



# English Martyrs Newsletter

## 25th October 2024

### 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, there was a blind man, called Bartimaeus, sitting at the roadside begging. When Bartimaeus heard that it was Jesus who was walking by, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me! Help me!" Some of the people in the crowd told him to be quiet, but he began to shout louder until Jesus heard him. Then Jesus stopped and said, "Call him here." So they said to the blind man, "Have courage! Get up! Jesus is calling you." The man threw off his cloak, jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus said, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said, "Master, let me see again." Then Jesus said to him, "Go! Your faith has saved you." And at once the man's sight returned and he followed Jesus along the road.

Mark 10:46-52

### 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



### Sports Update

On Tuesday 15th October some of our Year 3 and 4 girls took part in a Girls Football Festival. For some this was their first ever time playing an actual game of Football. It was amazing to see so many girls getting the opportunity to play. The girls did a tremendous job and you could really see them growing in confidence throughout the festival with some brilliant goals scored too! Well done to all the girls and congratulations to Ella who received the 'Coaches Player' award.



### New Chess Club

An external Chess club is being considered, starting weekly from Nov 8th. £5 per week. If you are interested please contact Little Kings Chess directly. Email in flyer below

Then, over the last week, we have had an incredible week of sporting success. On Saturday we had over 20 children take part in the Cross-Country Championships at The Gallops. Finishing in the top 3 Small Schools in 7 out of the 8 races. A huge congratulations to the Year 3 boys who finished in first place and won the trophy! This was some of the best results we have had in the Cross Country in a long time and would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Webb for not only giving up her time on a weekend but for also training the children in the lead up to the event. Thank you also to all the parents who came along to support despite having to stand in the rain and a huge well done to all the children who took part, the rain and mud certainly didn't dampen their spirits!



### Clubs

If your child no longer wants to attend a club, please let us know so we can offer the place to another child on the waiting list. Thank you.

Following the Cross-Country success we have also made the Southern Area Finals in two events this week. On Tuesday we hosted the Year 5/6 Football Qualifiers for Small Schools, well done to English Martyrs Red who finished in 1st place. We also had a second team enter who also did extremely well and were sporting our newest football kit sponsored by Octopus Energy so a huge thank you to them for providing us with a brand-new kit! Thank you to the Friends, Lisa and Jennie for putting on refreshments for the competitors and again thank you parents for coming along and supporting in another very wet and muddy event!



## Year 2 Trip to Crimsham Farm



Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Crimsham Farm on Thursday. It was such a fun filled day we learnt all about the different types of farm animals and how they are looked after on the farm. We were able to get up close with the pigs, chickens, ducks and goats. This was such a rewarding experience, the children loved it! We ended the day with an amazing birds of prey exhibition, Observing different



types of owls. What a super treat to end term!

## Year 6 Trip to Bluebell Railway

Year 6 had a wonderful experience of going back in time and finding out what it would have been like to be an evacuee on our trip to the Bluebell Railway. We dressed up in costumes, experienced having a trip on a steam train, met with a billeting officer and experienced an air-raid. This was the first time we have visited the Bluebell Railway— and it certainly won't be the last!



## Herstmonceux Science Observatory

Last Tuesday Year 5 went on a voyage of discovery to Herstmonceux. We began the day looking at one of the telescopes, we were shown some photos of what the



telescope could see in outer space. Next, we got our hands on the experiments inside, there were so many, we visited it three times during the day. It was really lovely to see the co-operation between groups to achieve a goal, for example, they wanted to create a dam and flood one of the water experiments! The robotic arms session was



the favourite for many of the class. They operated the arm to pick up and put down a shape in a specific place. It looked great fun! Our last session was all about how the Earth evolved from single cells to the dinosaurs. Everyone was very tired by the end of the day!



## Attendance & Punctuality

As we start to head into the winter season of coughs and colds, please find attached a letter about the importance of regular attendance and punctuality at schools. Like you, we really want the best education for your children - regular attendance is key to this. If you are uncertain whether your child is well enough to attend school, please do check out the NHS website 'Is My Child Too Ill for School?'

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## Half Term Holiday Club

Sussex Forest Activities are holding a holiday club at the school on Friday 1st November. You can book a place here: <https://www.forestactivities.co.uk/event-details/half-term-1st-of-november-all-school-holiday-club-at-english-martyrs-catholic-primary-school-derwent-drive-goring>. Any enquiries should be directed to the company directly.



## Christmas Lunch

The children's Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday 18th December, Chartwells are offering Roast Turkey or Quorn alternative, along with all the trimmings and a festive cupcake for dessert. Bookings are now open on ParentPay and must be made before December 5th. See flyer below for all details and QR booking code.



## Autumn Term Dates for your Diary

### November

Monday 4th Nov	School reopens, children return to school Prospective parents open day 9.45 & 5.30 p.m.
Monday 18th Nov	EY open class 2.45pm
Tuesday 19th Nov	Year 3 open class 2.45pm
Wednesday 20th Nov	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 20th Nov	Year 2 & Year 4 open class 2.45pm
Thursday 21st Nov	Year 1 open class, Teddy Bears picnic
Thursday 21st Nov	Year 5 open class 2.45pm
Friday 22nd Nov	Year 6 open class 2.45pm
Saturday 23rd Nov	The Friends Christmas Fair 2—6pm
Friday 26th Nov	Year 4 & 5 virtual reality workshop

### December

Tuesday 3rd Dec	Deanery Advent Service at Arundel Cathedral 6pm
Thursday 5th Dec	KS2 Choir singing at Arundel Cathedral 10am-2pm
Thursday 5th Dec	Prospective parents open day 9.45am & 5.30pm
Monday 9th Dec	EY & KS1 Nativity play 2.15pm
Tuesday 10th Dec	EY & KS1 Nativity play 2.15pm
Wednesday 11th Dec	Choir Singing at St Symphorian's Church 6pm
Thursday 12th Dec	KS2 Advent Service 2pm
Friday 13th Dec	KS2 Advent Service 2pm
Monday 16th Dec	Rock Steady Concert 9.30am
<b>Wednesday 18th December</b>	<b>Children's Christmas lunch</b>

## Flu Vaccination Consent

If you haven't already, please fill in the form regarding Flu Vaccine consent. All the details were sent via MCAS App on the 10th October. If you would like your child to receive the vaccine you must fill out the online form and give consent. If you do not want your child to receive the vaccine, you still need to fill the form and decline, this will save the immunisation team having to contact you further. If consent is not given, your child will not be offered the vaccine and you can not receive it at your local GP. If you are having trouble accessing the link, please use this one: <https://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> The school code is: **SX126051** Please complete by Friday 15th November.

## First Holy Communion

If your child is in Year 3 or above and would like to make their First Holy Communion in 2025 you will need to register with your parish Church. For St Michael's, if you haven't already filled a form, please email your details to [worthingstmichael@abdioces.e.org.uk](mailto:worthingstmichael@abdioces.e.org.uk) If you attend English Martyrs Church, application Forms will be available in the Sacristy from the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> October.



## MCAS Messages

Please be aware, if you are sending a message to the office via MCAS it will only be picked up during office hours. Messages sent on the weekend or after end of day will not be actioned until the next working day.

## School Application Closing Date Reminders

If you have a child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, they are eligible to start school in September 2025. The closing date for school applications is **Monday 15th January 2025**. Please remember you will need to complete the West Sussex application on line form as well as the school supplementary application form by this date. We have three more Open Days coming up, Monday 4th November, Thursday 5th December and Tuesday 7th January 2025. On all dates there are two time slots available 9.45am and 5.30pm. [office@englishmartyrs.school](mailto:office@englishmartyrs.school) to book.

## Easy Funding

If you do your weekly shop online you can raise money for the school at the same too. This is through easyfundraising. This is quick, easy and costs you nothing (except a little time). Here are the steps to take: Go to [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=153115&invite=2z2wel&referral-campaign=s2s&utm\\_campaign=refCROtest](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=153115&invite=2z2wel&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_campaign=refCROtest) Create an account, Select Friends of English Martyrs School Association – Worthing, now start shopping. There are lots of shops which, through easy fundraising, you can raise funds for the school. See leaflet below for QR code.

# Christmas Lunch

Join our festive lunch by ordering on ParentPay for

.....Wednesday 18th December.....

## MAINS

Roast Turkey in Gravy,  
OR  
Quorn Roast in Gravy

## SIDES

Roast Potatoes, Peas, Sweetcorn  
Mini Sausage & Stuffing

## DESSERT

Festive Cupcake



Scan QR code to order, no later than Thursday 5th December,  
Or visit ParentPay.com

*\*Special diets will remain in place.*

Preparing young people with skills for life.

**Scouts**  
2nd Durrington Sea Scouts

Come join us at our Scout Hut, Pond Lane, Durrington

## Half Term Fun – open to all Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024



From midday – Games and fun for all ages!

Pick a lolly  
Penalty Shoot out  
Splat the rat  
Big Connect 4 & Jenga  
Human Fruit Machine

Axe throwing  
Colouring Competition  
and other activities to enjoy!



2<sup>nd</sup> Durrington tokens can be bought on arrival by Cash or Card.  
50p a token or 12 for £5, most games and activities will cost 1 or 2 tokens.

Drinks and snacks will also be available to purchase from our Tuck Shop.



**S'mores and more from 4pm**  
Come meet our fabulous volunteers!

Tea, Coffee and Hot chocolate available  
Hot dogs, S'mores or just Marshmallows



Royal Navy Unit 61.  
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### After-school chess club with Alex



Chess is a game for everyone that promotes the development of communication between the hemispheres of the brain.

The coach's unique method combines the Soviet chess school and European psychological approach, tailored to each child.

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All ages are welcome,  
cost: 5 gbp per child per week.

Run by Alex Radchenko, UK 4NCL champion (2022), Lichess Top 100 player in rapid chess.

Alex's students have previously won prizes at national and international competitions in the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, Monaco.

Starting November 8, weekly, 3:15 - 4 pm  
any questions: [littlekingchess@gmail.com](mailto:littlekingchess@gmail.com)

**Worthing Town Centre BID**

# Halloween

Thurs 31st Oct  
Montague Place

Wednesday and Vampirina Character Meets  
From One Stop Party Shop  
12pm - 1pm

Fancy Dress Competition 1pm

Look out for the spellcasting bubble witch and other surprises!

## ALL FREE!

# AFTER SCHOOL TUTORION

Empower your child's learning in Maths, English, and Science with our small group tutoring sessions, open to Year 5 and 6 pupils not attending Lancing Prep Worthing.



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# OCTOBER HALF TERM TABLE TENNIS

**31st October  
10.00 - 3.00pm**

for beginners and improvers

**£35**



**WTM** Worthing Theatres and Museum

For more info and to book visit [wtm.uk](http://wtm.uk)

# WHAT'S ON THIS HALF TERM

**At the Pavillion Theatre and Atrium**



**Dinosaur Adventure Live!**  
A roarsome family show  
Sat 26 Oct, 11:30am & 2pm



**The Brick People**  
If you love LEGO\* you'll love this!  
Sun 3 Nov, 9:30am, 10:45am, 12pm, 1:30pm & 2:45pm

**At Connaught Cinema**



**Saturday Morning Pictures**  
**Despicable Me 4**  
Sat 26 Oct, 10:15am



**Royal Ballet & Opera**  
**Wolf Witch Giant Fairy**  
Sat 26 Oct, 3:30pm & Tue 29 Oct 1:30pm



**One for the teens**  
**The Little Shop of Horrors**  
Thu 31 Oct, 8:30pm



**Autism Friendly Screening**  
**The Wild Robot**  
Sun 3 Nov, 10am  
(plus standard screenings from Fri 28th Oct)

To book or enquires  
[info@worthingttc.com](mailto:info@worthingttc.com)

All equipment provided

**7-13  
year olds**



Club of the Year  
2023



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