



ENGLISH MARTYRS

CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



Newsletter

16th January 2026

COMING UP

Monday 19th Jan	Y5 Swimming AM Y4 Forest School	Rock Steady PM Hockey Club 3.30-4.30pm
Tues 20th Jan	Flute Lessons PM Boccia @ EM 3.30pm	Football Club 3.30-4.30pm Spotlight Club 3.30-4.30pm
Wed 21st Jan	Piano/Drum Lessons PM	
Thurs 22nd Jan	Guitar Lessons AM Drum Lessons PM	Art Club 3.30-4.30pm Dodgeball Club 3.30-4.30pm
Fri 23rd Jan	LAMDA/Piano lessons AM Basketball @ Uppingham School AM - selected Y6	Singing Lessons PM Celebration Assembly 3pm Dodgeball 3.30-4.30pm

NOTICES

• Arbor balances

Please ensure any debit balances for meals and wraparound care are cleared as balances should run in credit. Please contact the office if there are any difficulties with this.

• Drop off

We encourage all parents to drop children off at the gate in the morning instead of walking round to the classroom with them, to help with independence (unless an arrangement is in place with the class teacher).

Thank you.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We had a great start to 2026 with KS2 attending Mass at St Joseph's church for the feast day of Epiphany on 6th January. It was a lovely celebration with our fellow parishioners and we got to see the church's beautiful crib.





CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



Congratulations to all the children who won awards at Celebration Assembly the last two weeks



BIRTHDAYS

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Y2 - Daniel Y3 - Oscar
Y5 - Grace, Oliver
Y6 - Desiree

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!

BOCCIA

Well done to the boccia team who have played their first two fixtures. The boys played brilliantly last week but unfortunately the results went against them. This week they narrowly lost their first game to St Nick's before securing an emphatic victory over Cottesmore Academy. Well done!



GOODBYE

This term we say a huge thank you and goodbye to Mr Chris Thomas who has been a parent governor at school for many years. We thank him for his unwavering support over the years.

This term we also say a sad goodbye to Julie, Evelyn, Sebby, Kara and Orla and wish them the best in their new schools.

WELCOME

We welcome James to Year 4 this week and Miss Spavin, a trainee teacher who is in EYFS/Y1 this term.

YOUNG VOICES

Children from Years 4, 5 and 6 had an amazing time at Young Voices on Monday. They sang their hearts out as part of a choir of 5000 children at the Young Voices concert in Birmingham. A huge thank you to Miss Turner, Miss Reeson, Mrs McConnell and Mrs Chombe who accompanied the children.



ROMANS IN RUTLAND

Year 4's trip to Rutland County Museum had to be cancelled due to the weather but a big thank you to Emma who brought the museum to us!



FOREST SCHOOL FUN!

Miss Moseley's class started their Forest School sessions this week and had lots of fun!



SINGERS NEEDED!

Come and sing for St Joseph! Calling all children and young people, age 7-18 for a choir for a mass for St Joseph's on Thursday 19th March. We are rehearsing on Thursday evenings, 6.25-7.10 at St Joseph's, singing Gregorian Chant in Latin. No need for previous experience of Latin or chant, and all music will be provided. For more details, phone Jenny or Cecile on 01572 770 580, email: stmichaelschantchoir@gmail.com or just come to a rehearsal. Everyone welcome!

PRAYER

Dear Lord
You've given the beautiful gift of faith to each of us.
Help us welcome that gift and have faith to know
that you will always be with us and listen to our
prayers.

Fill us with faith in you.

Amen



St Joseph's Church

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

RECORDERS

Our Year 3 children enjoyed their first recorder session with Maggie this week!



GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We currently have a vacancy for a **Parent Governor**. Please contact the office if you would like more information. Self-nominations will need to be submitted by 30th January.