



English Martyrs Newsletter

15th December 2025



3rd Sunday of Advent

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says:

'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you.

'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

Matthew 11:2-11

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

Last call for donations for the Reindeer Run.



So far we have raised £110 for St Barnabas House. If you would still like to contribute to this appeal, please bring your donation to the office asap. Thank you.

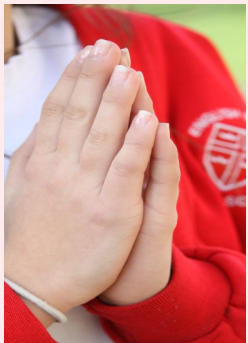
Census Day Thursday January 15th

Please can all EY, Year 1 and Year 2 children book a school meal for this day and everyone entitled to Free School meals. By doing this, you will be helping with the funding for the school.

Meals must be booked by 2nd January. Thank you for your support.

Year 1 and 2 Gymnastics

On Thursday five girls and five boys from Years 1 and 2 represented the school in the Gymnastic Competition. This included floor skills and a vault. The children did brilliantly, making sure they 'presented' to the judge at the beginning and end of each discipline. The team in the end was placed fourth out of nine teams which was an amazing result. Well done team, we are so proud of you.



KS1 Nativity

We are so proud of all KS1 children for performing so well at our nativities on Monday and Tuesday last week. It was a wonderful celebration of the Christmas story.

A special thank you to all the staff for helping to make it such a success with a special mention to Mrs De Luca Smith who kept everything running smoothly!



Arundel KS2 Deanery Service and Worthing Schools concert

This week was a very busy week for the school choir. On Wednesday they represented the school along with other catholic primaries at Arundel cathedral. This was a prayerful event where the children sang beautifully and were great ambassadors for the school.



The choir also attended the Worthing schools concert on Thursday which has become a firm fixture in the calendar for getting our Christmas spirit started! As well as performing with seven other school in a super choir, the children also performed as a school to a great reception.



Autumn Term Dates for your Diary

December

- Wed 17th Christmas jumper day
Christmas dinner
Christmas Movie night
3.15-5.15pm
- Thurs 18th Advent Mass 2 p.m.—all welcome.
- Fri 19th Last day of term



Club News

Spring term clubs will be out for registration in week beginning 5th January, with clubs starting on 12th January.

Skateboard club is now open for registration next term, please see flyer on page 3 for details.

Advent Mass

You are warmly invited to our Advent Mass on Thursday 18th December 2pm. This is a beautiful service to share with the children. During the service Fr Chris and Fr Liam will bless your Nativity Baby Jesus. So please do find your Nativity set out in good time and send them in in the morning—named if possible.



Spring Term Dates for your Diary

- Mon 5th Jan Start of Spring Term
- Tues 6th Jan Prospective Parents Meeting 9.15am
Epiphany Mass 2pm—all welcome
Prospective Parents Meeting 5.30pm
- Thurs 15th Jan Last day to apply for 2026 intake
Year 6 Class Liturgy. Parents welcome from 2.45pm
- Mon 2nd Feb **Year 3 and 4 Open Classroom from 2:45pm**
- Tues 3rd Feb Year 1 and Year 2 Open Classroom from 2:45pm
- Wed 4th Feb Early Years and Year 6 Open Classroom from 2:45pm
- Thurs 5th Feb Year 1 Class Liturgy. Parents welcome from 2.45pm
Year 4 Open Classroom—moved to Monday
- Fri 6th Feb Year 5 Open Classroom from 2:45pm
- Thurs 12th Feb Year 5 Class Liturgy. Parents welcome from 2.45pm
- Fri 13th Inset Day—no children in school
- Mon 16th—Friday 20th Feb Half Term
- Mon 23rd Feb Children return to school after half term break.
- Thurs 26th Feb Year 4 Class Liturgy. Parents welcome from 2.45pm
- Thurs 12th Mar Year 3 Class Liturgy. Parents welcome from 2.45pm
- Thurs 19th Mar Year 2 Class Liturgy. Parents welcome from 2.45pm
- Mon 23rd Mar Parent Consultation Meetings
- Wed 25th Mar Parent Consultation Meetings
- Thurs 26th Mar Year 3 Butser Farm Trip
- Friday 27th Mar Last day of Spring Term

Friends of English Martyrs Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to the Friends for organising the Christmas Fair Saturday 6th December. They raised an amazing total of £1470 which they will be putting towards improving our outdoor space for all the children to enjoy. Many thanks also to the children, parents, family and friends who came along and made this such a lovely occasion.

Meet Father Christmas!

Weekends 12 noon - 3pm.
No booking needed. £5 per child, gift included.



With thanks to The Kings Arms and Manteaux for sponsoring this event.

The Museum will be also open on Sunday 28 December 10am-4pm.

Enjoy visiting the Museum and Exhibition.

Find us next to the Mill Road Car Park,
BN18 9PA Open 10am-4pm 01903 885866.



One day changed the world
One great day out



Visit The D-Day Story on Southsea seafront, the only UK museum dedicated to the momentous events of 6 June 1944.

Visit the museum between Saturday 27 December 2025 and Saturday 31 January 2026, show this voucher and receive 50% off a family ticket.

theddaystory.com

Walk up tickets only, not valid on 27 January 2026. Not to be used with any other offers or discounts.



YEAR 2 AND ABOVE

After school
skateboard club

Thursdays
3.15-4.15

Book in through QR
code or email

Beginner friendly

Skateboards and
helmets to borrow

£45 pp for the
whole 6 weeks

January
8th
15th
22nd
29th
Feb
5th
12th



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Chartwells
Schools

Thursday 15th January
School Lunch - Census Day

MAINS
Beef Burger
Veggie Nuggets

SIDES
Chips, Sweetcorn, Salad

DESSERT
Jam Sponge and Custard

Order on ParentPay.com by
Thursday 1st January

www.ParentPay.com

