



ENGLISH MARTYRS

CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



Newsletter

17th October 2025

COMING UP

Monday 3rd November	Back to School Y3 Swimming AM	Y2 Forest School PM Drama 3.30-4.30pm
Tues 4th November	Flute Lessons AM/PM	
Wed 5th November	Piano Lessons PM Drum Lessons PM	Service Children's Club 3.30-4.30pm
Thurs 6th November	Open Day 9.30-11.30am Guitar Lessons AM Drum Lessons PM	TBC Dodgeball Club 3.30-4.30pm TBC Dodgeball Club 4.30-5.30pm
Fri 7th November	Piano Lessons/LAMDA AM	Singing/Violin Lessons PM Celebration Assembly 3pm

NOTICES

• Arbor balances

Just a reminder please to check your Arbor balances over half term and pay any outstanding debts. If paying for wraparound care with childcare vouchers, please email the office with the amount, date and how you would like the voucher split between breakfast and after school club.

• Names in uniforms

We have a large amount of lost property. Please make sure all uniform is clearly named over half term.



OPAL PLAY DAY

It was fantastic to be able to showcase OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) to parents on Wednesday. The children really enjoyed showing all the activities and areas to their families. Please see the flyer further down the newsletter for items we need.





CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



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



BIRTHDAYS



Y1 - Gracie-Mae, Jesse

Y3 - Betts, Theo

Y4 - Chloe

Y6- Emmie, Ella

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Courage

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!

HARVEST LITURGY

We had a lovely Harvest Celebration of the Word this morning led by our Mini Vinnies! Thank you for all the kind donations we received for Rutland Foodbank.



OPEN CLASSROOMS

Thank you to everyone who came along to our open classroom afternoon. The children loved sharing their work with their families!

GREEK DAY

Miss Moseley's class had a great day for their Greek Day. They did lots of fun activities including a mini Olympics! They looked fantastic in their costumes too.



GOODBYE

We said goodbye to Miss Kearns this week, our school Chaplain. A big thank you for all her work and support in school around RE.



RYDA WORKSHOP

Thank you to Sarah at RYDA who came into school this week to run a street dance workshop for our Y5/6 boys, they had a fantastic time! See the flyer at the end of the newsletter if your child is interested in joining her new boys dance crew!



PRAYER

Dear Jesus,
How exciting it is to have a holiday ahead of us!
Time to enjoy our families, create new memories and experiences.
Bless our teachers and our classmates.
Help us Lord, to be thankful and to see each day as a time to be closer to you.
Amen



St Joseph's Church

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

ROCKSTEADY WORKSHOPS

The children (and staff!) loved the Rocksteady Music Workshops today. Keep an eye out in book bags and on parentmail for more information.



VISIT TO THE VATICAN

We had a visit from Dr Nicoll this week who works at Oakham School and is a parishioner at St Joseph's. During half term he will be at an audience with Pope Leo as part of a visit to the Vatican with the English Section of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. Each class presented him with a special card with messages from the children which he will hand over at the audience. Thank you too to Mr Mountford who joined Dr Nicoll on his visit and played the trumpet for the children!



FEM NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM. FEM are pleased to announce this year's positions:

Chair : Emma Harkins

Vice: Claire Lount

Treasurer: Sara Passey

Secretary: Emma McAuley

Co-opted Member: Elizabeth (Lily) Harden

Thank you to those who have also joined as members. FEM are always looking for people to help so please do let them know if you are happy to get involved.

OPAL EQUIPMENT

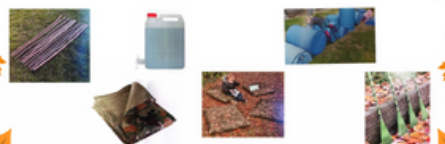
FEM are looking for items to support school's OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) program and would love your help!

While all OPAL-friendly items are welcome, over half term we're especially looking for:

Broom/mop handles
Waterproof sheeting/ tarpaulin
Outdoor/waterproof cushions, pillows, beanbags
Plastic Jerry cans
Gardening tools: rakes, brushes, trowels
Garden plastic barrels

Please drop donations at the school office w/c 3rd November.

Please ensure items are suitable for children to play and use.



OPAL is enjoyed by all children - thank you for supporting their play! F.E.M