



ENGLISH MARTYRS

CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



Newsletter

18th October 2024

COMING UP

Mon 4th Nov	Y4 Forest School Y3 Swimming	Drama 3.30-4.30pm Y1-2 Multiskills 3.30-4.30pm
Tues 5th Nov	Flu Immunisations Singing Lessons AM	Flute lessons PM
Wed 6th Nov	Piano Lessons PM	Drum Lessons PM
Thurs 7th Nov	Guitar lessons AM	Drum Lessons PM
Fri 8th Nov	Piano Lessons AM	Celebration Assembly 2.45pm

NOTICES

- **ARBOR App**

A reminder please to log into Arbor ready for the new term and clear any balances on Parentpay. Thank you.

- **Scholastic Book orders**

Don't forget to place your book orders over the holidays!

<https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/english-martyrs-le15/digital-book-club>

- **Water bottles**

Please make sure children have a refillable water bottle in school.

Dear families,

Well done to our Chaplaincy Team for leading a superb liturgy for harvest. The children are becoming so confident in leading our school in prayer- it is wonderful to see. Thank you all for the donations for harvest. They were very much appreciated and will make a huge difference to the foodbank.

Thank you to all of the children and staff for a wonderful half term, and thank you to you all for your ongoing support. Please enjoy a restful half term break,

Mrs Brown

HAPPY HALF TERM!





CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



Congratulations to all the children who have received awards this week



BIRTHDAYS



- EYFS - Jesse
- Y2 - Theo
- Y3 - Chloe
- Y4 - Oscar
- Y5 - Emmie, Ella

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Resilience

HARVEST LITURGY

We had a lovely Harvest Liturgy yesterday led by our Mini Chaplains. A big thank you for all the kind donations for the foodbank. After half term we will keep a box in reception for any further donations. There will also be a box at church for donations.

FEM NEWS

AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM. We are pleased to announce the new committee:

Chair: **Emma Harkins**

Vice Chair: **Sophie Howsam**

Treasurer: **Sara Passey**

Secretary: **Elise McAuley**

Co-opted Member: **Claire Lount**

Each class will also have a representative - more information will come out after half term.

A big thank you to Mrs Lack who has stepped down as treasurer this year and to Mr Elmer who was interim Chair.

Cake raffle - Luke E won the first cake and Fred won two cakes!



AUTUMN ACTIVITIES

Have a look at these fun Autumn activities from the National Trust website.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/50-things/top-50-things-to-do-before-youre-11-activities-to-do-in-autumn>

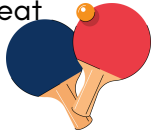


St Joseph's Church

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

TABLE TENNIS

Well done to the Y6 boys who played at the table tennis event at USSC. They played with skill and determination and came 5th - a great achievement!



Y3 TRIP TO RUTLAND MUSEUM

Mrs Topping's class had a great afternoon at the Rutland County Museum on Tuesday. Their class topic is the Stone Ages and they were given some activities and even got to handle lots of real Stone Age objects!



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The children have loved making clay sculptures in After School Club and this week they enjoyed painting them.



ANCIENT GREECE DAY!

Miss Mosely's class enjoyed their Ancient Greece day! They wore some fantastic costumes and loved creating their own mosaics.



FOOTBALL

Well done to the Year 5/6 footballers who played on Tuesday. The games were tough, but the boys played with determination and perseverance. The final game against Leighfield was nail biting but they managed to hold them to a draw. Thanks to parents for supporting and players for being awesome!



CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to everyone who took part in the Cross-Country last Friday at Rutland Water.



Each of the athletes were amazing and gave 100%. A special mention for the Y5 boys - who as a team were second place in the team competition. Well done everyone and thank you to the staff who helped out at the event.

PRAYER

A Prayer for Autumn

God our Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
You created the changing seasons,
Showing us how beautiful our world is.

As Autumn begins, help us to stop and see
The bright blazing shades of falling leaves,
The gentle golden light of the setting sun,
The silvery shimmer of a dewy morning,
The gorgeous glory of harvest fruits.

Lord, the world we share is wonderful!

Inspire us to work together to cherish creation,
So the seasons continue to reveal your beauty to all.

Amen.



Smartphone Free Childhood is a grassroots movement of parents who believe childhood's too short to be spent on a smartphone

We're on a mission to

01.

Bring parents together to start new and positive conversations about the problems of smartphones and social media in childhood

02.

Empower parents to wait to get their kids a smartphone until at least the end of Year 9, through signing up to the Parent Pact in their region

03.

Demonstrate that parents are demanding change at scale, and therefore force the government and tech companies to act

Why we're doing this now

We've been put in an impossible position by the tech companies. It's a lose lose - either allow our children access to something all the evidence tells us is damaging, or say no and risk alienating them among their peers at a crucial stage of their social development. **We believe something needs to change, and it starts with all of us.**



Scan to sign the Parent Pact
[#smartphonefreechildhood](#)

How you can get involved

Sign the Parent Pact - Join the growing movement of parents choosing to delay - it takes 30 seconds
parentpact.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk

Join your WhatsApp community - Find solidarity, support and inspiration - we have one in every county in Britain
whatsapp.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk

Help build the movement - Volunteer to be a Regional Leader and start making change in your community
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