



# English Martyrs Newsletter

## 23rd November 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.



### Christ the King—Solemnity

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

Luke 23:35-43

### Bookings for Early Years & KS1 Nativity Plays and KS2 Advent Services are now live.

If you do not have the link to submit your booking requests, please contact the school office



### Sports Update

This week the Year 5 and 6 Girls football team went to play in the small schools qualifiers. They did so well, working together as a team and showing great determination. They were resilient. Well done to Amelie for scoring a super goal! We are so proud of all of you.



Following on from last month's Small Schools Qualifier, the Year 5 & 6 boys' team played the next round of the competition on Wednesday, where they played 6 local teams. After a long, cold and well-fought tournament the team won and will now progress to represent the school regionally!



### Year 5 Experiments

Year 5 had a fantastic time exploring forces through a hands-on jelly challenge! Using only one hand and a pair of chopsticks, the students worked to transfer wobbly pieces of jelly onto a plate. The activity sparked plenty of laughter and problem solving as they investigated grip, pressure, friction, and control. It was a fun, engaging way to see forces in action and to build confidence with practical scientific skills.



## Mental Health Ambassador Assembly

A big thank you to Jaimee and her team from Thought-full who came to talk to the Year 4 & 5 children on Friday about wellbeing and how they can support each other and our school by becoming Mental Health Ambassadors. We have chosen the Year 4 & 5 for this role as this is the age where they will gain the most from the training and they will be here long enough to be able to see the impact of their work. The



children have been invited to submit applications if they would like to take on this role (we have already received our first ones), and we will be choosing between 10—12 children who will then start their training in the new year. If your child would like to apply and has brought an application form home, please could it be returned to school by Wednesday. Thank you.



### Active Listening Treats

The hot chocolate treat for our active listeners was very welcome this week given the cold weather! Well done to all the children whose names came up on the Wheel of Names this week, and to all of the children who have been working so hard on their active listening. We have noticed a huge increase in the number of names on the wheel each week—well done, everyone!



### 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 in good time and send in your figure of baby Jesus in that morning—named if possible, please.



### Class Open Days

You are warmly invited to the following class open days from 2.45pm to view your child's work.

	February	June
Early Years	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Year 1	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Year 2	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Year 3	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>
Year 4	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Year 5	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>
Year 6	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>



### Class Liturgies Dates

You are warmly invited to the following class liturgies at 2.45pm:

- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January—Year 6
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February—Year 1
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February—Year 5
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February—Year 4
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March—Year 3
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March—Year 2



## Reindeer Dance

The whole school took part in the Reindeer Dance in aid of St Barnabas on Thursday. The children had a real ball. This was to raise funds for St Barnabas House. Please could all money donations for this appeal be handed in by Friday 28th November. Thank you for your generosity.



## Christmas Lunch

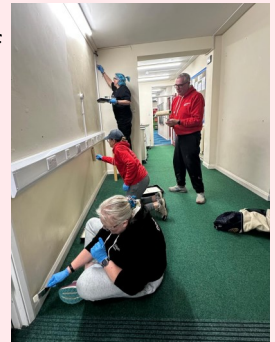
The children's Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday 17th December and is now available to book through Parentpay. Please make a booking by **4th December**. Menu is below for your reference.



## Painting, lots of painting.

So far to date we have been blessed to have numerous people from the GoodGym group come to with our painting project. The junior corridors, hall entrance and the Yr4 / 5 toilets have been painted by them this week, and it is making such a huge difference.

Other works that have taken place is the start of the clean up on the trim trail, the creation of the new 'dead hedge' and the clean up of the year 3 outdoor area. All of these will take time - if anyone is willing to help for an hour or two it would be much appreciated. Please ask the office to find out the dates.



## Autumn Term Dates for your Diary

### November

Tuesday 25th Nov Year 2 trip to Goodwood Farm  
 Wednesday 26th Nov Flu vaccinations  
 Friday 28th Nov Scooter Rally 3.15pm

### December

Monday 1st Dec EY trip to St Michaels Church  
**Wednesday 3rd Dec Djembe drums concert Y4 2.40pm**  
 Thursday 4th Dec Prospective parents meeting 9.15/5.30  
 Friday 5th Dec Mufti day—Mince pies & hamper donations  
 Friday 5th Dec KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal  
 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

## First Holy Communion

If your child is in Year 3 and would like to make their First Holy Communion in June, both English Martyrs and St. Michael's Churches are now taking registration. Please collect a form directly from the church to register.



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>



Christingle Service  
Sunday  
14<sup>th</sup> December  
4pm  
**All welcome**

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

Lodge Hill invites you to our...

**CHRISTMAS  
WREATH  
WORKSHOP**



SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
10AM - 12:30PM  
£45 PER PERSON

All wreath making supplies provided

Includes tea, coffee & mince pies

Please bring an apron and secateurs if you have them!



*A SEND friendly event for all  
the family to enjoy*

Saturday 29th November

**CCPS Christmas Fair**

**10:00am - 1:00pm**

- \* Crafts and Gifts
- \* Festive Games
- \* Face Painting
- \* Glitter Tattoos
- \* Raffle and Tombola
- \* Refreshments
- \* Sing and Sign Choir
- \* SEND friendly grotto

**Durrington High School, Worthing**

*Free entry - Cash donations welcome*

**BREAKFAST**  
*With Santa*

**YUMMY BREAKFAST | LETTERS TO SANTA | MEET SANTA | BISCUIT DECORATING | A GO ON OUR SNO-TUBING (FROM AGE 6) | ARTS & CRAFTS**

SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2025 | 9AM - 12PM  
SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2025 | 9AM - 12PM

CHILDREN £22 | ADULTS £10

Booking via our website under the 'What's On' page!

Lodge Hill Centre  
London Road  
Watersfield  
Nr Pulborough  
RH20 1LZ

*Festive*  
**FISHERS**  
Adventure Farm Park

**Jack and the Beanstalk**  
THE PANTOMIME

Performances throughout December

Scan the QR code for more information

**£15.00 per person**

Book tickets at [fishersfarmpark.co.uk](http://fishersfarmpark.co.uk)