



ENGLISH MARTYRS

CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



Newsletter

9th October 2026

COMING UP

Sat 10th Oct	Open Day 9.30-11.30am	
Mon 12th Oct	Harvest Festival 9.15am Y3 Swimming AM Y6 Forest School PM	Rock Steady/LAMDA PM 3.30pm -5.00pm Drama Club
Tues 13th Oct	Y4 Greek Day Flute Lessons AM/PM 12-12.30pm Menphys Club	3.30-4.30pm Y4-6 Football Club Y1/2 Open Afternoon 2-3pm
Wed 14th Oct	Y5 Space Centre Trip EYFS Library Visit AM Drum/Piano Lessons PM	3.30-4.30pm Y4-6 Basketball Club 3.30-4.30pm Y3-6 Cooking Club 3.30-4.30pm Y1-2 Coding Club
Thurs 15th Oct	Y5 Lyddington Singing Event Guitar Lessons AM Piano/Drum Lessons PM	Y1/2 Open Afternoon 2-3pm 3.30-4.30pm Y1-3 Football Club
Fri 16nd Oct		3pm Poetry Assembly

NOTICES

- **Reporting Absence/Contacting the office**
Please can ensure you email the dedicated parent email enquiries@englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk and not Mrs Needham & Mrs Valiente individually as they are not in every day so emails/Dojo messages may be missed. Please also avoid the office@ email address.
- **Healthy Snacks**
Please ensure children have a healthy snack in school and strictly **no items containing nuts**, including Nutella.



FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Please can all Food Bank donations be dropped off at school on Monday, ready for our Harvest Festival at 9.15am in the hall which families are welcome to attend. Thank you for your generosity.



BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

EYFS - Arthur W

Y3 - Molly

Y4 - Matilda, Charlie

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Faith

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!

HELLO YELLOW - WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

We've had a great day today celebrating World Mental Health Day and supporting the charity Young Minds. Everyone wore something yellow and the wellbeing ambassadors organised some great activities as well as delivering a special assembly. We also had some great pieces of work from the children on their 'happy place'. Families came into classrooms in the afternoon to join the children in a calming activity and then went into the hall for coffee and cake. The staff also enjoyed breakfast prepared by the staff wellbeing team. At the time of writing we have raised **£180** so far for Young Minds. You can still donate [here](#). Thank you for your support!



SCHOOL VIRTUES

Message from Mrs Rutledge - Thank you to the children who have shared work they are proud of with me this week. I was especially pleased to see the wonderful Flags of the World poster created by Arthur in Year 2 and his friends. His enthusiasm and care in producing it was a fantastic demonstration of our virtue of **Love of Learning**. Also a shout out to Joe F for Living out our school virtues last weekend by helping an elderly lady who was confused and lost. Joe went to the nursing home to get help and showed great **kindness, respect and love**.



BEGINNING OF YEAR MASS

Thank you to the readers, staff, pupils and families who joined us in our Beginning of School Year mass with Canon Peter. Thank you also to Yuri for playing the organ.



FEM QUIZ AND CHIPS

Thank you to everyone who attended Quiz and Chips and to FEM for organising it, it was lots of fun! Thank you to Mr Hodgson for being the Quiz Master.



INTERVIEW WITH SPACE ENGINEER

This week Year 5 had an interview and live Q&A session with a space engineer. He shared some of the inventions he has helped design – such as a cup designed to let astronauts sip liquids in microgravity. He inspired us to think about what we might design if we were engineers!



Y5 also worked in teams to design a test to investigate meteors and moon craters.



PRAYER

October is traditionally celebrated by the Church as the Month of the Holy Rosary. It is an opportunity to pause, pray and place our lives into God's Hands. Let us join together and pray a decade of the Rosary during October.



St Joseph's Church
Keep up to date with the Parish news [here](#).

FOSSILS IN Y3

Mrs Topping's class had fun in their science lesson this week making fossils and writing instructions about them.



VAR FUNDRAISING



Some of you may have seen in the local and regional news that one of the VAR minibuses was stolen and stripped for parts recently. Along with many local schools and communities, we heavily rely on this charity to help with our transport to Forest School, sports fixtures and some trips and so were very saddened to hear that this happened. We are hoping to do some fundraising as a school to support VAR, but in the mean time they have a fundraising page set up for donations. Please donate if you are able. Thank you.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/communitymini bus>



Don't forget to vote for English Martyrs in Tesco Oakham! Pop your blue tokens in our box!



**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

WORLD SMILE DAY

For World Smile day, the children in After School Club enjoyed decorating eggs and drawing funny faces on them! The Y5 children also made the staff smile by leaving lovely messages for them in the staff room.





October Half Term

19th - 30th October



WHISSENDINE HOLIDAY CLUB



Sibling Discount Avail.

£28

per day



Whissendine Sports Club
Whissendine
LE15 7EU



fun & creative indoor & outdoor activities



Multi Activity - Sports, Drama, Arts and Crafts. Fun and relaxed, with lots of options to choose from.



FUN & CREATIVE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Explore | Play | Grow

21ST, 22ND, 23RD & 26TH, 27TH, 28TH OCTOBER

Braunston, Rutland

9AM - 3PM | **BREAKFAST CLUB AVAILABLE** (at an additional cost)

£35 a day



NATURE CRAFTS



BUILDING DENS



OUTDOOR GAMES

LIMITED SPACES - BOOK NOW!

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SCAN FOR MORE INFO



OCTOBER ACTIVITY CAMP

UPPINGHAM SCHOOL SPORTS CENTRE

Monday 19th October – Friday 30th October

PARENTS FIRST CHOICE FOR CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CAMPS

- EXTENDED HOURS 8.30AM – 5.30PM**
- BOOK INDIVIDUAL DAYS**
- SIBLING DISCOUNT**
- CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED (+GOV TAX FREE)**
- VARIETY OF DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES**

ONLY £35 PER DAY




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TEAM GAMES

ARTS & CRAFTS

& LOTS MORE!



BOOK ONLINE

www.tayplay.net/camps

ADVENTURE HOLIDAY CLUB

HALLOWEEN

Come and join us for exciting, adventure-filled outdoor activities this October half term. The club is open from 0830 till 1730 daily, includes all activities, and is charged at just £39.00!

For more information, or to make a booking, please visit our website - www.fenlandadventure.co.uk



Just some of the activities we offer 🍌

- 🧗 Climbing
- 🏹 Archery
- 🧗 Abseiling
- 🎯 Target Shooting
- 🔪 Axe Throwing
- 🌿 Survival Skills
- 🧗 High Ropes

What children can look forward to:

- A wide range of adventurous outdoor activities and games
- New experiences and friendships each day
- Supportive, qualified instructors

Our Adventure Holiday Club is perfect for children who love being active. Activities vary daily and build progressively, so every child leaves with a real sense of achievement.

For further details, or to make a booking, just visit our website. We can't wait to welcome your young adventurers this October!

The Fenland Adventure Team