



ENGLISH MARTYRS

CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



Newsletter

3rd October 2025

COMING UP

Monday 6th October	Y3 Swimming AM Y6 Forest School PM	Y1-3 Multiskills Club 3.30-4.30pm Drama 3.30-4.30pm
Tues 7th October	Mass St Josephs 9.30am - all welcome Flute Lessons AM/PM	Y4-6 Sportshall Athletics Club 3.30-4.30pm
Wed 8th October	World Mental Health Day - Wear Yellow Piano Lessons PM Drum Lessons PM	Y 3-6 Singing Club - 12-12.30pm Y4-6 Basketball Club 3.30-4.30pm Y1-3 Coding Club 3.30-4.30pm
Thurs 9th October	Guitar Lessons AM Chaplaincy Retreat	Drum Lessons PM Y3-6 Dodgeball Club 3.30-4.30pm
Fri 10th October	Space Centre Trip Y5 & 6 Piano Lessons AM LAMDA AM	Singing/Violin Lessons PM Celebration Assembly 3pm
Sat 11th October	Open Day 9.30-11.30am	

NOTICES

• Pull-in

Just a reminder please to turn right out of the pull-in to help ease congestion and to help with safety during drop off and pick up. Thank you.

• Lost property

We have a large amount of lost property. Please make sure all uniform is clearly named. Please pop into the office if you want to look through the box.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 25/26

Application forms are available now for St Joseph's First Holy Communion Programme 2025/26, leading to the celebration of First Holy Communion next year. If your child is in Year 3 at school has not yet made their First Holy Communion, then please obtain an application form from the back of Church. The closing date for registering for the Programme is Monday 27th October.





CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



Congratulations to all the children who won awards at Celebration Assembly this week



BIRTHDAYS

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Y2 - Molly
Y6- Madeline

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Love of Learning

If your child has shown the weekly virtue out of school, please post a picture on their portfolio on Class Dojo so the teacher can see!

MESSAGE FROM MRS RUTLEDGE

Good afternoon families

This week we had some visitors from our Catholic Multi-Academy Trust who spent the day speaking with pupils and staff, observing lessons and working with subject leaders. I just wanted to say how impressed they were with the teaching and learning, safeguarding, behaviour and attendance and variety of curriculum, clubs and opportunities that are experienced at English Martyrs every day. It makes me very proud to working with and leading with great staff, pupils and families.

We will be welcoming families next Saturday 11th October 9.30-11.30am to our Open Day and yourselves the following week to our classroom showcase for this half term on Tuesday 14th October. You are also invited to see our fantastic OPAL (outdoor play and learning) provision on Wednesday 15th October. Further details to follow.

One of the many highlights of the visit report this week was from the Year 4 students who "were a credit to the school, knew all the school virtues, enjoyed learning about tone and shading in Art lessons and how to stay safe online".

Well done everyone, you truly lived out our Mission to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, growing and learning with the gifts you have all been given.

With every blessing,
Mrs Rutledge

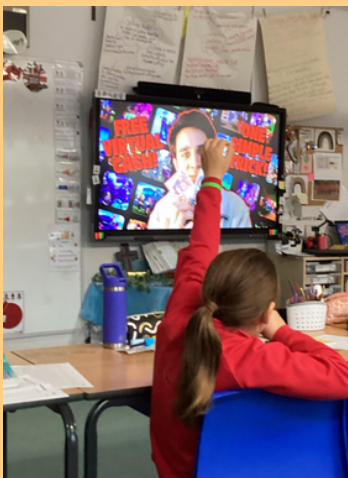
Y3 RUTLAND MUSEUM TRIP

Year 3 had a fantastic morning at Rutland County Museum today taking part in a Stone Age to Bronze Age workshop. The children were able to handle real artefacts and even made a Bronze Age village when they returned to school!



Y5 WARNING ZONE WORKSHOP

The Year 5s had a visit from The Warning Zone team today. They downloaded their Technical Toolkit to help them in the real world and online. They learnt about the 'rewind button' which taught them to look at situations that they might need to avoid, and to trust their guts. They learnt about the 'truth detector', if something doesn't feel right or if something is too good to be true, it probably is. Finally, they learnt about their 'pressure shield' - if you feel pressured, you can pause and say no. It was a brilliant session! Big thanks to the team for coming in.

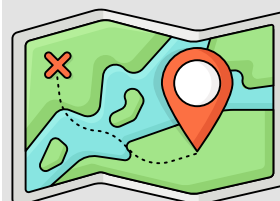


Y2 RE



EYFS/Y1 MAPS

The children did a great job last week making maps with a key!



CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to all of the athletes who competed in the cross country at Sykes Lane on Friday. It was great to see so many children taking part. We ended up with 4 qualifiers for county cross country and another 3 who were in reserve places, a really great achievement. Thanks to Mrs Topping for managing the team and to the parents who kindly assisted with marshalling and transporting the flag to the event.



FEM

The FEM AGM will be held on **Wednesday 15th October at 9.15am** at school. Please do come along.

Uniform - If you got some uniform from FEMs uniform sale last week, please make a donation via Arbor in the school shop.

GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Well done to the girls football team who played on Thursday. They were absolutely superb and played with skill and determination throughout. They finished the competition in 3rd position a really great achievement. Thanks to all of the players and our enthusiastic band of supporters!



WEAR YELLOW DAY - 8TH OCTOBER

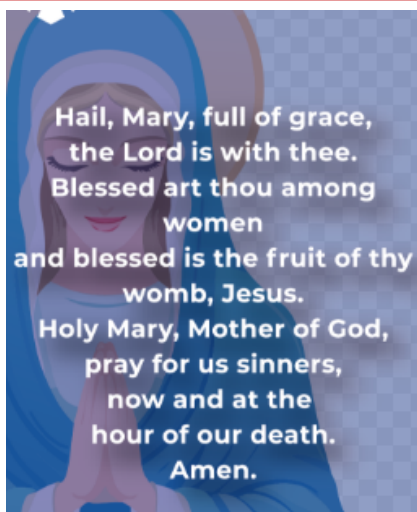
Our school Well-Being Ambassadors would like to invite everyone to Wear Yellow on Wednesday 8th October to celebrate World Mental Health Day. Yellow socks, t-shirts, jumpers or a full yellow banana costume - the choice is yours! Please click on the link below to make a donation to Young Minds and see if we can reach our target of £125.



<https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/fundraisers/EnglishMartyrs/hello-yellow>

Thank you for your support.

PRAYER



St Joseph's Church

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

OPEN DAYS

ENGLISH MARTYRS, WILLOW CRESCENT, OAKHAM
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Come and visit us at an open morning or any time convenient for you

Saturday 11th October 9.30am - 11.30am	Thursday 6th November 9.30am - 11.30am
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