



English Martyrs Newsletter

19th January 2026

Our Mission Statement

To accept each individual as they are and to enable them to develop their full potential within a Christ-centred, worshipping community in a spirit of love, happiness and understanding



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

John 1:29-34

Wanted for Year 3

Year 3 would be very grateful if you could send in any empty 4 pint milk cartons by **Wednesday**, if you have any at home.



Top Tip for My Child at School

On the My Child At School app, we will be adding important dates to the Announcements tab for you to note in your diaries.

These will include dates for trips, competitions, and other class- or group-specific events. This information will be provided in addition to the usual messages and emails sent out.

Mental Health Ambassadors



Well done to our children in Years 4 and 5 who have successfully applied to become Mental Health Ambassadors. These children will be receiving training from the Thoughtful team to make sure that they have the skills and knowledge to support mental health throughout the school. Their training will explore five different topics: 'What is emotional well-being', 'The role of the well-being champion', 'Listening skills', 'Looking after yourself and sharing information' and

'Five ways to well-being'. We are looking forward to working with Jaimie McBroom during this term as we start this new initiative.

More Work undertaken by Good Gym

Thank you once again to the work of Good Gym who came in on Monday evening to help with the redecorating of the school project. This time they made a start on the Head's office and staff room, both of which are in need of a facelift.. These two rooms will need more work done in the near future, but we are incredibly grateful to this band of people who give up their evening to volunteer to help may the school environment a much better place.

Donations Requests from Monday 19th January

Please can we remind you we would be grateful for donations of figures and toy vehicles for our OPAL project.

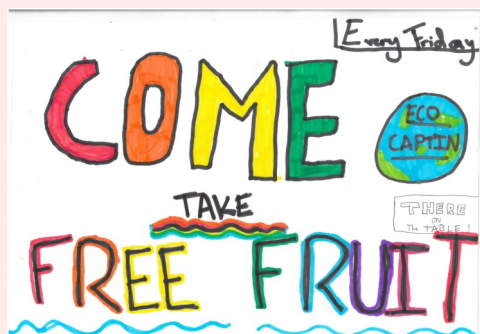


Spring Term Dates for your Diary

Monday 2 nd Feb	Year 3 and 4 Open Classroom from 2:45pm
Tuesday 3 rd Feb	Year 1 and Year 2 Open Classroom from 2:45pm
Wednesday 4 th Feb	Early Years and Year 6 Open Classroom from 2:45pm
Thursday 5 th Feb	Year 1 Class Liturgy, parents welcome from 2.45pm
Friday 6 th Feb	Year 5 Open Classroom from 2:45pm
Thursday 12 th Feb	Year 5 Class Liturgy, parents welcome from 2.45pm
Friday 13 th Feb	Inset Day—no children in school
Monday 16 th to 20 th	February Half Term
Monday 23 rd Feb	Children return to school after half term break.
Thursday 26 th Feb	Year 4 Class Liturgy, parents welcome from 2.45pm
Thursday 12 th Mar	Year 3 Class Liturgy, parents welcome from 2.45pm
Thursday 19 th Mar	Year 2 Class Liturgy, parents welcome from 2.45pm
Monday 23 rd Mar	Parent Consultation Meetings times tbc
Wednesday 25 th Mar	Parent Consultation Meetings times tbc
Thursday 26 th Mar	Year 3 Butser Farm Trip
Friday 27 th Mar	Last day of Spring Term

Consultation on our Admission Arrangements—2027 – 2028

Due to a revision in the Admissions policies provided by the Catholic Education Service, we are required to go out for consultation on our Admission arrangements for the academic year 2027-2028. If you would like to make any comments please email office@englishmartyrs.school or in writing to the school office for the attention of Mrs Debbie Tate, Clerk to the Governors. The consultation runs from Friday 19th December to Friday 30th January. The proposed arrangement (Admission Policy and Supplementary Information Form) can be viewed on our school website <https://english-martyrs-redesign.secure-primariesite.net/admissions/> Alternatively you can ask for a copy of the Admission Policy and SIF from the school office.



Each Friday, the Eco Council runs a Free Fruit Table. Please check what's on offer each week.



Staffing Update

We want to send our very best wishes to Mrs Webb, who is going to be off work for the next three months while she undergoes some planned surgery and has time to recover afterwards. While she is away, Mrs DeLuca-Smith will be teaching the Early Years children on Mondays and Tuesdays. For the rest of the week, the class will be taught by Mrs Williams, who is new to the team. She is an experienced teacher who has worked in a local infant school and within nursery settings, and we're looking forward to welcoming her to the team.

Morning drop off arrangements

After making some changes to the drop off arrangements because of recent weather conditions, we are finding that this arrangement—children dropped off at the small gates and then walking in through the hall—is proving far better for the children in that they are settling far more quickly in the mornings than when they line up on the playground before coming in. I hope that this might also be easing the traffic congestion. Therefore until half term we are going to trial doing this every day. This will also reduce the need for early morning notifications about drop off arrangements. Thank you for supporting this.

£20

FEBRUARY HALF TERM PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOP

Curtain Call Academy Award Winning Performing Arts School

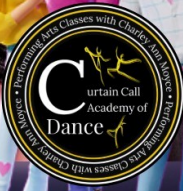
POP PARTY DANCE WORKSHOP!

THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY - AGES 4-16 YEARS
08:30-12:30
GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, BN12 4EA

LEARN DANCES TO YOUR FAVOURITE POP SONGS, UV GLOW STICK DISCO, PARTY GAMES!



Goring United Reformed Church
Thursday 19th February | 08.30-12.30
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Curtain Call Academy
Performing Arts Workshops!

KPOP DEMON HUNTERS

Curtain Call Academy -
Performing Arts -
K-Pop Demon Hunters Workshops!
Ages 4-16 years - £20
Monday 16th February 2026

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Children's St Valentine's Day Craft Morning

St Symphorian's Church
DURRINGTON



10 crafts including materials and glue— just add scissors

Saturday 14th February

Crafts can be completed at home or in the church between 10am - 11:45am

£3.50 per bag

For children aged 2-12years
Pre booking available from October



St Symphorian's Church Hall Durrington Hill BN13 2PU

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