



English Martyrs Newsletter

12th 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



Collecting used stamps

We are collecting used postage stamps for Waders animal charity. Please help us by bringing your postage stamps to the office, we would greatly appreciate it.



The Baptism of The Lord

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John the Baptist might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire". Now when all the people had been baptised, and as Jesus was being baptised, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you."

Luke 3:15-16.21-22

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to school! We hope you and your families all had a lovely Christmas and a happy New Year. On behalf of all of the staff, I would like to say thank you for the cards and presents that we were given before the break—we are always overwhelmed by your generosity. We would also like to say a big thank you for the donations to Cafod that were given at the end of the Key Stage 2 Advent service. The House Captains looked at the World Gifts catalogue to see where they felt the money would best be spent, and buying these on behalf of the school was one of the things I did on the last day of term. It was great to know that we were reaching out to our wider community and spreading good will more widely. Thank you.

The children have had a very positive start to the new term & new year, it has been lovely to see them eager to come back and getting back into their learning again. A big welcome to our new families and children, and we are also very pleased to welcome Mr Neve to our team. Mr Neve is job sharing in Year 5 alongside Mrs Ingham & we are delighted that he has come to join us. We are all looking forward to a happy, fun and busy term ahead!

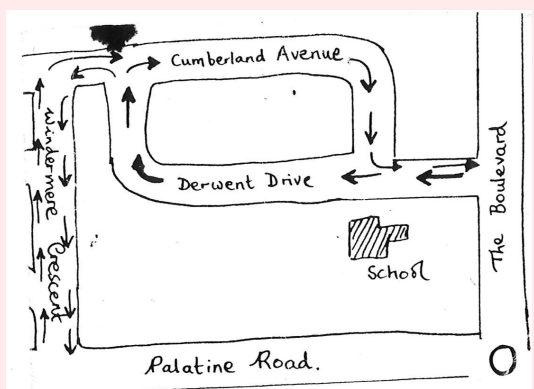
Autumn Term Sports Update

Wow, what a fantastic Autumn Term we had, with such sporting success! English Martyrs participated in over 20 festivals and competitions last term, reaching the southern area finals twice in Football and Basketball and finishing in the top 3 in 15 tournaments. A huge well done to all the children who represented our school.

A massive thank you to the Friends for their continued support when hosting competitions and thank you to all parents who make these events possible for the children. Your support is always greatly appreciated. We can't wait to see what the New Year has in store for us!

Voluntary one way system around Derwent Drive

At the start of the New Year, I wanted to send out a reminder that we have a voluntary one way system if you are driving to school for pick ups and drop offs. If everyone follows this, it makes things so much easier for all concerned. Please also remember that cars should not stop on the yellow zigzags—even just for a few seconds for children to get out—and please can everyone be courteous to our neighbours by not parking across driveways. Thank you for your support.



Spring Term Dates for your Diary

January

Tuesday 15th January	Closing date for prospective Early Years application form to West Sussex County
Thursday 23rd January	Year 3 Class Liturgy 2.45pm
Thursday 30th January	Year 6 Class Liturgy 2.45pm

February

Tuesday 4th February	Year 4 Class Liturgy 2.45pm - Date changed
Friday 7th February	Year 5 World Mathematics Championships at St Oscar Romero's
Tuesday 11th February	Year 4 Roman Day - more details to follow
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

Class Liturgy

Class Liturgies are beginning this term, each class will have a turn of hosting their own.

What is a Liturgy?

It is a communal worship which is based on the liturgical calendar and will include prayers and songs. Parents and family of the hosting class are invited to join. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at your child's liturgy.



School Clubs

A reminder that school clubs begin next week. If you were not successful in registering for a particular club please do join the waiting list as places do become available throughout the term.

If you would like to register for any of the external clubs, please contact them directly.

Modern Dance takes place on Fridays, there was previously an error in the phone number published, the correct contact details are:

075044009396 or email

info@jamdanceacademy.co.uk



Christmas Movie Night

Thank you so much to those who attended our festive movie night in December, all the money raised will go towards the Year 6 end of year party. The children really enjoyed the movie, and it was so lovely for us to see them having fun, it was even more exciting to see them all in their Christmas jumpers! A special thanks to Juna Home & Garden in Angmering who donated our Christmas sweets for the sweet cones and to Kim in the office for all the popcorn! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and wish you all a very Happy New Year.

From the Year 6 Parents

School Uniform for Winter

As the weather is especially cold at the moment, please ensure you send your child to school with sufficient warm clothing. We have had children in without coats and jumpers this week. We will always try and provide jumpers etc. where necessary but our stocks are limited. All children should have a school jumper or cardigan as well as a warm coat, a hat and gloves. Please ensure all items sent in are named.

Biblical Theme for 2025

The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope", and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis.



Starting in JANUARY 2025!

TOMORROW'S ORCHESTRA PROGRAMME

FREE group sessions on orchestral instruments for children aged 7 - 11

BOGNOR REGIS Thursday	CHICHESTER Saturday	HORSHAM Saturday	WORTHING Saturday
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- ✓ Free for term one
- ✓ Free instrument hire* *A booking fee of £10 will apply to cover instrument delivery
- ✓ Play in an orchestra



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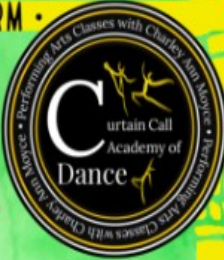
MONDAYS	Ferring C of E Primary School Musical Theatre After-School Club - 15:15-16:15
TUESDAYS	Whytemead & Downsbrook Primary Schools Dance After-School Club - 15:15-16:15
WEDNESDAYS	West Park C of E Primary School Musical Theatre After-School Club - 15:00-16:00
WEDNESDAYS	Youth Stage School; Musical Theatre Classes Goring United Reformed Church - 16:30-18:00
THURSDAYS	English Martyrs Catholic Primary School Musical Theatre After-School Club - 15:15-16:15

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FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2025!

PINK & GREEN DRESS UP IS ENCOURAGED

- 17th, 19th & 20th February 2025
- 08:30-12:30
- £20 per child, per workshop
- Goring United Reformed Church, BN12 4EA
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MUSICAL THEATRE AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

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