



# English Martyrs Newsletter

## 27th September 2024

### 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

John said to Jesus, "Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out evil spirits in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him." But Jesus said, "You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you most truly, they will most certainly not lose their reward."

**Mark 9:38-43**

### 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



### Grandparents and Special Friends Day & Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who came to join us this afternoon. The school was buzzing with grandparents and friends and many of the children were so excited about it. We also raised a fabulous amount for Macmillan Cancer Support—we still need to do a final total but it is in excess of £225 which is so generous. Also a big thank you to our parent volunteers and also to our Year 6s who set out all the cakes, helped our visitors find their way around the school and were wonderful ambassadors.



There are still some cakes left over so on Monday we will do a pop up sale after school on the playground and then let you know the final total.

### Governor Donations

As we hopefully draw near to the end of our roofing works, we would like to thank the Governors for their support with this project. Large building projects like this are funded through grants from the diocese but the Governors always have to provide 10% of the cost from their accounts. For the roof, this is approximately £8,614. The Governors rely on donations for their funds to make these contributions which come from parents and the churches. In the next few years, we are hoping the Governors will be able to undertake some more large projects including:

- Replacing the lighting through the school for an LED intelligent system thereby making us more environmentally friendly as well as reducing our energy bills
- Replace the iPads, laptops and desktops in the school
- Replacing the tired fences on the north side of the playground.
- Upgrading all the toilet areas
- Replacing the Hut with a purpose-built learning environment

Please can we encourage you to join our regular giving scheme? We ask each family to donate £5 per month to enable the Governors to take on more of these projects which will improve our facilities for the children. Would grandparents be willing to make a regular donation? If donations can be gift-aided, this will increase the donation by 25% i.e. a £5 donation is now £6.25. Please see the leaflet accompanying the newsletter for more information about how to donate to the Governors. Every penny of your donation is used to create a better environment for your children. Thank you for your support.

### School Pictures

On Wednesday 2nd October individual school photos will take place. Please send your child in wearing their smartest standard uniform, **NOT PE KIT**. If your child is due to have PE on Wednesday please send in trainers separately. Many Thanks.



## Autumn Term Dates for your Diary

### October

Wednesday 2nd Oct	Individual school photos
Thursday 3rd Oct	Noah Day art show, 3 p.m.
Tuesday 8th Oct	EY six week parents meeting 9am
Wednesday 9th Oct	Prospective parents' open day 9.45am & 5.30pm
Saturday 12th Oct	Magic show for children 3-5 years
Tuesday 15th Oct	Year 5 Trip to Herstmonceux Science Observatory
Thursday 17th Oct	Parent consultations 3.30-6pm
Friday 18th Oct	Year 6 Trip to Bluebell Railway
Saturday 19th Oct	Cross Country competition at the Gallops
Sunday 20th Oct	Magic show for children aged 3-5 years
Tuesday 22nd Oct	Parent consultations 4-6.30pm
Thursday 24th Oct	Last day of half term.
Friday 25th Oct	Inset Day

### November

Monday 4th Nov	School reopens, children return to school
Monday 18th Nov	EY open class 2.45pm
Tuesday 19th Nov	Year 3 open class 2.45pm
Wednesday 20th Nov	Year 2 & Year 4 open class 2.45pm
Thursday 21st Nov	Year 1 & Year 5 open class 2.45pm
Fri 22nd Nov	Year 6 open class 2.45pm
Friday 26th Nov	Year 4 & 5 virtual reality workshop

## Easy Funding

We are at that time of year when we do a lot of online shopping. Please could we ask that as you shop online you raise money for the school. 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/>

Create an account

Select Friends of English Martyrs School Association – Worthing

Now start shopping. If you do your weekly shop online you can raise money for the school at the same too. There are lots of shops which, through easy fundraising, can raise funds for the school.

If you would like to earn a little extra – ask the office or a person already using easyfundraising to refer you which may earn an extra £5.

See leaflet below for QR code.

## Absence Requests

If your child is going to be absent you do need to fill a form.

There are now two separate forms, one for absence which is more than one day and another for absence during the day, ie appointments or school open days.

Please come to the office to fill a form if your child is going to be absent. You will need to show proof of appointment also.

## Parental Consent

Please ensure you action the parental consent request that was sent on Monday. You can do this through the MCAS App.

Select Child

Scroll down to Parental Consent tab

There are various sections which you can consent individually or click consent to all.

If you need to revoke any permission please contact the office.



## SAVE THE DATE!

The Friends will be holding their Christmas Fair on Saturday 23rd November from 12—4. We always welcome helpers so if you are able to support, please email the Friends on [friends@englishmartyrs.school](mailto:friends@englishmartyrs.school).

## Birthday Celebrations

We invite our children to celebrate their birthday by coming to school in home clothes if they wish to. Everyone will know it's their birthday and they feel special for the whole day! If your child has a birthday at the weekend or in the school holiday, they can come to school in their own clothes on the Friday before or the Monday after.

We respectfully request that children do not bring sweets into school to share with their class. Birthdays are expensive enough without this additional cost! Also, the wrappers create a huge amount of waste and often litter, which we want to avoid. Please be aware that if bags of sweets are sent in to distribute, we will return these to you. Thank you for your support.

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# 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



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## Squirrels

Squirrel Drey (age 4-6)  
Fridays 16.00 – 17.00

## BEAVERS

2 x Beaver Colonies (age 6-8)  
Freshwater Beavers – Tuesday 18.00 – 19.15 &  
Riverbank Beavers – Friday 17.45 – 19.00

## cubs

2 x Cub Packs (age 8-10.5)  
Gloucester Pack – Monday 18.30 – 20.00 &  
Glamorgan Pack – Thursday 18.30 – 20.00

## SCOUTS

Sea Scout Troop (age 10.5-14)  
Friday 19.30 – 21.30

Email – [fun@2nddurrington.co.uk](mailto:fun@2nddurrington.co.uk) with your child's name, DOB and your contact details if you are interested in joining.

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## FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

# SOCCER SCHOOL



Fun, engaging, inclusive, safe football activity for boys and girls of all abilities, during the school holidays. Book now by either scanning the QR code or using the below website and specific course code.

[chelseafcfootballdevelopment.com](http://chelseafcfootballdevelopment.com)  
course code: SS-STCFC-X-37

Area	Venue	Activity Dates
Sussex Steyning	Steyning Town Football Club	Thursday 31st October Friday 1st November
Timings	Ages	Cost
Start – 9.30am Finish – 3.00pm	5-12 Years Old	£48 Full Course

# Ronnie Smith's Big Band's Swing and Jazz Evening

Music and songs from the 40's onwards  
Come and join us for drinks and nibbles  
and enjoy a fun evening!



## Tuesday

# 8th October

## 8pm

St Symphorian's Church  
Durrington Hill, Worthing. BN13 2PU

## Free Entry

Book tickets here



Bar and nibbles available

Retiring collection for Church Social and Fundraising Mission Fund. Registered Charity 1134809

# Durrington High School

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## Open Evening

Thursday 3 October 2024

6pm to 8pm

Presentations by the Headteachers  
at 6.10pm and 7.00pm



## Open Mornings

Monday 7 to Friday 11 October  
9am to 10am each morning

Book on the QR code below



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# Durrington High School



We are looking forward to welcoming prospective parents/carers and students to our wonderful school community at our annual open evening on Thursday 3 October from 6pm to 8pm. Come along and meet our expert teachers, take a look around our state-of-the-art facilities, have a chat with our supportive pastoral team, as well as our brilliant and aspirational students.

There will be presentations by the Headteachers, Mr Allison and Mr Woodcock, at 6.10pm and 7pm, which will take place in our brand new Performing Arts Centre.

There is also the opportunity to come and see us at work during one of our open morning tours which take place each morning from Monday 7 October to Friday 11 October from 9am to 10am.

#TeamDurrington where there is something for everyone!

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