



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

22nd June 2026



The 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jesus instructed the twelve as follows: "Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; think more about God who has power over both body and soul. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven.

Matthew 10:26-33

Year 4 trip to Fishbourne



Year 4 had an exciting and educational visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace, where they stepped back in time to experience life in Roman Britain. During the trip, the children took part in a hands-on Roman workshop, where they explored artefacts, learned about Roman clothing and daily life, and even tried on costumes. They were fascinated by the impressive mosaics and the remains of the palace, which helped bring their learning to life. The visit was a wonderful opportunity to deepen their understanding of the Romans in a fun and memorable way.



Year 6 Bikeability

Last week a number of Year 6 undertook the Bikeability course. This included exercises on the playground as well as an 8 mile bike ride on the roads to hone their skills. Well done to all the children who took part and completed Level 2 of the Bikeability programme.



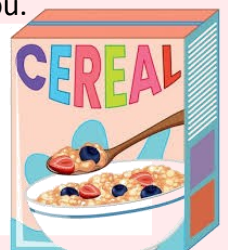
Hot Weather Warning

With Amber warnings for the coming week, please ensure you child has a water bottle and cap. Whilst they may bring a named bottle of sun cream, please ensure you have applied it at home first.



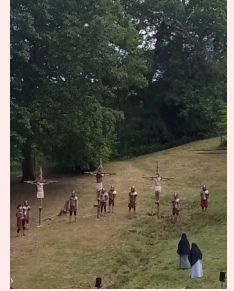
Cereal Boxes for Y1

Please could you send in empty cereal boxes for Year 1. We are going to use them to make castle drawbridges. We need 30 for the end of the week. Thank you.



Life of Christ

Year 5 had a wonderful opportunity to visit the *Life of Christ* performance at Wintershall, and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The class found it fascinating to see live actors bringing to life each stage of Jesus' journey, linking directly to their RE topic, *Dialogue and Encounter*. The performance was engaging and interactive, helping the children to better understand and connect with key events and messages from the New Testament. Seeing the stories acted out in such a vivid way made the learning memorable and meaningful, and it supported the class in deepening their knowledge, reflection, and understanding of the life of Christ.



Year 5 DT Project

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed their recent Design and Technology project, which gave them the opportunity to explore Brazilian cuisine through practical cooking experiences. The children learned how to make refreshing Brazilian lemonade and *Pão de Queijo* (Brazilian cheese bread), developing a range of food preparation and cooking skills along the way.

The highlight of the project was baking and tasting four different varieties of cheese bread: cheddar, parmesan, garlic and plain. The children thoroughly enjoyed sampling each type and evaluating them by rating their texture and taste. It was wonderful to see them discussing their preferences and using descriptive vocabulary to justify their opinions.

This exciting project has also provided the inspiration for our English lessons this week. The children have been writing persuasive recipe instructions, encouraging readers to make their own *Pão de Queijo*. They have been using a range of persuasive and instructional features to make their writing engaging and effective. We have been incredibly impressed by their enthusiasm, creativity and willingness to try new foods and experiences throughout this cross-curricular project.



Year 4 at the Good Shepherd Service

During the Good Shepherd trip to Worth Abbey, we had a peaceful and memorable experience surrounded by beautiful countryside. One of the most meaningful activities was creating our own anchor, which was presented by Caelan and Enzo. Our anchor symbolised hope, strength, and staying grounded our faith. It was a lovely day, enjoying nature and sharing moments of quiet reflection. Overall, the trip was both enjoyable and meaningful, helping us grow closer as a group and strengthening our understanding of our faith.



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Changes to Free School Meals

We are writing to let you know about important changes to Free School Meals (FSM) eligibility that will take effect from September 2026.

Going forward, schools will record FSM eligibility under one of two categories:

Targeted FSM – for families receiving Universal Credit with household earnings below £7,400 per year. These pupils will receive a free school meal and are eligible for the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme. The child's school will also receive Pupil Premium funding.

Expanded FSM – for families receiving Universal Credit with earnings above £7,400 per year. These pupils will be entitled to free meals only.

(Please note: ALL pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive a free meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme.)

What this means for you

If your child currently receives FSM, their eligibility will be re-checked before the new school year. If West Sussex County Council (WSCC) do not hold the relevant information you may be asked to provide updated information to confirm whether your child qualifies.

As re-checks are processed, if you have previously applied and WSCC hold an up-to-date email address, you will receive an email notifying you of updated eligibilities.

Households that no longer meet the criteria will not automatically continue to receive FSM, as previous transitional protections in place since April 2018 will end when the current school term finishes.

Next steps

If you have previously applied for Free School Meals via the WSCC website and your details remain the same, you do not need to do anything else at the moment.

If you have not previously applied, even if your child is currently receiving free meals in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, please apply by visiting [Free school meals - West Sussex County Council](#)

Please note, once your child has their updated status this will last for a full school year. The status will only be changed if a re-check is requested by a parent/carer or school.

If your child (from Year 3 upwards) currently receives FSM, and after re-checking is not entitled to free meals from September, please ensure you have made arrangements for lunches upon their return in September.

Thank you for your attention to this important update and for your continued support.

Kind regards,

WSCC – Free School Meals Team

Summer Term Dates for your Diary

June

- Monday 22nd Early Years Beach Trip
Feed Roadshow Thomas A Becket Infant School 3pm—4pm. All welcome.
 Tuesday 23rd **POSTPONED Sports Day KS2 in the morning and KS1 in the afternoon**
 Friday 26th Home Clothes Day. Please can each family bring in bagged sweets for the Friends
 Sunday 28th Summer Fiesta - 10am—3pm
 Monday 29th Mass to Celebrate First Communion 10.45am. Children who have celebrated their first communion this year, we ask them to bring in the first communion clothes to wear in the Mass. All parents welcome to the Mass
 Tuesday 30th Year 5 Deanery Conference and Sports Day at St Oscar Romero's
Year 1 Trip to English Martyrs Church

July

- Thursday 2nd—3rd Year 5 Blacklands Farm Trip
 Wednesday 8th **Sports Day**
 Thursday 9th Romero Sings
 Tuesday 14th Year 5 Samba Workshop
 Thursday 16th Year 4 Roman Day—Year 4 children to dress up in Roman costume
 Year 5 Zoolab experience
 Year 6 Water Fight
 Monday 20th Leavers Mass 2pm All welcome
 Tuesday 21st Leavers Assembly 9.15 a.m.
 Last day of academic year for children

Term Dates for 2026—2027 Academic Year

- Autumn Term 2026** Starts: Tuesday 1 September
 Half term: Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October
 Ends: Friday 18 December
Spring Term 2027 Starts: Monday 4 January
 Half term: Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February
 Ends: Thursday 25 March
Summer Term 2027 Starts: Monday 12 April
 Half term: Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June
 Ends: Wednesday 21 July

Inset Dates

- Tuesday 1st September
 Friday 2nd October
 Monday 4th January
 Thursday 25th March
 Monday 7th June



First Holy Communion Pictures

For all the children who celebrated their First Holy Communion this year, we would be grateful of a picture we can include in next week's newsletter. Please email a picture to the school office

Toys and Keyrings

A gentle reminder that children not allowed to bring toys in and also that we are having large key chains coming in again that are being used as fashion accessories by the children. These are distracting for the children and cause arguments between them. Unlike other schools, we don't have the expectation that children have the same bag so there is no need for key chains to distinguish between them. Please could these be removed over the weekend. Thank you.

Raffle Tickets

Please can all raffle tickets be returned to the school office this week. Thank you



IT'S BACK!

Summer Fiesta

SUNDAY 28TH JUNE

10-3PM



£10 WRISTBAND FOR
UNLIMITED INFLATABLES/RIDES

English Martyrs Primary School Field,
Derwent Drive, BN12 6LA



PLUS

BBQ | BEER | ICE CREAM | PICK N MIX
PENALTY SHOOTOUT | GAMES | MUSIC
& BUNGEE TRAMPOLINES!



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1. Email to Parents

Dear Parent,

Find out how to keep your child safe online.

Don't forget that the Online Safety Hub is now live! You can access it for free here:

<https://virtualit.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>



The Online Safety Hub is a brand-new online resource with lots of expert advice and guidance to help you manage your child's safety online as a parent.

It includes information on the latest hot topics when it comes to keeping children safe, such as how to manage your child's screen time, understand the latest gaming platforms, what they mean for your child's safety and lots more.

We're also offering you as a parent, a free Qustodio account facilitating parental controls on any individual device and free premium access for 30 days. Gain more visibility on what's going on in your child's online world. Block dangerous content, introduce screen-free schedules, receive alerts for inappropriate content, keep tabs on their location and more. Follow the link to create your free account

https://www.qustodio.com/en/30-days-school-special/?utm_source=internal&utm_medium=OSHub&utm_campaign=virtualit

by Gloria



If you have any questions on any of the above, please get in touch.