



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



English Martyrs Newsletter

21st March 2025

3rd Sunday of Lent

Jesus told the people this story: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, 'Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?' 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

Luke 13:1-9

Science Week - Dress up day and Space talk

What an incredible array of imaginative costumes we had today! There were astronauts, doctors, nurses, rainbows, aliens, explorers, dinosaurs, forensic scientists to name but a few! A huge thank you to all of you parents and carers for getting behind our dress-up day and providing your children with such fun outfits, we had a school full of smiles and laughter today. We also had a fabulous talk from Mr Devereaux who came in to talk about his job with C.A.A as a space engineer. He taught us about satellites and showed us some amazing pictures taken from space.



"I like the picture of the toilet in the space station, that it is the size of a football pitch" **Rory Year 5**

"I couldn't believe how much space junk there is" **Amelie Year 5**

We learnt that a spider does not spin a regular shape web in space as they are disorientated. It was all really fascinating, many thanks to Mr Devereaux for such an inspiring morning.

Sports Update

This week our Year 5/6 Netball Team took part in a qualifying tournament competing against 10 other schools. EM finished in 4th place which is a fantastic achievement especially being the only small school in the tournament. These competitions are extremely difficult to play as every team member must rotate round all 7 netball



positions throughout the tournament, the children faced some tough games however the resilience they all showed was outstanding! Well done EM another brilliant performance!



We also had our Year 3/4 Gymnastics Competition this week which we entered two teams into. With only a couple of sessions to practice in the lead up to the competition all 15 children performed an individual floor routine with very few routines being the same as their teammates. They also performed two vaults which we weren't able to prepare well for because of the height of the vaults however I was so impressed by the determination all children showed to get on to the vault not just once but twice in the competition. 11 schools competed with White team finishing in 7th place and Red team in 8th. A fantastic result considering they had very little time to prepare. Well done EM!

Next week we are very much looking forward to our Time to Dance performance, please do keep a look out for this! The girls have spent the past 10 weeks learning and practicing a modern lyrical dance choreographed by the incredibly talented Miss Jo. We cannot wait to see the girls on stage performing, the audience are going to be blown away!

Spring Term Dates for your Diary

March

Monday 24th March	Rock Steady Concert 9.30am
Monday 24th March	Children's Reconciliation
Thursday 27th March	Year 3 trip to Buster Farm
Thursday 27th March	Year 1 Woodland Session 9.30-11.30
Friday 28th March	Fundraising Friday—Big Lent Walk

April

Thursday 3rd April	Year 4 visit to Fishbourne Roman Villa
Thursday 3rd April	Year 1 Class Liturgy 2.45pm
Friday 4th April	Fundraising Friday
Friday 4th April	Last day of Spring term
Tuesday 22nd April	First day of summer term
Tuesday 22nd April	Easter Mass 2pm All welcome
Thursday 24th April	EY, Y1 & Y2 Hedgehog visit

May

Friday 2nd May	RNLI workshop
Monday 5th May	Bank holiday no school
Tuesday 6th May	Mass for English Martyrs Day 2pm, all welcome
Monday 12th May	Year 6 SATs week
Thursday 15th May	EY Class Liturgy 2.45pm
Wednesday 21st May	Year 1 visit to Arundel Wetlands
Friday 23rd May	May Procession, parents welcome, 2.30pm
Friday 23rd May	Last day of half term

June

Monday 2nd June	Children return to school
Monday 2nd June	Year 6 open classroom 2.45pm
Tuesday 3rd June	Year 5 open classroom 2.45pm
Wednesday 4th June	Class photos
Wednesday 4th June	EY & Year 2 open classroom 2.45pm
Wednesday 4th June	New parent intake meeting 5.30pm

Children with long hair

If your child has hair that is longer than shoulder length, please ensure it is tied up, for many reasons, including safety, hygiene, and to maintain focus during lessons, particularly for activities like PE.

Fight Against Food Waste

Did you know the average family of four could save up to £80 per month by reducing their food waste? Around a third of the average rubbish bin in West Sussex is food waste, most of which is avoidable. 70% could have been eaten at some point before being thrown away. Of that, 41% is just not used in time and 25% is binned because too much has been cooked. West Sussex are running a #fightagainstfoodwaste campaign, providing tips on how to reduce food waste and save yourself some money. To find out all you need to know, visit their website: [https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/waste-and-recycling/recycling-and-waste-prevention/fight-against-food-waste/?](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/waste-and-recycling/recycling-and-waste-prevention/fight-against-food-waste/?utm_source=Fight+Against+Food+Waste&utm_medium=Magazine+Advert&utm_campaign=FWAW)

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Or google, West Sussex Fight against Food Waste

Club News

A reminder:

Tumble Tots will take place on Wednesday 26th at 8am instead of Monday 24th for that week only.

Registration for Summer Term clubs will open the week beginning 31st March via the app, look out for notifications.

Skateboarding club

We are hosting a new club from Thursday 24th April, initially for 5 weeks, run by South Coast Skate Club. Cost is £37.50 per child. Please see flyer for more details and QR code, or use this booking link here: <https://southcoastskateboardeventslessons.as>.



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

April
24th
May
1st
8th
15th
22nd

£37.50 pp for the
whole 5 weeks



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Projects being undertaken by the Governors

In a recent newsletter, we updated you on the lighting upgrade being undertaken through the school. This is coming to an end and has resulted in much brighter classrooms and corridors for the children and staff. It has been quite a transformation. This project has been funded through DfE money plus a 10% donation from the Governors. Over the coming weeks, the Governors are funding the replacement of the hall door and updating the interactive whiteboards in Early Years, Y1, and Year 2. For all these projects, the Governors need to raise 10% of the project. This will total £2,744.34. This will be on top of the £7,099.74 contribution for the roof project undertaken in the Autumn term. The Governors' contribution is funded through fundraising events (there was the quiz night in September and look out for the Murder Mystery evening coming soon) and through donations from yourselves, your wider families, and the parishes. Thank you to those families who regularly donate to this crucial for the school. If you would like more information on how you can support the work of the Governors, by donating to the Governor's fund and/or by becoming a Governor, please follow this link to our website: <https://www.englishmartyrs.w-sussex.sch.uk/governor-donations/> and <https://www.englishmartyrs.w-sussex.sch.uk/governors/>

English Martyrs Ship

It has been a few years since the children have been allowed to play on our wonderful ship. Last summer the ship had an overhaul but unfortunately we were unable to sand it down and repaint it. This needs to be done before we reinstate the safety features allowing the children once again to become pirates on the seas. **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED PLEASE.** Can you spend an hour on a weekend helping to sand down the ship inside and out? With a team of volunteers who have the right equipment, this would not take long and then we can get the paint brushes out to paint the ship and protect it for years to come. There is power near the ship, so electric sanders can be used. Please let the office know if you are available the weekend of 5th/6th April. All volunteers are welcome.



Big Lent Walk

Next week's Fundraising Friday is our Big Lent Walk to raise money for Cafod. We are going to see if we can raise £200 by (collectively) walking 200km. Sponsor forms are attached to the newsletter—if sponsors are able to gift aid their donations, it will go so much further and do even more for those who so desperately need our support. Alternatively if you wish to, you could also donate via our Just Giving Page:

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/fundraising/english-martyrs-catholic-primary-school-big-lent-fundraiser>



We're taking part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2025 challenge.

Join in by walking, wheeling, scooting or cycling to school between 24 March–4 April.

- ✓ Be active and feel more energised
- ✓ Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- ✓ Help us win some fantastic prizes

www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk

Headline sponsor:

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JOIN THE MOVEMENT

STAGE COACH

Easter WORKSHOP

8th - 10th April
The Vale School, Worthing



A Journey through Oz
Age: 4-6 year olds
Time: 9.30am-12.30pm



Defy Gravity
Age: 7 - 16 year olds
Time: 10am - 4pm

SIGN UP



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22nd

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whole 5 weeks



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Swimming Course and
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teaching children to swim

What parents are saying:

"Overarching your brilliant pedagogy is just a wonderfully positive, kind, empathic approach."

"I genuinely have felt a huge amount of guilt this week that I've subjected the children to lessons elsewhere for so long!"

