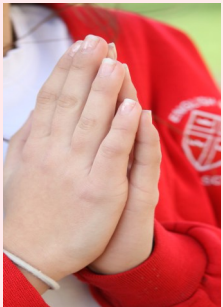




Our Mission Statement

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



English Martyrs Newsletter

5th May 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

On the night before he died, Jesus spoke to his friends, the disciples. "Do not let your hearts be troubled," he said. "Trust in God and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going now to prepare a place for you. I will come again and take you with me so that where I am, you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going." Then Thomas, a disciple, said, "Lord, we do not know where you are going: how can we know the way?" Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself; they will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father." John 14:1-12

Hedgehog Visit

EY, Year 1 and Year 2 had a lovely visit from Graham and Harry the hedgehog. It was wonderful to see their fantastic listening and knowledge. We learned two new words 'nocturnal' and 'hoglet' Well done everyone and thanks to Graham for coming in and the rescue work that he does.



After School Summer Sports Clubs

Rounders, Summer Sports and Rounders Clubs are now available for children in years 1-6 on MCAS app. These are running for the summer term at £4 per session. The clubs will be run by coaches from Premiere Education.



Update from the Friends

We are very grateful to Rachael Dines and her team who organise the Friends which contributes so much to the life of English Martyrs School. Some of the leadership team are now stepping down, giving time to help and support their successors. A new treasurer has come forward, however the Friends are still looking for a new Chair and Vice Chair to take over in September. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Football Cards

Please may we request that Football cards are not brought into school. We know that children like to swap them, but situations can arise where children swap and then regret it or cards can get lost and muddled up. It makes for happier playtimes when they are left at home. Thank you for your support.

Parking

We've received positive feedback about the new parking bollards and the improvement they've made to parking and, most importantly, the safety of children outside the school.

However, there has also been an increase in cars blocking nearby driveways. Please be considerate of our neighbours and avoid parking across their driveways.

School Census Day Thursday 21st May

We kindly ask all parents and carers of children in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2, as well as any child entitled to free school meals, to book a school meal for Census Day on 21st May.

By choosing a school meal for your child on this day, you will help secure additional funding for the school. This funding supports valuable resources, activities and opportunities for all pupils.

Meals need to be ordered by Thursday 7th May

Your support really does make a difference.

Outstanding Payments on MCAS

We would be grateful if you could check for outstanding balances on MCAS, and pay off if possible. Any issues, please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.



Is your Family Entitled to Free School Meals?

We want to make sure every child in our community has access to the support they deserve. You may be eligible for free school meals, which can help with the cost of living and ensure your child receives a healthy meal each day.

Even if you're unsure whether you qualify, it's quick and easy to check. Many families are entitled but haven't yet applied. Registering can also unlock additional funding for the school, helping us provide more resources and opportunities for all pupils.

Although universal free school meals are available for all children in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2, there are additional benefits for yourselves and the school if you find you are entitled to free school meals. Families are supported with food vouchers during the school holidays, access to free holiday clubs as well as discounts on costs such as breakfast and after-school clubs during term time.

We encourage all parents and carers to take a few minutes to check their eligibility. It could make a real difference to your family and our school community.

Use the QR Code for more information and to apply, or visit <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/#is-my-child-eligible>.



Summer Term Dates for your Diary

May

Tuesday 5th	Mass for English Martyrs Day 2pm—parents welcome.
Friday 8th	Year 2 Arundel Trip
Monday 11th	Year 6 SATs week starts.
Tuesday 12th	Year 1 Arundel Wetlands visit
Thursday 14th	Year 4 Lodge Hill day visit
Friday 22nd	May Procession—Details TBC
Friday 22nd	Last day of half term
Monday 25th to Friday 29th	May Half Term

June

Monday 1st	Inset Day
Tuesday 2nd	Children return to school
Tuesday 2nd—5th	Year 6 Residential
Thursday 11th	Year 4 Fishbourne Roma Villa trip
Tuesday 16th	Year 5 Life of Christ play trip
Tuesday 23rd	Sports Day KS2 in the morning and KS1 in the afternoon
Sunday 28th	Summer Fiesta - 10am—3pm
Tuesday 30th	Year 5 Deanery Conference and Sports Day at St Oscar Romero's

July

Thursday 2nd—3rd	Year 5 Blacklands Farm Trip
Tuesday 14th	Year 5 Samba Workshop
Thursday 16th	Year 5 Zoolab experience

Nut Free Pack Lunches

Please can we remind you that our school operates a strict nut-free policy to protect children with allergies, meaning no nuts or products containing nuts are allowed in packed lunches. Please be alert to check ingredients purchasing snacks to ensure the product does not include nuts. This includes products like Nutella, cereal bars etc.



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Summer Fiesta

SUNDAY 28TH JUNE

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Links for Booking

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We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) we celebrate diversity and are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.

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May half term fun

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If you know other families who may be interested, please share this information with them.

For more information about this offer, please visit the "Instituto Camões" website.

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