



English Martyrs CVA

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



Coming Up

Newsletter Issue 23- W/c 18th & 25th March 2024

Wednesday 27th Mar	School Closes at 2.45pm	Spotlight Show
Thursday 11th April	Back to School	

Notices

- Vacancy— Class Teacher**

We currently have a vacancy for a Class Teacher. Please click [here](#) for more information.

- Parentpay balances**

Please check your lunch and wraparound balances over Easter and ensure all accounts are brought up to date. Thank you.



Virtue of the week

The virtue next week is: **Respect**

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

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mrs Scott and Mrs Topping on their new roles at school. After Easter Mrs Scott will be our new Senior Assistant Head Teacher and Mrs Topping will be our new Assistant Head Teacher. They will be part of the new Senior Leadership Team with Mrs Brown, our new Executive Head Teacher.

Goodbye Mrs Chambers!

Today we say a sad goodbye to Mrs Chambers as she retires from her role as Head Teacher at English Martyrs. We are so lucky to have had Mrs Chambers lead our school for the last 10 years and we will miss her very much, especially her enthusiasm, positivity, kindness and willingness to help and support everyone she can. Thank you to the parents and friends who came along to the cream tea, Mrs Chambers' last assembly and Mass, all lovely opportunities to celebrate all she has done for us all and to say goodbye. We wish Mrs Chambers all our love and best wishes for her next adventures and a well deserved rest!

Thank you Mrs Chambers, from all of us, for everything xxx



Mrs Chambers by Year 4

Magnificent and magical you sparkle like a star.

Respectful and resilient showing kindness and love.

Stunning and selfless in everything you do – wow! what a head teacher!

Calm and caring you love everyone you meet- you are a mother to us all.

Heat of Gold you dazzle brightly!

An inspiring leader you educate us with your exquisite assemblies.

Marvellous and mystical you are our wonder woman.

Beautiful and brave you show all your virtues your English Martyrs family love you.

Excellently educated and extraordinarily energetic – a winner for sure!

Retirement is time for you to rest and relax.

So spread your wings and know that you will always have a special place in our hearts forever.



We will miss you!

Catholic Inspection Report

The Diocese have managed to turn our Catholic schools inspection report around quickly so I could share this with parents, staff and governors on my last day which I am very grateful for. It is on the website and the link is [RE-Inspection-2024.pdf \(englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk\)](https://englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk/RE-Inspection-2024.pdf)

We have achieved a good overall with outstanding in all 3 sections of the Catholic life of our school, and an outstanding in provision of prayer and liturgy. We are so proud of this achievement especially the strength of the Catholic life of our school seen in the way our children conduct themselves using their virtues and living out our Mission Statement. We have 3 actions only which will be easily achievable by the team going forward. Thank you for your continued support.



Head Teacher Awards



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



Gymnastics

Congratulations to the Gymnastics team who completed in the county finals last week. Both teams got Silver medals coming 2nd in the County Championships, an amazing achievement!



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



EYFS—Wilfred, Orla, Loki, Maya

Y1— Lily, Jensen

Y2— Luke E, Olivia, **Y3**—Emilia

Y5— Harry, Florence, Sebastian FF,

Y6—Hazel-Mae, Macie-Lola, Micaiah

Kurling

Well done to the New Age Kurling team who took part in the development festival at UCC last week. They were involved a number of games design to develop and rest their skills. They were brilliant throughout!



WELCOME

A big welcome to Ollie who started in Y5 last week!

GOODBYE!

We say a sad goodbye to Taran in EYFS, we wish his well in his new school. We also say goodbye to Mrs Orgee and thank her for all her help in the Wraparound team.

Tag Rugby

Mr Lewin came in on Friday to run some tag rugby sessions with Years 5 and 6. It was a lot of fun!



CAFOD Lenten Walk

Last Thursday, the children took part in our sponsored Lenten walk. It was slightly warmer than our snowy walk last year! Thank you for all the donations, we will announce the total after Easter!



The Jungle Book!

As a leaving gift from Mrs Chambers, the children were treated to a fantastic performance of the Jungle Book! It was amazing! Thank you Mrs Chambers for giving the children this amazing experience!



Y3/4 Easter Production

A big well done to all the children in Mrs Topping and Mrs Boyd's classes for their wonderful Easter Production! They did a fantastic job learning all their lines and also sang beautifully and confidently. A big thank you to the staff who were involved in putting the show together.



EYFS Castle trip

The EYFS children had a lovely trip to Oakham Castle last week to help with their Castles topic. They had a look round the Castle and took part in lots of activities.



Spotlight!

What a fantastic first performance from our Spotlight team! They did a fantastic job last night at Stamford Corn Exchange and they are looking forward to performing again tonight!



OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) Update

Our play rangers are doing an incredible job led by our play coordinator Mrs Green. The feedback from the children is really positive and it has helped enormously to support positive behaviour over lunchtimes as well as providing lot of opportunities for the children to be active and boost wellbeing.

After Easter we hope to have the sand pit in action as well as our digging pit and eventually our new mud kitchen! The school parliament are instrumental in providing pupil voice which is helping to support our play assemblies and the project is shaped around the views of all the children in school.

Thank you for your support!

Does your child have problems with anxiety?

- Bedtime fears
- School worries
- Being away from caregivers
- Social worries
- Phobias (e.g. spiders, dogs)
- And more

OSI could help you

OSI (Online Support and Intervention) is an online platform designed to help parents and carers to learn tools and techniques to help their child (aged 5 to 12 years old) to overcome difficulties with anxiety.

Parents and carers work through weekly online modules that contain videos, quizzes, and interactive worksheets. Parents and carers are also supported by a weekly telephone/video call appointment with a clinician.

You can access OSI at a convenient time for you using any electronic device!



Get in touch:

OSI is being delivered by Leicestershire Partnership NHS MHST Mental Health Support Teams in Schools (MHST).

For further information, please discuss with your school's senior mental health lead.



WELLBEING CORNER

Art Club

The children have worked hard and been fully engaged in Art Club this term. Mrs Long was very proud of their self-portraits!



Y6 Fundraising!

Y6 are fundraising for a new table tennis table. They are selling lots of lovely items every Friday after school, please support them if you can!



Scholastic Books

All orders are ready for collection from the office. Thanks to all the orders we have **£28.04** to spend on books! Thank you!

Prayer of the week

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the extraordinary love, commitment and kindness Mrs Chambers has given to our school. Thank you for they way she has served us and given so much to the children we care for.

We pray that she goes on to find new treasures each day, and that the blessing of Christ will be upon all that she does forevermore, Amen.

FEM News!

Easter Raffle -The winner is Rowan!

Second hand uniform payments

For any second hand uniform purchases, there is now a payment item on Parentpay for donations.

St Joseph's Church

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

