

English Martyrs Newsletter

6th December 2024



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



Club News

A reminder that next week is the last week of after school clubs. Watch this space for announcements on which clubs will take place next term. As usual, registration will be through the MCAS app. Karate & All Stars Football also finish next week.

Year 1 Baby Pics

Year 1, please send or e-mail in a baby photo by Thursday for our science and English learning. Reception@englishmartyrs.school

2nd Sunday of Advent

At the time when Pontius Pilate was the Roman governor of Judaea, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, who was living in the desert. John went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: 'A voice cries in the wilderness; prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all people will see the saving power of God.'

Luke 3:1-6

Singing at Arundel Cathedral

Well done to KS2 choir for taking part in the Worthing schools concert at Arundel Cathedral this week. They performed brilliantly and were great ambassadors for the school—we had a comment from a member of the public that their behaviour was 'impeccable'. Thank you to all the parents for coming along to support. A great start to the Christmas season!



Sports Update

Congratulations to our combined Year 5/6 Basketball Team who finished in joint 7th place in the Worthing Schools Basketball Tournament. It was a very tough competition, but the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, it was fantastic to see them still smiling and having fun even when the results weren't going their way.



We also competed in a KS1 Gymnastics Competition alongside 10 Worthing schools. A huge congratulations to our boy's team who finished in 2nd place and our girls team



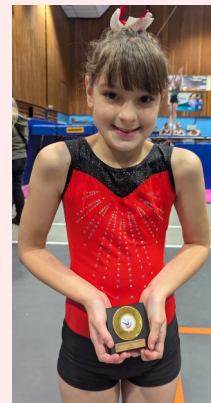
finishing in 4th place, as a school we were 4th place overall. A fantastic achievement, the children all worked incredibly hard at school and at home practicing their floor routines which clearly showed at the competition. Thank you also to the parents for their support at home and at the event. All children competing receive a bronze, silver



or gold ribbon depending on their overall score on floor and vault. Congratulations to Jason, Nicole and Nyla who were our highest scoring gymnasts and will receive a silver ribbon in assembly next week. Well done EM!!

And that's not all, a huge congratulations also to Eva who represented our school in the Southeast Regional Trampolining competition

last weekend and finished in 4th place. This was Eva's first trampolining competition and hopefully the first of many more! Well done Eva we are all incredibly proud of you. Please do keep us informed if your child is competing in sport outside of school and please do send photos. Not only do we love to hear about your child's sporting successes outside of school, we will also be putting together a sports star display in the New Year to show off these achievements.



Autumn Term Dates for your Diary

December

Monday 9th Dec	EY & KS1 Nativity play 2.15pm
Tuesday 10th Dec	EY & KS1 Nativity play 2.15pm
Thursday 12th Dec	KS2 Advent Service 2pm
Friday 13th Dec	KS2 Advent Service 2pm
Monday 16th Dec	Rock Steady Concert 9.30am
Wednesday 18th Dec	Christmas jumper day
Wednesday 18th Dec	Children's Christmas lunch
Wednesday 18th Dec	Christmas movie night 3.15-5.15
Thursday 19th Dec	Advent Mass all welcome 2pm
Friday 20th Dec	Last Day of Autumn term

January

Monday 6th January	Children return to school
Tuesday 7th January	Prospective parents open day 9.45am & 5.30pm
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

Thursday 6th February	Year 4 Class Liturgy 2.45pm
Thursday 13th February	Year 5 Class Liturgy 2.45pm
Friday 14th February	Inset day
Monday 17th February	Start of half term

Message from Chartwells

Chartwells have a new phone number, you can now contact them on: **01243 774 175**

The Chartwells catering team would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and very much look forward to seeing all the children again in the dining hall in the New Year.

You can order now for January 2025 as we are sure you will all be very busy organising Christmas.



Early Years make the newspaper

If you missed it, here is the link to view the online gallery in the Sussex Express featuring our very own Early Year pupils. See page 6.

<https://www.sussexexpress.co.uk/education/worthing-shoreham-littlehampton-and-lancing-children-who-started-school-in-2024-in-pictures-4896150>

Census Day 2025

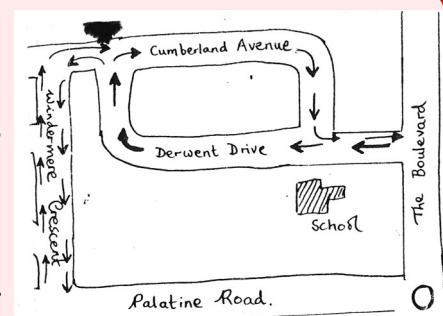
Thursday 16th January is school census day. It is an important day in the school calendar as the Government will use the numbers of those who eat hot school meals on this day to identify the level of funding each school receives. The more children eating a school meal on, the more funding our school can access. We ask that all KS1 children and those receiving universal free school meals order a hot meal on this day. Please book meals by January 2nd 2025, the menus is in the below flyer. If you have not used Parent Pay before and would like to start ordering meals please let us know at the office.

Year 4 & 5 Virtual Reality

On Tuesday years 4 and 5 had the opportunity to take part in a virtual reality session. Year 5 explored space. We visited many of the planets learning more about them. We were also able to apply our learning to what we saw. It was fun using the equipment and seeing space in a unique way.

Voluntary one way system around Derwent Drive

Today a member of our school community had their car damaged by someone not following our one-way system, and it has been commented that the system is increasingly disregarded. If everyone follows the route on the map, traffic flow on Derwent Drive will be far better with reduced chances of unnecessary accidents such as the one that happened today. Please could everyone follow this, and pass on to anyone who may be picking up your child for you. Thank you.



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Thursday 16th January 2025

MAINS

Burger and Chips
Mac & Cheese

SIDES

Sweetcorn or Baked Beans
Seasonal Salad

DESSERT

Frosted Vanilla Celebration Cake

Order via [ParentPay](#) no later than Thursday 2nd January 2025



ALL-TIME GREATS FROM THE
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