selected children	Singing Lessons AM
	Y1 Swimming	Flute Lessons PM
	Y4-6 Hockey Club 3.30-4.30pm	
<b>Wednesday 31st Jan</b>	Level 1 Gym Comp AM	Level 2 Gym Comp PM
	Y 3-6 Choir 12-12.30pm	Piano Lessons PM
	Drum Lessons PM	Y4-6 Netball Club 3.30-4.30pm
<b>Thursday 1st Feb</b>	Guitar Lessons AM	Drum Lessons PM
	Y1-2 Art Club 3.30-4.30pm	Y3-6 Spotlight Club 3.30-4.15pm
	Boccia League	Gymnastics Club 4.15-5pm
<b>Friday 2nd Feb</b>	Piano Lessons AM	Celebration Assembly 2.45pm

### Notices

#### • Head Lice

We currently have a couple of cases of head lice in school. Please can you check your child's hair and treat if appropriate. Thank you.

#### • Staff car park

Please can you remind children that they shouldn't be scooting or cycling across the staff car park in the morning and at pick up. This is for their own safety. Thank you.



### Virtue of the week

The virtue next week is: **Confidence**

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

### Attendance

Attendance at school is currently **95.8 %**. Our attendance is consistently good and above national average. As you are aware there is a national focus on attendance and punctuality as some schools across the country are experiencing challenges with this area. Recently there have been some interesting reports where high levels of attendance and punctuality are directly linked to the health of an individual and life expectancy as well as life chances going forward. It reminds us all that attendance and punctuality is about the aspirations we all have for our children at English Martyrs. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents for supporting the school with high levels of attendance.



# Head Teacher Awards



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



## Feast Day Preparation

This week the children have been called to be saints! They have been looking at different saints and linking them to our school virtues and how they can use their examples to live out their lives.



Next Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January it is our Trust feast day and some of our children will be travelling across to English Martyrs secondary school to join with other children across the trust in a central Mass. There will be an opportunity for children in school to find out more about St Thomas Aquinas on this day.



Happy Birthday to the children who have had birthdays recently  
**Y4—George and Thomas**



## Basketball

A superb effort in the basketball on Friday saw us finish in second place. Losing out by only one basket! The children were incredible throughout.



# WELCOME

A big welcome to Freya who has started in Year 3 this week!



### Young Voices!

Some of our Y4,5 and 6 children attended the Young Voices concert in Birmingham on Monday. They joined thousands of children in singing all the songs they've been learning for the last few months and had an amazing night! This is such a fantastic experience for the children so a huge thank you to Miss Turner, Miss Reeson, Mrs Barkley and Mrs Boothsby for

accompanying them.

### Pull-in Rules

Please do not drop off your children before the gate opens at 8.50am as this is unsafe when children are left unattended. This may mean that you are in a queue for a few minutes until the gate is open.

Please do not park your car in the main route through the pull-in to get out to take your child round or collect your child as this will cause congestion.

Please can all parents/family members remember to use their virtue of kindness. We appreciate that mornings are busy for all our parents but we do need to be patient whilst we safely get the children in to school. Thank you.

### 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.

Here is a link to parents guidance in preparation for mental health and wellbeing week with ideas of how to support your child with their mental health and wellbeing.

['My voice matters' - Resource for parents V3.pdf](#)



### FEM News!

#### Cake Raffle

The winner this week is Caden!

#### 200 Club cheques

Please ensure you bank any cheques as soon as possible if you have one!

### St Joseph's Church

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

