



ENGLISH MARTYRS

CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



Newsletter

18th September 2026

COMING UP

Mon 21st Sep	Y3 Swimming AM Y6 Forest School PM	LAMDA PM 3.30pm -5.00pm Drama Club
Tues 22nd Sep	Flu Immunisations Flute Lessons AM/PM Y4 Scooter Skills	12-12.30pm Menphys Club 3.30-4.30pm Y4-6 Football Club
Wed 23rd 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 24th Sep	Guitar Lessons AM Drum Lessons PM	3.30-4.30pm Y1-3 Football Club Y5/6 Boys Football @ Royce 4.30pm -6pm
Fri 25th Sep	Y6 Warning Zone trip 3.00pm Celebration Assembly	3pm Cross Country @ Sykes Lane - Y3-6 - Selected children

NOTICES

• **Lost property**

Please ensure all school uniform and water bottles are named. We already have a collection of lost property of un-named items!

• **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.



OPEN DAYS

If your child is starting school in September 2027, please book onto one of our Open Days in October or November. Please share these dates with anyone who you know may be interested in looking round our wonderful school!



English Martyrs 2026 Open Days

Saturday 10th October (9.30-11.30am)
Thursday 5th November (9.30-11.30am)
Or call 01572 722 400
to arrange a time to suit you





CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



Well done to everyone who got an award this week!



BIRTHDAYS

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

EYFS - Charlie

Y3 - Oliver

Y6 - Noa, Rafferty

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!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The children in After School Club have been enjoying their first couple of weeks back. Last week they celebrated World First Aid Day and this week they enjoyed being pirates for the day! Our Wraparound clubs can be booked on Arbor - Breakfast Club starts at 7.45am and After School Club runs until 5.45pm.



MR TIMMS

Some of our older children and those who have left will remember Mr Timms who volunteered at English Martyrs for many years, facilitating and funding all our Maths Challenges. He sadly passed away over the summer. We will always be grateful for his help and support. May he rest in peace.

FEM AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended the FEM AGM this week. The Chair and Treasurer reports will be shared in due course as well as details of the new committee and class reps.

A big thank you to Mrs Passey, who has stepped down as Treasurer. Mrs Passey has been a great support to FEM over the years and we appreciate all she has done.

WELCOME

Welcome to Matilda who has started with us in Y4 today!

PRAYER

Yom Kippur, known as the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the Jewish year. It is a day dedicated to reflection, repentance, forgiveness, and renewal. Yom Kippur begins at sundown on Sunday, September 20, and concludes at nightfall on Monday, September 21, corresponding to 10 Tishrei 5787.



St Joseph's Church

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

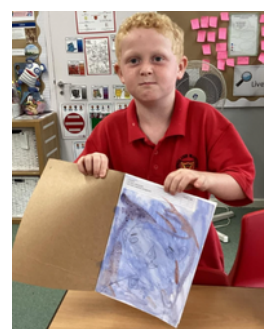
FUN IN EYFS

The children in EYFS have been making brilliant creations in junk modelling and have been doing some amazing writing!



Y3 ART

The children in Y3 have painted some fantastic self portraits this week!



WANTED!

We don't need any more milk bottle tops but do you have a box of mixed Lego that you would be happy to donate to school? Please let the office know, 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!





OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

FROM 5.00PM UNTIL 7.30PM



COME AND JOIN US

We are delighted to invite prospective students and their families to join us at our Open Evening on Wednesday 30 September 2026 from 5.00 - 7.30pm where you will be able to experience our unique educational offer and have a guided tour of our outstanding facilities. Staff and students will give you a flavour of College life and answer any questions you may have. Information will be available regarding extracurricular activities, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Electives, music and sport as well as classroom demonstrations in science and art. You will also have the opportunity to watch performances by our music and drama students. Our Principal, Stuart Williams, welcomes you to his presentation at 5.45pm and 6.45pm, along with our head students, there is no need to book for the presentation.

If you are unable to attend, we are also offering tours with our prefects the week commencing Monday 5 October. Please email office@catmosecollege.com if you would like to arrange this or if you have any questions. Further information can be found on our website, including the prospectus www.catmosecollege.com/onlineprospectus/

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