



# ENGLISH MARTYRS

## CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



# Newsletter

23rd January 2026

## COMING UP

<b>Monday 26th Jan</b>	Y5 Swimming AM Y4 Forest School	Rock Steady PM Hockey Club 3.30-4.30pm
<b>Tues 27th Jan</b>	Flute Lessons PM Boccia @ EM 3.30pm	Football Club 3.30-4.30pm Spotlight Club 3.30-4.30pm
<b>Wed 28th Jan</b>	St Thomas Aquinas Feast Day	Piano/Drum Lessons PM
<b>Thurs 29th Jan</b>	Guitar Lessons AM Drum Lessons PM	Art Club 3.30-4.30pm Dodgeball Club 3.30-4.30pm
<b>Fri 30th Jan</b>	Coffee & Conversation 9.15am LAMDA/Piano lessons AM	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.



## OFSTED INSPECTION

Dear families,

On behalf of all of our staff, I would like to say thank you all for your support over the last few days. We truly appreciated your kind words, prayers and chocolates!

With the revised OFSTED framework, we no longer get an overall grade and so we have to wait until we receive the report in a few weeks time. We can say that your children were a credit to you and to our school and once again, we thank you for all your continued support.

Kind regards  
Mrs Rutledge

# Thank you!



## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



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



### BIRTHDAYS

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

EYFS - Marcelie

Y2 - Zara

Y6 - George, Thomas

### VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

*Confidence*

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!

### BASKETBALL

Well done to the basketball teams who competed on Friday, both teams were superb and played with skill and determination. We ended the qualifying round in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place and both teams will be going back to compete in the finals. Well done everyone!



### WELCOME

This week we welcome Miss Riley who joins us as a Teaching Assistant in EYFS/Y1. We also welcome Miss Pandit who is a trainee teacher working in Y2 until March.

### GOODBYE

This week we said a sad goodbye to Eva and wish her all the best in her new school.



## Y3 POP ART

Mrs Topping's class have created some fabulous pop art block printing!



## BOCCIA

Well done to the boccia team who played their final league matches on

Tuesday. The boys were brilliant and won both of their games with ease. All four teams in our group have ended the competition with equal numbers of wins and defeats. Well done everyone!



## NATURE ART

The children in EYFS/Y1 have enjoyed their nature art this week.



## PRAYER - JUBILEE PLEDGE

Dear Lord

We are pilgrims of hope.

We pledge to bring hope to our local community and those in need.

To shine the light of hope to build a better world together.

To grow and learn with the gifts we've been given.

Following in the footsteps of Jesus.

Amen



**St Joseph's Church**

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



## 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](mailto:stmichaelschantchoir@gmail.com) or just come to a rehearsal. Everyone welcome!

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> January.