



English Martyrs Newsletter

8th February 2026

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



Club News

Bookings for the new term of Skateboarding club are now open, please see flyer below to make a booking.



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

Matthew 5:13-16

Spring Term Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 10th Feb	Year 5 Schools Singing Programme concert at Arundel Cathedral, parents invited to attend the performance from 3.45 p.m.
Thursday 12 th Feb	Break the rules day for Year 3
Thursday 12 th Feb	Year 5 Class Liturgy, parents welcome from 2.45pm
Friday 13 th Feb	Inset Day—no children in school
Monday 16th to 20 th	February Half Term
Monday 23 rd Feb	Children return to school after half term
Thursday 26 th Feb	Year 4 Class Liturgy, parents welcome from 2.45pm
Thursday 12 th Mar	Year 3 Class Liturgy, parents welcome from 2.45pm
Monday 23 rd Mar	Parent Consultation Meetings times tbc
Wednesday 25 th Mar	Parent Consultation Meetings times tbc
Thursday 26 th Mar	Year 3 Butser Farm Trip
Thursday 26 th Mar	Year 2 Class Liturgy, parents welcome from 2.45pm *Date Change*
Friday 27 th Mar	Last day of Spring Term

Uniform donations

Thank you for all the uniform donations so far, currently we do not need any more jumpers or cardigans. We are still in desperate need of small trousers or tracksuit bottoms to fit ages between 4-6. If your child is in KS1 it would be really helpful if you could send in spare bottoms in their bag.



Communication

To try and improve communication between the school and parents please report the following directly to the office:

- Child absences by 9am,
- Appointments, issues, general queries,
- If your child needs medication or has had medication in the morning,
- If your child has been invited to take part in a sporting event and will not be attending it would be really helpful for us to know as soon as possible
- If your child is going on a school trip, it would be really helpful if consent could be given by the deadline

Please use the office@englishmartyrs.school email address or call 01903 502868. We appreciate your cooperation.



Tax-Free Childcare (TFC)

Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) is a childcare top-up for working parents. It can be used to help pay for breakfast clubs, after school clubs, holiday clubs, childminders, or sports activities. TFC is available for children aged up to 11, or 17 if the child has a disability. Families can visit the [Best Start in Life website](#) to check if they are eligible. You can find out more about the scheme by clicking [here](#). Many parents and carers do not realise that TFC can be saved up on their accounts. Even if childcare is not required throughout the school terms, there is still the option to save up funds.

Best Start in Life has a page of [frequently asked questions](#), which may be useful for parents and carers. Another source of information is the Family Information Service (FIS) [Facebook page](#). The FIS shares useful information on help paying for childcare and other topics that may be useful to families. Useful links and additional information:

[Tax Free Childcare support for summer holiday activities](#)

[Guidance on getting Tax-Free Childcare](#)

[The Family Information Service's Facebook page](#)

[Help paying for childcare web page](#)

[The Family Information Service website](#)



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Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) for children

Children and young people aged 4 to 16 who are eligible* for benefits related free school meals can take part in free clubs during the Easter, Summer and Winter holidays. A free nutritious meal is provided as part of the scheme. Visit our website to find activities near you and book your place.

*Check eligibility on the webpage and find information about further support and activities available. Places are limited. Paid-for-places may be available, contact individual clubs for availability.

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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



£37.50 pp for the
whole 5 weeks



dalesouthcoastskateclub@outlook.com

Pied Piper Activities

holiday camps at Windlesham House

Embark on an exciting journey with Pied Piper multi-activity camps, the ultimate experience for children aged 4 to 12 during their Easter and Summer holidays!

Providing fantastic OFSTED registered childcare with over 60 different activities for children to take part in, you will have complete peace of mind knowing that your children are not only having a great time but are safe and cared for too.

Our camps are safe, friendly, and secure, ensuring your child's adventure unfolds in a nurturing environment. Our handpicked staff are carefully selected for their fun-loving, caring, enthusiastic and committed nature and their ability to deliver the Pied Piper difference throughout your child's week at camp.

Join Pied Piper at Windlesham House School, where joy knows no bounds, and every moment is a chance to create wonderful childhood memories that last a lifetime!



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Creating wonderful childhood memories...

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Children's St Valentine's Day Craft Morning



10 crafts including materials and glue—just add scissors

Saturday 14th February

Crafts can be completed at home or in the church between 10am - 11:45am

£3.50 per bag

For children aged 2-12years
Pre booking available from October



St Symphorian's Church Hall
Durrington Hill BN13 2PU

Proceeds to Church Fund Registered Charity 1134809



Worthing's Independent School

Music Production Workshop

For young creators in years 5 - 8 across West Sussex

Tuesday 17th February | 10:30 AM - 3.00 PM

This half-term's special workshop, Inside the Mind of the Music Maker, will immerse students in the world of music production, songwriting and performance.

The session will be led by Ian Lovatt, a Brighton-based music producer, songwriter and artist developer whose career includes work with Jess Glynne, Calum Scott, and Sam Tompkins. Activities will include creating and experimenting with sounds using professional-grade music production tools, learning how beats, melodies and harmonies are built from scratch and working in small groups to write, produce or perform parts of an original piece.

It's a chance for children to try something new in a supportive, imaginative and energising environment, guided by an industry professional.

Where wellbeing comes first and every child is known, SION's small classes and independent curriculum allow young people to thrive.

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Book a tour of SION School: Gratwicke Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 4BL



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