



ENGLISH MARTYRS

CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



Newsletter

17th July 2026

COMING UP

Thurs 27th Aug	INSET DAY - School Closed	
Fri 28th Aug	INSET DAY - School Closed	
Mon 31st Aug	Bank Holiday - School Closed	
Tues 1st Sep	Back to school! EYFS in until 12pm	Tea & Tissues 9am for new parents
Wed 2nd Sep	EYFS in until 12pm	
Thurs 3rd Sep	EYFS in until 12pm	
Fri 4th Sep	EYFS in until 1pm	

MESSAGE FROM MRS RUTLEDGE

Dear families

As I come to the end of my first year as Headteacher of English Martyrs, I would like to thank our wonderful pupils, staff, governors, parish community and families for the warm welcome, support and encouragement I have received throughout the year.

It has been a truly memorable year, full of achievement, growth and celebration. One of the highlights was our January 2026 Ofsted inspection, which recognised the many strengths of our school, particularly in attendance and behaviour, personal development and wellbeing, while affirming the strong Catholic ethos that lies at the heart of everything we do. The report reflected the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our pupils and the fantastic partnership we share with parents.

We have also enjoyed many special moments together as a community. Our Colour Dash was a tremendous success, raising funds for charity while providing an unforgettable afternoon of fun, laughter and togetherness for our children. The event perfectly captured the joy, community spirit and sense of belonging that make English Martyrs such a special place. We were also delighted to welcome Rutland and Stamford Sound to share and celebrate the afternoon with us.

As we look back on the year, I am incredibly proud of all that our children have achieved, both academically and personally. Their kindness, resilience and enthusiasm inspire us every day and give us great confidence for the future.

Thank you for your continued support and for entrusting us with your children's education. It is a privilege to serve this wonderful school community. I wish all of our families a restful and happy summer break, and I look forward to building on this year's successes together in the year ahead.

God bless

Mrs Jo Rutledge

Headteacher

Y3 END OF YEAR AWARDS

Well done to the Year 3 children who were presented with their awards on Monday!



BIRTHDAYS



EYFS - Zachary

Y2 - Lily, Charlie

Y3 - Bertie, Jack

Y4 - Maria Ana, Maria João, Katie,
Joshua, Harry

Y5 - Heidi

Y6 - Dulneth, Chris

GOODBYE

At the end of term we have some sad goodbyes to say. Miss Riley in EYFS is moving to pastures new and we wish her all the best in her new role. Miss Brown and Miss Needham from After School Club are off to university and we wish them well in their new adventures. Congratulations and good luck to Mrs Latham who has been a trainee teacher with us and has secured a teaching post at another primary school.

We also say a sad goodbye to Reegan, Luke, Grace and Joshua. We will miss them very much and wish them well in their new schools.

Congratulations

Year 6 have had a fantastic last week of term. They put on a fantastic performance of The Wrong Way Round, had a lovely Leavers' Mass and Affirmations, plus a fun water fight! To top it all off, they got fantastic SATs results too! We are very proud of everything they have achieved whilst at English Martyrs and we know they will shine at secondary school. Good luck Year 6!



THANK YOU

A big thank you to Mrs McGrory and Mr Thomas who are leaving after being part of our governing body and school community for many years. We thank you for your dedication and commitment to our school.

Thank you also to all our volunteers in school, your contribution is invaluable and we really appreciate all your help this academic year.



FEM

A big thank you to FEM for all their hard work this year to raise much needed funds for school. They have contributed £10 per child for trips and activities this year and they have paid for a huge amount of OPAL resources which have been enjoyed by all the children.

The grand total profit from this year's summer fair was:

£1,276

Thank you again for all the families who have contributed towards all the fundraising. As school budgets continue to be cut, the work of FEM becomes even more vital so as a school we appreciate all the hard work. Thank you!

The FEM AGM is on Thursday 17th September at 9.15am

HEAD BOY & HEAD GIRL

Well done to Simba and Aurelia who were selected as our new Head Boy and Head Girl for next year. A big thank you to Harry and Brooke who did a great job this year!



KS1 SPORTS DAY

The children in KS1 had a fantastic sports day on Thursday. Thank you to all the families who came to watch. Thank you to the Y6s for helping.



EYFS/Y1/Y2 TRIP TO BURGHLEY HOUSE

Our KS1 children had a lovely trip to Burghley House this week. Things didn't quite go to plan as there was a power cut, but they still enjoyed their day out!



Y5 FENLANDS TREAT

Our Year 5s enjoyed their special treat this week – a morning on the climbing wall and archery. A big thank you to Reegan and his mum for arranging this.



ROCK STEADY CONCERT

Well done to all the children who performed at the Rock Steady concert this week. You were all brilliant!



TESCO BLUE TOKENS



We are thrilled to have been picked for the Tesco Fruit and Veg Grant programme. We are hoping to raise as much as possible to create a dedicated outdoor learning space where children can grow food, develop lifelong skills, and thrive. Harvesting their produce to eat and share!

You can vote for us in Tesco Oakham from 3rd August until the end of November 2026!

MUSIC/LAMDA LESSONS



As some children will be moving on, our music and LAMDA teachers will have some spaces in the new academic year. Please get in touch with the office if you are interested in your child having the following lessons:
Drums, Guitar, Piano, Flute & LAMDA

We will pass your details on to the teachers. Please note, younger children may be put on a waiting list.

ENGLISH MARTYRS HAS GOT TALENT

Well done to everyone who completed in the Talent Show on Wednesday! There were some fantastic performances! Thank you to our judges, Mrs Needham, Mr Stuart and Maggie.

Congratulations to the winners:

- EYFS - Darcey, Lexie, Florence, Olivia, Marcelie, Alice, Rosie
- Y1 - Millie
- Y2 - Molly D & Molly B
- Y3 - Seth
- Y4 - Thomas, Charlie & Joshua
- Y5 - Martha & Phoebe
- Y6 - Aimee and Desiree



PRAYER

Dear Jesus

Help us to be thankful for the memories we have made this year and for the opportunities to learn and grow. Bless our teachers, friends and families and keep them safe over the summer holidays. May we continue to walk in Your love and follow Your light each day. Fill our hearts with joy as we enjoy this time of rest, fun and adventure.

Amen

St Joseph's Church

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



THANK YOU!

Thank you to local business owner Wes Jolly for donating some new perspex for the EYFS Reading Shed, which has given it a new lease of life! Thank you to Mr Stuart for arranging this and for fitting it.



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