



ENGLISH MARTYRS

CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



Newsletter

4th September 2026

COMING UP

Mon 7th Sep	Y3 Swimming AM Y6 Forest School PM	LAMDA PM 3.30pm -5.00pm Drama Club
Tues 8th Sep	Flute Lessons AM/PM 12-12.30pm Menphys Club	3.30-4.30pm Y4-6 Football Club
Wed 9th Sep	Drum/Piano Lessons PM	3.30-4.30pm Y1-2 Coding Club 3.30-4.30pm Y4-6 Basketball Club 3.30-4.30pm Y3-6 Cooking Club
Thurs 10th Sep	Guitar Lessons AM Drum/Piano Lessons PM	3.30-4.30pm Y1-3 Football Club
Fri 11th Sep		3.00pm Celebration Assembly

NOTICES

• Music/LAMDA Lessons

Our music teachers have some spaces this year, so if your child would like to learn drums, guitar, piano or flute, LAMDA please let the office know asap.

• Drop off

A gentle reminder please that children in Y1 and above are encouraged to walk round to the class by themselves in the morning unless arrangements have been made with the teacher. Thank you.



MESSAGE FROM MRS RUTLEDGE



Dear families

A very warm welcome back to all our children, families and staff as we begin another exciting school year at English Martyrs. I hope that you have enjoyed a restful summer, spent quality time with family and friends, and have returned feeling refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

It has been wonderful to see the school come back to life with the sound of children's laughter, enthusiasm and excitement. A special welcome goes to all the new pupils and families joining our community this year. We are delighted that you have become part of the English Martyrs family.

As a Catholic community, we give thanks for God's blessings and look forward to a year filled with learning, friendship and faith. Together, we will continue to nurture every child, helping them to grow in confidence, achieve their potential and live out our Gospel values each day.

May God bless our whole school community and guide us as we learn, grow and flourish together throughout the year ahead.

Mrs J Rutledge
Headteacher

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Y3 - Alfred

Y4 - Seth

Y6 - Samantha

WELCOME

A big welcome to all our new EYFS children who started this week. We also welcome Olivia and Lottie who started in Y5 and we welcome back Eppy and Arthur in Y3 and Y5 who have come back to English Martyrs after a couple of years away!

EYFS

The children in EYFS have had a great first few days in school and have settled in well. They painted self portraits, had a tour of the school, had a go at writing their names and had lots of fun!



PRAYER

Back to School Prayer

Loving God,

Thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences and a love of learning.

Watch over all who learn, replace fear with joy, anxiety with peace and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience and joy in serving our pupils.

In Jesus's name we pray.

Amen

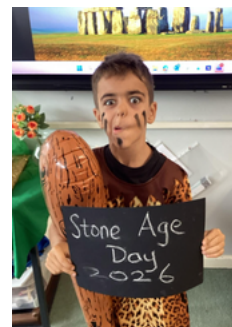


St Joseph's Church

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

Y3 STONE AGE DAY

Mrs Topping's class started off their Stone Age topic in style today, with great costumes and brilliant activities.



THANK YOU AGAIN!

A huge thank you again to local business owner Wes Jolly from Perspexview for donating some more perspex for the EYFS ramp. Thank you to Mr Stuart for arranging this and for fitting it.

THANK YOU!



TESCO BLUE TOKENS

Don't forget to vote for English Martyrs in Tesco Oakham! Pop your blue tokens in our box to help us get the maximum donation!



Don't forget you can drop off items for the Foodbank in the foyer at school!

Rutland Foodbank Wish-List Harvest / Autumn 2026



Long-life milk (blue & green)
Small jars of coffee
Tinned meats (ham, corned beef, chicken)
Pot noodles, noodles & instant meals
Rice (microwaveable sachets preferred)
Porridge
Juice, snacks and cereal bars for pack-ups
Washing pods
Toiletries



Important

Please note we cannot accept over the counter medication, alcohol, fresh & fridge items, homemade, open or out of date foods



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Registered Charity in England & Wales Number 1158460

07582 783363 or email us info@rutland.foodbank.org.uk

36 Melton Road, Oakham, LE15 6AY (next to Domino's Pizza)

We are open to receive donations Mon-Fri 10.00 – 12.00

JOIN RUTLAND YOUTH CHOIRS!



Thursdays in term-time from 4-6pm



All Saints' Church, Oakham



Three choirs for singers aged 5-18

SCREEN-FREE FUN!

NO AUDITIONS

30+ MEMBERS!



<https://rutlandyouthchoirs.co.uk>