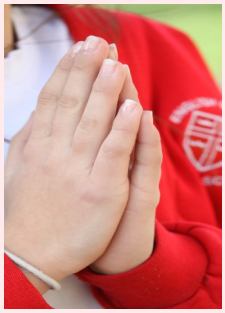
English Martyrs Newsletter
9th October 2026

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



Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like when a king held a wedding feast for his son. He sent his servants to summon those who had been invited, but they didn’t want to come. He sent other servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared the meal, everything is ready, come to the feast.’ Some of those invited took no notice, but others seized the king’s servants. The king was very angry and sent his soldiers. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Go out into the streets and invite everyone you find to the wedding feast.’ The servants went out and gathered together everyone they could find, both bad and good alike. The wedding hall was now filled with guests.” *from Matthew 22:1-10*

Kapla Workshop

What a brilliant day we had with KAPLA at the start of last week. From our Early Years children carefully creating houses to Year 6 building their own Tower of Pisa, every class played a part in our enormous shared creation. We were so proud of the way the children listened, worked together and helped one another. When their buildings came tumbling down, they showed real resilience, picked up the pieces and tried again. It was great fun, but also a lovely reminder that everyone has something to contribute and that we can create amazing things when we work together. We’ve now got lots of fantastic photos of the children building together on our ‘Belonging’ display board that the children are loving looking at.











Pre-loved Baby dolls and accessories

Do you have any pre-loved dolls, or doll accessories that you could donate to Year 1. They would be very grateful for any dolls, doll clothes, high chairs, cots etc.



Our Fishy Friends have arrived!

Today four dwarf frogs and five neon fish have been introduced to our aquarium—the sense of excitement among the children today was just brilliant. We will be adding more fish as time goes on, allowing them time to settle before we introduce new ones. Today in assembly, we talked about why we have got an aquarium —please ask your children to tell you. (And if yours is one of our youngest children who still thinks that I’m planning on eating the fish, please do persuade them that this really isn’t the case!!)

Year 5 Visit to the Science Observatory

Year 5 had a fantastic time visiting the Science Observatory in Herstmonceux! They enjoyed an exciting and educational day filled with fascinating discoveries and hands-on experiences.

The children travelled through the solar system in the planetarium, where they learned lots of amazing facts about space and the planets. They were also lucky enough to see the impressive Thompson 26-inch refractor and learn more about how astronomers use telescopes to explore the night sky.

The children particularly enjoyed experimenting with water and trying out the different equipment in the Science Garden. They also discovered how moon craters are formed, learned about black holes and explored many other exciting areas of science.

It was a wonderful day of curiosity, discovery and fun, and Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed becoming scientists for the day!







Year 6 Dig for Victory

This term, Year 6 stepped back in time to learn about the famous "Dig for Victory" campaign from World War II. During the war, food was in short supply, so families were encouraged to grow their own fruit and vegetables to help feed the nation.

To bring our history learning to life, we planted our very own onion sets! We carefully prepared the soil, planted the onions and learned how much patience and hard work is needed to grow food. Just like children during the 1940s, we discovered the importance of being self -sufficient and making the most of the resources available.

As the weeks go by, we will monitor our onions' growth and take responsibility for caring for them. This hands-on experience has helped us understand the challenges faced by families during wartime and appreciate where our food comes from today.





Chicks in Year 2

Year 2 welcomed two little chicks into their class this week!

Following a farm visit, this was a lovely introduction to our upcoming learning about life cycles. A big thank you to Maria for bringing in her chicks for us to meet.





Poppies

Poppies are available from the school office for a donation to the British Legion. After half term the box of snap bracelets and accessories will be available at the end of the school, again in return for a donation to the British Legion.

E-Books Reading Survey

For parents of children in Early Years and Key Stage 1, we are now coming towards the end of our free trial of the Collins e-books. We really do want to know how you have found them so that we get things right for our children and families. Please could you complete the survey below … if you are happy to add your name, you will be with the chance of winning a £20 Amazon gift voucher on a 'Wheel of Names' in assembly!

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/FV5Zg3NYjy

Dates for 2026—2027 Academic Year

Autumn Term 2026

October

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 16th Year 3 Open Class. Parents welcome to view their children's work 2.45pm-3pm
Tuesday 17th Year 2 Open Class. Parents welcome to view their children's work 2.45pm-3pm
Wednesday 18th Early Years Open Class. Parents welcome to view their children's work 2.45pm-3pm
Year 5 Open Class. Parents welcome to view their children's work 2.45pm-3pm
Thursday 19th Year 1 Open Class. Parents welcome to view their children's work 2.45pm-3pm
Year 4 Open Class. Parents welcome to view their children's work 2.45pm-3pm
Friday 20th Year 6 Open Class. Parents welcome to view their children's work 2.45pm-3pm
Monday 30th Early Years Trip to St Michael's Church

December

Friday 4th KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal—younger siblings welcome 10.45am
Monday 7th KS1 Nativity—(no younger siblings please) 9.30am
Tuesday 8th KS1 Nativity—(no younger siblings please) 2pm
Thursday 10th KS2 Advent Service Dress Rehearsal—younger siblings welcome 9.30am
Friday 11th KS2 Advent Service—(no younger siblings please) 2pm
Monday 14th KS2 Advent Service—(no younger siblings please) 9.30pm
Thursday 17th Advent Mass 2pm—all welcome
Friday 18th End of Autumn Term 2

Spring Term 2027

January

Monday 4th Inset day—School closed for children
Tuesday 5th School Reopens to children for Spring term

February

Monday 15th Half Term begins
Friday 19th End of Half term

Reminder to all —please check MCAS to give permission for trips and pay any outstanding contributions. This includes the whole school Kapla Workshop

Thank you.

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Worthing's

AUTUMN SCHEDULE

10 OCT - 11 NOV	Folk Fringe Festival Various
16 OCT	Downsbrook Fireworks Downsbrook School
25 OCT	Worthing Seafront 10K Beach House Park
23-26 OCT	Jack on the Green Beach House Park
23 OCT	TAB Fireworks Thomas A Becket Junior School
24 OCT- 1 NOV	Ferring Scarecrow Trail Ferring
5 NOV	Worthing Lions Fireworks The Pier
6 NOV	Worthing Rugby Club fireworks Roundstone Lane

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9AM – 4PM



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🕔 5pm – 8:30pm (last entry at 8pm)

💷 £15 per child | £6 per adult

Enjoy spooky fun for the whole family!

- Halloween Light-Up Trail
- Pumpkin Carving
- Biscuit Decorating
- Marshmallow Toasting
- Face Painting
- Sno-tubing
- Raffle & Tombola
- Food & Refreshments (charges apply)

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PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Player Development Centre Trials give young players the chance to showcase their skills and join one of our local centres. Successful players will be invited to join our Player Development Programme (PDP).

Price:	Free to attend
Age groups:	Under 6 – Under 16 (Boys & Girls)
Locations:	Chichester, Crawley, Cuckfield, Horsham, Haywards Heath, Lancing, Littlehampton, Ringmer and Steyning

Scan the QR code to view the full list of trial sessions taking place near you and register your child today!



Children's Halloween Craft Bags

St Symphorian's Church DURRINGTON



10 crafts including materials and glue— just add scissors

Saturday 31st October

Crafts can be completed at home or in the church between 10am - 11:30am

£3.50 per bag

For children up to 12years

St Symphorian's Church

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