



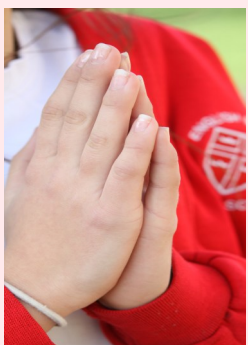
English Martyrs Newsletter

5th December 2025



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 of Advent

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judea and this was his message: "Repent, change your ways; for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said, 'A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight'. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John said to the people, "I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire."
Matthew 3:1-12

Our New Librarians

Our little librarians were fortunate enough to receive specialist librarian training from West Sussex. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, gaining valuable skills in organising, sorting, and caring for the school library. Their enthusiasm and pride in putting their new knowledge into practice will help create a more welcoming and well-organised reading space for everyone to enjoy.



Early Years Visit to Church



Early Years had a great visit to St Michael's Church on Monday 1st December. It was a lovely start to Advent as the children re-enacted the Nativity story using the crib figures.



They were so respectful and listened well, excited to sing a few of our Nativity songs!



Thank you to Fr Chris for welcoming us so warmly.

Year 2 Trip to the Farm

Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the farm. We learnt all about how food is grown, how the farmers care for and feed their animals, and what life on a working farm looks like. The children loved exploring the different areas and even got to visit the farm shop at the end. A wonderful day of hands-on learning!



Autumn Term Dates for your Diary

December

Saturday 6th Dec	Christmas Fair 12-4pm
Monday 8th Dec	KS1 Nativity play 9.30am
Tuesday 9th Dec	KS1 Nativity play 9.30am
Wednesday 10th Dec	KS2 Advent service dress rehearsal 2 p.m.
Wednesday 10th Dec	Deanery Advent service at Arundel Cathedral 5.30pm
Thursday 11th Dec	KS2 Christmas singing at Arundel Cathedral (day-time)
Friday 12th Dec	KS2 Advent Service 2pm
Saturday 13th Dec	Christmas magic show (David Croucher) for children starting school Sept. '26, 10.30 a.m.
Monday 15th Dec	Rocksteady Concert 9.30am
Monday 15th Dec	KS2 Christmas Advent Service 2pm
Wednesday 17th Dec	Christmas Movie night 3.15-5.15pm
Wednesday 17th Dec	Christmas dinner—order by 4th Dec
Wednesday 17th Dec	Christmas jumper day
Thursday 18th Dec	Advent Mass 2 p.m.—all welcome.
Friday 19th Dec	Last day of term

KS2 Advent Services

Please make bookings for the KS2 Advent service by Monday 8th December. Thank you.



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.



Exciting Changes Coming to Our Playground!

We're thrilled to share that exciting changes are coming to our playground and outdoor areas, giving children even more opportunities for creative, active, and imaginative play! Over the coming months, we'll be looking for donations of items like scooters, bikes, skateboards, and small outdoor toys to help make this space amazing. If you think Father Christmas might be bringing your children newer versions of bikes, scooters etc. please keep us in mind for passing on your older models. More details on the project and how to donate will follow. Thank you for helping us bring this to life!

Spring Term Dates for your Diary

Monday 5th Jan	Start of Spring Term
Tuesday 6th Jan	Prospective Parents Meeting 9.15am
	Epiphany Mass 2pm—all welcome
	Prospective Parents Meeting 5.30pm
Thursday 15th Jan	Last day to apply for 2026 intake Year 6 Class Liturgy. Parents welcome from 2.45pm
Monday 2nd Feb	Year 3 Open Classroom from 2:45pm
Tuesday 3rd Feb	Year 1 and Year 2 Open Classroom from 2:45pm
Wednesday 4th Feb	Early Years and Year 6 Open Classroom from 2:45pm
Thursday 5 th Feb	Year 1 Class Liturgy. Parents welcome from 2.45pm Year 4 Open Classroom from 2:45pm
Friday 6th Feb	Year 5 Open Classroom from 2:45pm
Thursday 12 th Feb	Year 5 Class Liturgy. Parents welcome from 2.45pm
Friday 13th	Inset Day—no children in school
Monday 16 th —Friday 20 th Feb	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



Come to our English Martyrs Christmas magic show for 3 - 5 year olds and unwrap the joy and magic of starting school!



Join us for a free Christmas-themed magic show for pre-schoolers and current Early Years children followed by a tour of the school.

Saturday 13th December at 10.30 a.m.

Booking essential—please use the QR code or follow the link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/gYhC15DKDS>

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Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

If you are exploring an independent education for your child, we warmly invite you to consider Lancing Prep Worthing. We would be delighted to welcome your child into our caring and vibrant community in September 2026. Our school supports families who may be considering Lancing College, as well as other independent schools in the area, for 13+ entry. Whatever your plans, we are here to work with you to ensure the very best start for your child's future.

Lancing Prep Worthing is a happy, welcoming school where every child is valued and supported to thrive. We combine high academic standards with exceptional pastoral care, ensuring that learning and wellbeing go hand in hand. Our three simple school aims – Love Learning, Be Kind, and Go Out into the World and Do Good – are at the heart of everything we do, shaping a community built on respect, curiosity and compassion.

We believe that every child deserves the space and attention to flourish. Our small class sizes ensure that every pupil is known, valued and supported. Alongside excellent pastoral care, our dedicated staff work closely with each child to nurture both academic progress and personal growth, helping them build confidence, resilience and a love of learning.

We are excited to share that scholarships are available for Year 7 entry in September 2026. These awards celebrate a wide range of talents from music, drama and art to academic achievement, sport and all-round excellence. We love recognising the unique strengths of every child and supporting them to shine. Successful scholarship candidates may make an application for a means-tested bursary.

The deadline for 11+ applications is 2nd January, so if you would like to find out more or secure a place, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Our Registrar, Catherine Fauvel, will be delighted to help and to answer any questions you may have. You can email her at worthing@lancing.org.uk or call 01903 201123. We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,
Francesca Milling, Head
BSc Hons, PGCE, MA Education

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Open Morning
Saturday 7 February
10am

Christingle Service

Sunday 14th December 4pm

All welcome

St Symphorian's Church, Durrington Hill
Donations to Children's Society



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WORTHING'S FAMILY FRIENDLY NYE PARTY IS BACK!



GOT 99 PROBLEMS BUT THE KIDS AINT ONE!

LIVE PERFORMANCES FROM
LAURA VANE

GET IT TOGETHER DJ'S
hip hop | rnb | garage | jungle | breaks

David Croucher walk about Magician
Mighty Mamahood SEN friendly sensory spaces
FREE face painting and transfers, Balloon drop and confetti canons
Wannado Street dance fun and games
licensed bar, under 4s Soft play, over 4s bouncy castle

ALL VINYL - 4PM - 6.30PM - NYE
NYE COUNTDOWN AT 6PM



AT THE CHARMANDEAN CENTRE, FOREST ROAD, WORTHING, BN14 9HS