



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

6th September 2026

Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jesus said to his disciples, "If your brother does something against you, point out his fault to him when the two of you are alone together. If he listens to you, then you have won your brother back. But if he does not listen to you, then you should take one or two others along with you, so that every word you say may be confirmed by them. If he still refuses to listen, tell the whole church community; and if he even refuses to listen to the Church, treat him as an outcast. I tell you truly, if two of you on earth agree what to ask for, then my Father in heaven will grant it. If two or three come together in my name, there I am with them." Adapted from Matt. 18:15-20

Welcome Back

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school and hear the school full of laughter, excitement and enthusiasm once again—we have really missed them over the past six weeks. A particularly warm welcome goes to all of the new children and families who have joined our school community this year.

We have been absolutely blown away by how brilliantly our new Early Years children have settled into school life. They have approached their first few days with confidence, smiles and a real sense of curiosity, and we are incredibly proud of them already.

Over the summer, Mr. McGuire has been continuing to work hard to help us make the very most of our indoor and outdoor spaces. One of the latest additions is our new welly racks, which will help support our commitment to outdoor play through our OPAL programme. As a reminder, children in **all year groups** (not just EY and Key Stage 1) should have named wellies and waterproofs in school, as we intend to be outside at playtimes throughout the year, come rain or shine.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to Mr. McGuire for the tremendous amount of work he has put in over the summer to refurbishment of the Year 4/5 boys' toilets. It has been quite a task, and we are very grateful for all of his hard work and that of the premises team in ensuring the facilities are ready for the children.

Finally, please take a look at the important dates later in this newsletter, particularly the dates for our Year Group Welcome Meetings, which are an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and find out more about the year ahead.

We are looking forward to a wonderful term and year together.

Best wishes, Dr. Townsley

Friends of English Martyrs School

The Friends of English Martyrs are a Parent/Carer and Teacher Association & Registered Charity dedicated to fundraising to enhance the school life of our children.

We are pleased to announce that we have a new leadership team for this academic year:

Chair-Christina Hancock (YR1),

Vice Chair- Emma McGuire (Yr4),

Treasure- Maria Lenkey (YR1)

We are looking for parent/carers from all year groups. We welcome all levels of commitment. If you are interested in being a class rep, please email friends@englishmartyrs.school

We will be holding regular preloved uniform sales. Please donate any EM branded clothing to improve the stock currently available.



Dates for 2026—2027 Academic Year

Autumn Term 2026

September

- Thursday 10th Year 4 Welcome Meeting 2.45pm
Year 5 Welcome Meeting 2.45pm
- Monday 14th Year 2 Welcome Meeting 2.45pm
- Tuesday 15th Year 2 Goodwood Farm trip
Year 4 Lodge Hill trip
Year 1 Welcome Meeting 2.45pm
- Wednesday 16th Year 6 Welcome Meeting 2.45pm
- Thursday 17th Year 3 Welcome Meeting 2.45pm
- Friday 18th Children can wear denim (jeans, denim skirts or dresses etc.) in exchange for a donation to 'Jeans for Genes'.
- Wednesday 23rd MacMillan Coffee Afternoon and Grandparents Day from 2.30pm
- Thursday 24th Year 3 Chichester Harbour trip
- Friday 25th Year 5 trip to Science Observatory at Herstmonceux Castle
- Monday 28th Whole school Kapla workshop—letter to follow (we will be asking for parent volunteers to come to help, please check if your diary is free!)

October

- Friday 2nd Inset Day—school closed for children
- Wednesday 14th Parents Evening
- Friday 16th Early Years Six Week in Meeting for parents.
- Saturday 17th Cross Country at The Gallops. Times to be confirmed.
- Monday 19th Parents Evening
- Wednesday 21st Year 6 trip to Bluebell Railway
- Monday 26th Half Term begins
- Friday 30th End of Half Term

November

- Monday 2nd School reopens for Autumn 2
- Monday 16th—Thursday 19th Early Years Balance Bikes
- Monday 30th Early Years Trip to St Michael's Church

December

- Friday 18th End of Autumn Term 2

Reminder to Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5—please check MCAS to give permission for trips and pay any outstanding contributions. Thank you

PE Days

Monday - Year 2,
Year 3, Year 4,
Year 5, Year 6

Tuesday - Year 1

Wednesday - Year 2, Year 4,
Year 5

Thursday - Year 1

Friday - Year 3, Year 6

Sports Leaders & Sporting Events

Congratulations to Ella, Hugh, Lola and Zachary who have been chosen to be the Sports Leaders this year. Mr. Neve and I were really impressed with the quality of the applications from our Year 6 children, and it was a very difficult decision. We are looking forward to seeing our new team acting as role models for sport both within the school and at outside events.

Please note that surveys for after school sporting events for children in Years 1—6 have now closed so that we can start choosing teams. Please contact the office if you want to add your child to the lists.





YOUNG PLAYERS WANTED!

SCHOOL YEARS 1-6

ASC BRIGHTON RANGERS are welcoming new players from across our local community for the 2026/27 season!



MINI RANGERS SCHOOL YEARS 1 & 2

Perfect for children starting out in football. Fun, friendly sessions and opportunities to begin playing matches.



TEAMS FOR YEARS 3-6

We have established teams playing fixtures this season and would love to welcome additional players.



INCLUSIVE

Everyone welcome - no previous club experience needed.



FUN & FRIENDLY

We focus on enjoyment, confidence and teamwork.



DEVELOP & GROW

Helping children improve their skills and love the game.



MAKE FRIENDS

Be part of a positive community and make new friends.



BUCKINGHAM PARK
SHOREHAM-BY-SEA
BN43 6BA

COME ALONG AND
BE PART OF THE TEAM!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Southern Martial Arts KIDS KARATE



Confidence

Self Defence

Discipline

Respect

Etiquette

Behaviour

Control

Awareness

Anti Bullying

Co-ordination

SEN Friendly

All Non-contact

£7 per Lesson

No Direct Debits

努力報酬

Effort
Brings
Reward

English Martyrs RC Primary
School

Wednesday 3.15 to 4.00pm

Call or WhatsApp to book a place: 07903 304536

Email: renshichen-sma@hotmail.com



New Beginners welcome along anytime
Wear your PE kit or similar for first few weeks



YEAR 2 AND ABOVE

After school
skateboard club

Thursdays
3.15-4.15

Book in through QR
code or email

Beginner friendly

Skateboards and
helmets to borrow

September
10th, 17th,
24th
October
1st, 8th, 15th
and 22nd



£56 pp for the
whole 7 weeks



dalesouthcoastskateclub@outlook.com

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.