



# ENGLISH MARTYRS

## CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



# Newsletter

18th July 2025

## COMING UP

<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Bank Holiday – School Closed	
<b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Inset Day – School Closed	
<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Inset Day – School Closed	
<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Back to School!</b>	
<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> August</b>	No Celebration Assembly	

Dear families,

As I come to the end of my time as Headteacher of English Martyrs, I am filled with immense gratitude for the opportunity and privilege of leading this exceptional school community. Thank you sincerely for your support and partnership as families and to the Friends of English Martyrs- this incredible community has crept into my heart and I will know that as I reflect back on my time at English Martyrs in future years, I will treasure this time and it will be a precious memory.

I would like to say a special thank you to the children. Their curiosity, love of learning and enthusiasm serve as a constant reminder of why we are so privileged to work in education. They are a credit to you as families and I am really going to miss them. I wish them all the best in their new classes and know that they will continue to be exceptional! Good bye and God Bless to our Year 6 as they take an exciting step on their journey and start their secondary education.

Finally, I extend my heartfelt thanks to the staff team and to our school governors. Their immeasurable dedication extends far beyond the classroom and they are a special team that I am both proud and humbled to have served.

I wish everyone a wonderful and restful holiday and wishing you all the best for the future.

God Bless,  
Gosia Brown

# THANK YOU

## BIRTHDAYS

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

EYFS - Julie

Y1 - Lily, Charlie

Y2 - Bertie, Jack

Y3 - Maria Ana, Maria João, Katie,  
Eva, Joshua, Harry

Y4 - Heidi

Y5 - Thanulka, Chris

Y6 - Oscar, Jason, Grace, Poppy

# GOODBYE

Goodbye to our wonderful Year 6s. They have had a lovely last week, with their Leavers' Mass and Assembly and their fantastic production. We wish them all the best on their new adventures in their new secondary schools, where we know they will shine!

We also say a sad goodbye to Marcus, Marguerite, Cressie and Ella-Mai. We wish them all the best and we will miss them.

Thank you again to Mrs Castle and Mrs Willard who had their last day with us today, and to Miss Berry who was teaching in Year 4.

**Thank  
You**

A big thank you to Mrs Seddon, Mr Passey and Mrs Fresia who have stepped down this year from their roles in the governing body. We thank them for all their support and help.



## BEACH DAY

The children had a brilliant Beach Day! Thank you to FEM for organising the ice cream treat!



We said a sad goodbye to Mrs Brown today as she leaves English Martyrs. The children led a beautiful Celebration of the Word, thanking Mrs Brown for all she has done for the English Martyrs community and wishing her well as she returns full time to St Francis.

Thank you Mrs Brown, we will miss you very much!





## Y5/6 RUTLAND WATERSPORTS

Year 5 and 6 had an amazing day at Rutland Water on Monday where they took part in raft building and kayaking. Thank you to the staff for accompanying the children.



## TALENT SHOW

Well done to all the children who performed in the Talent Show this week. We already knew that English Martyrs is full of talented children but it was great to see them perform so confidently! A big thank you to Mrs Needham, Daniel and Harvey for judging!



# TALENT SHOW

## PRAYER

### SUMMER PRAYER

Dear God our Father,

Thank you for summer! Thank you for the longer days and the beauty around us. Thank you for the slower pace and the time to be with family and friends.

Draw us closer to You this summer. Make us aware of your presence around us and teach us to pray wherever we are. As we enjoy Your creation, give us a hunger and thirst for You.

We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB WATER FIGHT

The children in After School Club enjoyed a water fight in their last session yesterday!



## FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. Please contact the office if you would like more information. Please note, a Foundation Governor has to be a practising Catholic. Thank you.



### St Joseph's Church

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



# UNIFORM SWAP

'Save money, reduce landfill and combat climate change'



**Rutland  
Clothing  
Bank**



**Saturday 26th July**  
10am - 11.30am

**Please donate school uniform**  
(In good condition and washed) and bring  
it to the **customer service desk** at  
**TESCO Oakham**

**Please label your bags of donations as**  
**washed and bring them by**  
**Saturday 19th July.**

**RUTLAND COUNTY MUSEUM**

## ARTS & CRAFTS WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS

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HISTORY AND MAKE YOUR OWN  
TREASURES TO TAKE HOME

NO PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED. £3 PER  
CHILD. UNDER 4S GO FREE!



**23 JULY**

**Invaders!**

**Anglo-Saxons and Vikings**

FROM LONGSHIPS AND LONGHOUSES TO  
BROOCHES, BEADS AND MORE



**6 AUGUST**

**All at Sea!**

CRAFTS EXPLORING SEA CREATURES  
AND OCEAN ENVIRONMENTS

**Sky High!**

**30 JULY**

TAKE FLIGHT WITH ALL THINGS WINGED  
FROM GLIDERS AND PLANES TO BIRDS  
AND INSECTS

**20 AUGUST**



**Celebrate VJ Day!**

CELEBRATE THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
VJ DAY MAKING DECORATIONS AND  
WORLD WAR TWO THEMED CRAFTS

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## SUMMER CAMP

**2025**

### ACTIVITIES

- Scavenger Hunt
- Animal Care
- Outdoor Games
- Play Water Games
- Campfire Cooking
- Educational Nature Walk

**£45 PER DAY**

**22 JULY - 22 AUGUST, 2025**

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## SUMMER NETBALL CAMP

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and  
Friday 22 August  
9am-3pm**

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or  
£60 for both**

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