



ENGLISH MARTYRS

CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



Newsletter

13th February 2026

COMING UP

Mon 23rd Feb	Y5 Swimming Y2 Forest School	Rock Steady PM Cricket Club 3.30-4.30pm
Tues 24th Feb	EYFS & Y6 NHS Height/Weight Flute Lessons PM	Unihoc Club 3.30-4.30pm Spotlight Club 3.30-4.30pm
Wed 25th Feb	Piano/Drum Lessons PM Creative Club 3.30-4.30pm Netball Club 3.30-4.30pm	FEM Disco KS1 4.30-5.30pm & KS2 5.45-6.45pm
Thurs 26th Feb	Guitar Lessons AM Drum Lessons PM	Dodgeball Club 3.30-4.30pm
Fri 27th Feb	Family Fast Day - CAFOD LAMDA/Piano lessons AM	Celebration Assembly 3pm Dodgeball 3.30-4.30pm

NOTICES

• Flute Lessons

Mrs Dustan currently has a space for flute lessons. Please contact the office if your child is interested.

• LAMDA Lessons

There are also spaces for LAMDA lessons. Please contact the office if your child is interested.

• Clubs

Please sign up for clubs as soon as possible. Mrs Valiente will send confirmation of places during half term.

• Contacting the office

Please use enquiries@englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk for any general queries.



NURTURE UK ACCREDITATION



National Nurturing School Award 2026

We are pleased and proud to announce that we have been awarded the National Nurturing Schools Award! Over the last two years, we have worked hard to embed the six principles of nurture: Wellbeing, Safety, Learning, Transition, Behaviour and Language. This has been led primarily by School Parliament, who have led assemblies on each principle and supported activities for the children.

'The thoughtful, considered approach to nurture the school demonstrates a strong commitment to nurturing practice, with a clear focus on inclusion, belonging, and supporting families to overcome barriers.'

Many thanks to all of our families, children and staff for contributing to this award and to Mrs Scott and Mrs Topping for all their hard work leading this.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK



We've had a fantastic week celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. We started with Mindfulness Monday followed by Toast Tuesday which was a big success - big thanks to Tesco Oakham for donating the bread and butter. We managed Workout Wednesday once the rain had passed, thank you to the families who stayed for that and to Mrs Burgess for the special Olympic biscuits at lunchtime. Thursday was Thinking Thursday and then we finished the week with Fun Friday which was filled with disco dancing, colourful clothes and games. Thank you to Disco Steve too!



BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Y1 Jackson
- Y4 - Emme
- Y5 - Imogen
- Y6 - Octavia

WELCOME

Welcome to Mrs Dalby who has joined us this week as a Teaching Assistant. Mrs Dalby worked with us 10 years ago so it is lovely to welcome her back!

GOODBYE

We said a sad goodbye to Hux last week, we wish him all the best in his new school.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Love

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 at Uppingham School on Friday. Both teams were superb and played with resilience, skill and determination. Our Red Team ended the competition in 6th place and the Blue Team in 4th place. Well done and thank you to all of the players.



GYMNASTICS

Huge congratulations to all our fabulous gymnasts who represented the school this week at the gymnastics competition! A massive thank you to Miss Crowther who coached and supported the children.



SAFER INTERNET DAY

For Safer Internet Day today, the Digital Leaders led a whole school assembly which introduced this year's theme of 'Smart tech, safe choices - Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'. The children discussed different types of AI and the ways that we can use it safely.



Y5 COMPUTING

The children in Y5 enjoyed using the Crumbles in IT this week to test out their designs.



Y3 RICHARD III TRIP

Mrs Topping's class had a fantastic trip to the Richard III centre in Leicester. They also visited Leicester Cathedral to see the tomb of Richard III. Thank you to Mr Stuart for helping out on the day too.



LUNAR NEW YEAR

The children in EYFS/Y1 made a fantastic dragon for lunar New Year and paraded round the school! Thank you also to Mrs Burgess for the fantastic themed lunch!



Y3 POP ART

the children in Y3 made some fabulous pop art inspired by Andy Warhol's Marilyn.



PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

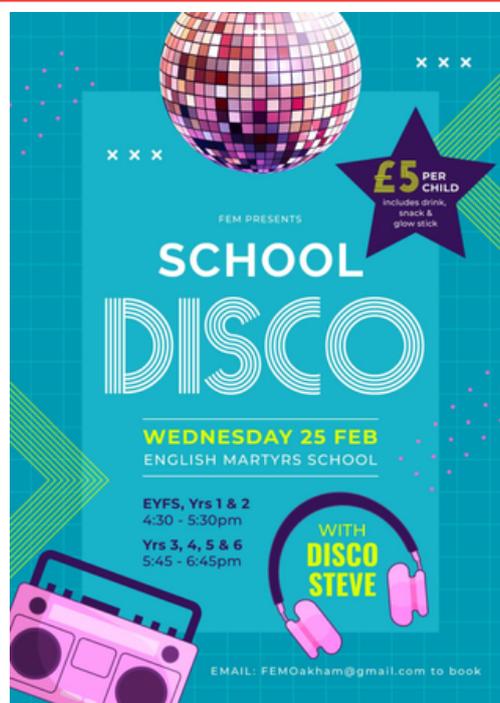
Thank you to everyone who voted in the parent governor ballot. We can confirm that Mrs Janes was successful in the ballot and so we welcome her to our governing body. Thank you also to Mr Stuart for his support.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Don't forget to order books! Go to <https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-2MLP2JH1> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by **February 27th**.

FEM DISCO - COMING SOON!



PRAYER FOR LENT

Loving God, as we begin this season of Lent, remembering we are dust, yet abundantly loved by you, fill us with gratitude for all you have made. Open in us your ways of generosity, and may the gifts we offer help us to share your love with all, in our homes, our communities and our world. Teach us to pray, drawing us ever closer to you, so that we may walk with Jesus as he journeys to the Cross.

Amen



St Joseph's Church

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



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ABOUT TEACHING?

Drop-in to find out more...



28th February 2026

10am-1pm



**Sock Gallery Loughborough
Town Hall**

Pop along and chat with us

- If you are:
- A sixth-form student exploring university choices
 - A final-year uni student wondering what's next
 - A teaching assistant looking to progress
 - Considering a career change

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TEACH LLR

Any questions about the event? Email office@sdsa.net