



English Martyrs Newsletter

8th 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



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple there he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and money changers sitting at their counters. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, "Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market." Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The people in the Temple said to Jesus, "What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?" Jesus answered, "Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The people replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple: are you going to raise it up in three days?" Now the Temple Jesus was talking about was his own body. And later when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered what he had told them.

John 2:13-22

Year 6 Evacuees at Bluebell Railway



Before half term, Year 6 went on a very exciting trip to the Bluebell railway. The class dressed up as evacuees and got to experience a real-life blackout! Year 6 had the chance to speak to real life evacuees about what evacuation was like at the time, had the chance to write postcards to their parents and



even had the opportunity to ride at the front of the train. So much fun and hands on learning was had by all.

A Huge Well Done to Year 5/6 Gymnastics Team



A huge well done to our amazing Year 5 and 6 pupils who took part in the gymnastics competition this week! Their hard work, determination, and team spirit truly shone through.

We're incredibly proud to share that our team achieved **4 silver** and **3 bronze** scores—a result that reflects their dedication and talent.

Thank you to everyone who supported the event, and congratulations again to all our gymnasts. You've done us proud!



Odd socks Day

To mark the start of Anti-Bullying week, and to celebrate that we are all different, your children are invited to wear odd socks to school this Monday 10th November to celebrate that we are all unique. Their socks / tights can be as wild and whacky as you like!



Staffing Updates

Unfortunately Mrs Cleary will be continuing her period of leave and is now expecting to return after the Christmas holidays. We wish her all the best and look forward to seeing her back with us in the new year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to officially welcome Mr Richard McGuire to the staff team as our new premises manager. Mr McGuire has been a member of our governing body on the health and safety committee for a number of years, so knows the school well. Just as his term of office as governor ended, he became a staff member instead! You have probably already noticed some positive changes happening to the school premises, and we are really excited to have him as part of the team.

Year 6 Poppy Making

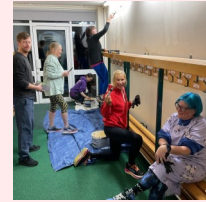


A big thank you to St. Oscar Romero for holding an online workshop in which our children learnt how to make poppy wreaths in preparation for Remembrance Day. This fitted in perfectly with



their learning about their World War 2 topic, and we are so impressed with their creativity.

GoodGym



The amazing volunteers from GoodGym have started a new

project of painting the school and will be in regularly over the winter. If you would like to lend a hand, it would be very appreciated Please contact the office for more details.



Last half term's sporting round-up

As well as celebrating the achievements of our gymnasts on Page 1 of the newsletter, I also wanted to take this opportunity to say a big well done to all the children who have challenged themselves in sport during the last half term. I am so proud that, by the end of our three weeks of swimming, 100% of the Year 6 children who had taken

part in lessons had achieved the expected end of Key Stage 2 standard. Nationally, the percentage of children who have achieved this is about 70% and this is dropping year on year, so we have really bucked the trend. Not only that, but we also had two-thirds of the Year 5s and nearly half of the Year 4s meeting the end of Key Stage standard early. Plus for all the children who took part in the intensive lessons, we saw their confidence and enjoyment improve massively. Well done, Key Stage 2 children!

As well as some brilliant achievements in swimming, we are also proud of our cross country runners who competed at the Gallops before half term. In the small schools competition, we came third in the Year 3 girls, Year 3 boys and Year 6 girls. Then we were 2nd for Year 5 girls & the Year 6 boys took 1st place.



Other highlights of last half-term also include our team of 11 children going out to play in an NFL (National Football League) festival at Windlesham House, in preparation for taking part in the competition in the Spring term. Nice gum shields, Year 6! A big thank you to Mrs Whattingham who attended a training course to teach this, who has been teaching this sport to the children in PE lessons and accompanied them to the festival. Thanks also to Ms. Rule who came along to help.

A special mention to Mrs Whattingham again for taking children to a Year 5/6 Table Tennis festival before half-term, and to Mrs Jobbings for accompanying our Year 1/2 gymnastics team for some coaching in preparation for the competition in December. And last, but not least, thank you to Mr Neve and Mr Rondeau for coaching our team for the Small Schools' Football Qualifiers—we are very proud that the team made it through and will now be representing Worthing in the Partnership Finals. Watch this space for how they get on!



Autumn Term Dates for your Diary

November

Monday 10th Nov	Wear odd socks to school! (Marking the start of Anti-bullying Week)
Monday 10th Nov	Prospective parents meeting 9.15/5.30
Tuesday 18th Nov	National child measurement programme Year 6
Wednesday 19th Nov	Year 1 Teddy Bears picnic 2.45-3.15pm
Thursday 20th Nov	Reindeer Run fundraiser —Details tbc
Friday 21st Nov	Mufti day for unwanted gifts - details tbc
Tuesday 25th Nov	Year 2 trip to Goodwood Farm
Wednesday 26th Nov	Flu vaccinations

December

Monday 1st Dec	EY trip to St Michaels Church
Wednesday 3rd Dec	Djembe drums concert Y4 p.m. (time TBC)
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 (See flyer below)
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
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—menu TBC.
Wednesday 17th Dec	Christmas jumper day
Thursday 18th Dec	Advent Mass 2 p.m.
Friday 19th Dec	Last day of term

Admin Notices

Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will take place on 26th November, you should have all received a consent form link via MCAS. Please consent or decline the vaccine for your child by Monday 24th November. If you do not accept the vaccine by this date, your child will not be offered it.

Bringing items into school

Please do not allow your child to bring in non-school related items, these are causing great distraction and upset if they are lost or damaged.

Class Liturgies Dates

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

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

KS2 Swimming Payment Update

We are aware there is concern regarding the swimming charges for last terms lessons. Please be assured we are working on this as quickly as we can. Also, there is no rush to pay before Christmas as we will be giving everyone up to the end of February to make the payments.

Class Open Days

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

	November	February	June
Early Years	Monday 17 th	Wednesday 4 th	Tuesday 2 nd
Year 1	Wednesday 19 th	Tuesday 3 rd	Wednesday 3 rd
Year 2	Wednesday 19 th	Tuesday 3 rd	Wednesday 3 rd
Year 3	Thursday 20 th	Monday 2 nd	Thursday 4 th
Year 4	Monday 17 th	Thursday 5 th	Tuesday 2 nd
Year 5	Tuesday 18 th	Friday 6 th	Friday 5 th
Year 6	Friday 21 st	Wednesday 4 th	Monday 1 st



Arundel Cathedral Advent Services

Key Stage 2 have been invited to two different Advent events at the Cathedral in December. These are:

- Wednesday 10th December: Deanery Advent Service (evening)
- Thursday 11th December: Christmas Singing (day-time)

Please note these are mutually exclusive; children may go to one, both or neither.

Please check your child's photo permissions on MCAS

To include your child's face in our newsletter and on social media, you need to have given parental consent via MCAS for photos on social media. Please could you double-check your consents. Thank you.

