



English Martyrs Newsletter

31st January 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



The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord and, in accordance with the Law, they offered two young pigeons in sacrifice. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man and it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: "Now, Master, you can let your servant die in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel." Jesus' parents took him back to Nazareth where Jesus grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

Luke 2:22-40

Sports Update

A fantastic win for English Martyrs in the Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics Competition this week. 14 children represented us in a number of running races and field events against 6 other small schools. Well-done to Morgan



finishing in first place on the Standing Long Jump, Sofia who finished in 1st place in the Triple Long Jump and Scarlett who also finished in 1st place on the speed bounce. The results were very close with just 0.5 separating 1st and 2nd place but it was enough for English Martyrs to take the win. Huge congratulations to all the children that competed, they thoroughly deserved the win!



Nuts in School

Please ensure you are not sending in snacks with nuts as we have children with allergies in the school.

Things you may not be aware that contain nuts:

- Nutella spread
- Kinder Bueno
- Breakfast/cereal bars

If you are unsure please check the ingredients.



We are an Operation Encompass School!



For several years, English Martyrs has been part of the Operation Encompass scheme as part of our work to safeguard children. I've recently completed further training about this, which has prompted me to put out some information about what it is and why we are part of this. This scheme is run jointly between local schools, West Sussex Policy and West Sussex County Council. It has been designed to provide early reporting on any domestic incidents that occur outside of school and might have an impact on a child in school. Operation Encompass will ensure that the school Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) are informed that there has been a domestic incident. The notifications do not give details about the incident, but by being told a child's name, we know that the child may be in need of some extra support and TLC. The DSLs will not contact parents or carers if a report is received but we are available to offer support and signpost to advice if approached.

For more information please go to www.operationencompass.org or come and see us.

Spring Term Dates for your Diary

February

Monday 3rd February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 4th February	Year 4 Class Liturgy 2.45pm
Friday 7th February	Year 5 World Mathematics Championships at St Oscar Romero's
Mon 10th & Tues 11th	EY National Child Measurement Programme
Thursday 13th February	Year 4 Roman Day, dress a Roman
Thursday 13th February	Year 5 Class Liturgy 2.45pm
Friday 14th February	Inset day
Monday 17th February	Start of half term
Monday 24th February	Children return to school

March

Monday 3rd March	Year 5 open class 2.45pm
Monday 3rd March	Year 4 open class 2.45pm
Tuesday 4th March	Year 5 Harry Potter Science Day
Tuesday 4th March	EY open class 2.45pm
Tuesday 4th March	Year 1 open class 2.45pm
Wednesday 5th March	Year 2 open class 2.45pm
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Thursday 6th March	Year 3 open class 2.45pm
Friday 7th March	Year 6 open class 2.45pm
Thursday 13th March	Parent consultation 4pm-6.30pm
Friday 14th March	Year 1 visit to English Martyrs Church
Tuesday 18th March	Parent consultation 3.30pm-6pm
Thursday 20th March	Year 2 Class Liturgy 2.45pm
Monday 24th March	Rock Steady Concert 9.30am
Monday 24th March	Children's Reconciliation
Thursday 27th March	Year 3 trip to Buster Farm

April

Thursday 3rd April	Year 4 visit to Fishbourne Roman Villa
Thursday 3rd April	Year 1 Class Liturgy 2.45pm
Friday 4th April	Last day of Spring term

Nature magazine donations

Do you have any nature or gardening magazines you would be happy to donate to Year 1. Anything with landscapes, plants or animals. If you do, please give to the year 1 teacher or hand in to the office by Thursday 6th February. Thank you



Stopping on Zig Zag lines

Please ensure you are not stopping on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school to drop off or collect your child. These lines are in place to keep children safe and prevent cars from blocking the view of children crossing the road. Please respect the rules and keep the area outside the school gates free from cars for the safety of all children.



Volunteers Needed!



Despite the miserable weather at the moment, we're thinking ahead and wanting to have the ship all sanded down and ready for the children to play on again when we can finally

get back onto the field again.

Could you help out? You don't need any DIY experience or to commit to hours of time, if we could just gather a big enough group of parents, carers or helpers willing to give a little bit of time, we'd get it done between us. If you are willing to help, please let the office know. Thank you for your support.

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week we're taking part in Children's Mental Health week, starting off with a live assembly from the School of Kindness on Monday morning. Watch this space for what we get up to and what we learn.



You can also support this at home — a great source of ideas and advice can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health/>

Come and Celebrate Chinese New Year
In Worthing Town Centre

WCMA Lion Dance
Saturday 1st February
2pm-2.30pm
Montague Place

Minifigure Trail

There are 21 Minifigures hidden in 21 shop windows. Each one has something different in its hand.

Can you find them all? You could win £80 to spend on lego at Toy Barnhaus.

Kicking off on **Tuesday 28th January National Lego Day!**

Click below to download your trail list or pick one up from participating stores.

Submit your entries by emailing events@worthingtowncentre.co.uk or dropping it into one of the Lego Post Boxes available in a few of the participating shops

A PDF is available to download from the Worthing Town Centre website: <https://worthingtowncentre.co.uk/fat-event/lego-inspired-adventure-minifigure-trail-for-international-lego-day/>

Lucky Hearts

BID x Storm x Chi Chi Crochet

@worthingtowncentrebid
#loveworthing

Sat 1st Feb - Fri 21st Feb.
Raffle called Fri 28th Feb.

One entry per IG account. Entrant to follow us, tag us and use the hashtag. They will be replied to with a raffle ticket.

Lots of lucky hearts will be hidden around Worthing! If you find one share a photo & tag us for a chance to win a prize.

Prizes

- I Love Candy - 10 x £20 hamper
- Ask Pizza - Meal for two
- Pizza Express - Meal for two
- Richard John - Wash and Blow Dry
- Baked - Box of brownies
- Harlequin Hair - Cut and blow dry
- Montague Tex Mex - Voucher
- Greenfingers - £70 bouquet
- Contrast Clothing - Sneaker bouquet
- More TBC...

FEBRUARY 1/2 TERM DANCE DAY

WORTHING

WANNADO

AGES 4-11!

- LEARN STREET DANCE FOUNDATIONS
- HAVE FUN AND PLAY GAMES
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- COMPLETE FUN CHALLENGES
- RECEIVE A BALLOON AND CERTIFICATE!

COME AND DANCE WITH US THIS 1/2 TERM!

WANNADO

TAB INFANT SCHOOL WORTHING

WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY
9AM-4PM

£30 PER CHILD

Email to book: LIMITED SPACES!
kerry@wannadostreetdance.com

1st FEB

under 5's

(siblings up to age 7 are welcome)

kids Valentines Party

**Lots of active play equipment
including bouncy castles,
soft play ride ons and more.**

- Love Heart Sensory Play
- Temporary Tattoos & Face Gems
- Cupids Cupcake Decorating
- Sweetheart Crafts Corner
- Party Music and more..



9.30am-10.30am &
11.00-12.00pm

@littlelionsactiveplay
Booking required

The Ang
School Gymnasium

