



ENGLISH MARTYRS

CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



Newsletter

16th October 2026

COMING UP

Mon 2nd Nov	Y3 Swimming AM Y6 Forest School PM	Rock Steady/LAMDA PM 3.30pm -5.00pm Drama Club Parents Evening
Tues 3rd Nov	12-12.30pm Menphys Club	Clubs TBC
Wed 4th Nov	Drum Lessons PM	Clubs TBC
Thurs 5th Nov	Open Day 9.30-10.30 Guitar Lessons AM Drum Lessons PM	Parents Evening
Fri 6th Nov		3pm Celebration 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.
- **Arbor balances**
Please ensure all meal and wraparound balances are cleared over the holidays ready for the new term. Please let the office know if you make a payment by childcare vouchers. Thank you.



Dear families

I would like to say a huge thank you to our children, staff, parents and carers for your hard work, commitment and continued support shown in our first term this academic year.

I am incredibly proud of our youngest children and how well they have settled into English Martyrs and the kindness, resilience and enthusiasm that all our pupils show every day.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable October half term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back next term on Monday 2nd November.

God bless and thank you for a fantastic term!

Mrs Rutledge

OPEN DAY

Our second Open Day is in the first week back after half term on Thursday 5th November 9.30-11.30am. Please contact the office to book in.



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



BIRTHDAYS

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

EYFS - Harry, Arthur M

Y2 - Jesse

Y3 - Joseph D

Y4 - Betts, Theo

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Courage

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!

**Good
Luck**

We wish Miss Miller lots of luck as she leaves today on maternity leave. We look forward to meeting the baby when she arrives!

HOUSE POINT WINNERS

Saint Edmund
Campion were this
term's House Point
winners and will
have a fire pit treat
next term! Well
done!



EYFS LIBRARY VISIT

The children in EYFS had a lovely trip to the library this week. They explored the books and listened to a story.



HARVEST CELEBRATION

The children prepared and led our beautiful Harvest Celebration on Monday which we shared with many of our families. Ali from the Rutland Food bank also visited the children and was very grateful for all the donations. We can collect items throughout the year for the Food bank - please pop items in the basket in the Foyer. Thank you.



POETRY ASSEMBLY

Well done to all the children who performed so well in our poetry assembly today. They have worked very hard to remember their poems off by heart and to speak clearly. They did a fantastic job! A special mention to our EYFS children who also learned the Makaton signs for their poems too.



Y6 TREAT

Mr Hodgson's class enjoyed an end of term S'mores treat at the fire pit today!



YEAR 5 TRIPS!

Year 5 have had a busy week this week, with two trips out! On Wednesday they enjoyed their trip to the Space Centre in Leicester and on Thursday they joined nine other Rutland Schools in Lyddington for a singing extravaganza!



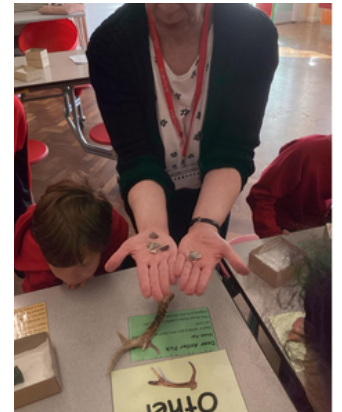
Y1/2 OPEN CLASSROOM

The children in Miss Turner's class enjoyed sharing their learning with families this week. Families also got to see what continuous provision looks like in KS1 by joining their children in the different areas.



STONE AGE WORKSHOP

Our children in Y3 enjoyed their Stone Age workshop this week with Emma from Rutland County Museum. The children looked at real Stone Age artefacts and classified them.



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](#).

SCHOLSTIC BOOK ORDERS

Please click here <https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-SQQF2TMP> 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 **November 6th, 2026**. Thank you for your support.

Don't forget to vote for English Martyrs in Tesco Oakham! Pop your blue tokens in our box! Time is running out so every blue token counts!






October Half Term

19th - 30th October



WHISSENDINE HOLIDAY CLUB

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Monday 19th October – Friday 30th October

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 **EXTENDED HOURS**
8.30AM – 5.30PM

 **BOOK INDIVIDUAL DAYS**

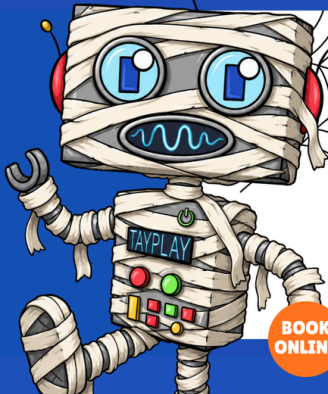
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ADVENTURE HOLIDAY CLUB

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