



# English Martyrs Newsletter

## 25th January 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



### 'Time for a Treat' day

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January when The Friends after-school tuck shop will be open for business.

### 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

*'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!*

*Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,*

*Galilee of the nations!*

*The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;*

*on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death*

*a light has dawned.'*

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

**Mathew 4:12-23**

### Sports Update



### Sussex Small Schools Football Winners!

On Tuesday the Year 5 and 6 Football team played in the Sussex small schools football tournament. After a long eight games and securing a place in the final, the team won on penalties in a very intense penalty shootout, winning the small schools Pokemon cup and making it through

to the regionals! Well done, we are all incredibly proud of you and your achievement.

### Dodgeball Festival

On Thursday, the Year 3/4 Dodgeball team had a great time at their tournament, showing excellent throwing and catching skills. There was fantastic teamwork throughout. Well done!



## Year 3 DT Day – Woolly Mammoth Creations

Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic DT day designing and creating their very own milk bottle Woolly Mammoths. Using recycled milk bottles, pipe cleaners, googly eyes, and brown tissue paper, the children crafted wonderful mammoth models—each one unique!

The activity provided a brilliant opportunity for cross curricular learning, linking our Stone Age topic with art and design. The children had great fun and were incredibly proud of their creative results.



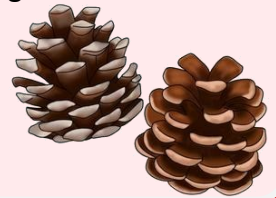
## Year 4 Greek food tasting

As part of our Year 4 learning about Ancient Greece, we tasted a range of Greek foods. The experience was lots of fun and thoroughly enjoyed by the children- apart from the olives, which didn't win everyone over!



## Wanted—Natural resources

Year 1 are requesting natural resources for art work. This could be, for example, pine cones, conkers, shells and stones. If you have any of these and are willing to donate them to the class, please bring them to the office.



## 'Break The Rules Day'

### Friday 6th February in aid of The Friends

Children must still wear school uniform and in addition, the 'no jewellery rule' applies for health and safety reasons. The follow rules can be 'broken' by children and staff for a fine of 50p per broken rule!

- Hair- Distracting/crazy hairstyles
- Face -Face paint designs on face
- Arms-Temporary tattoos applied to arms
- Nails-Nail varnish worn (no fake nails please)
- Legs- Wearing a different colour, or patterned, socks/tights
- Shoes- Wearing trainers instead of school shoes
- Snack—A non-healthy snack for snack time
- Water bottles-May contain squash (no fizzy or energy drinks please)

Please note that this is NOT a mufti day and school jumpers/cardigans, polo shirts and trousers/skirts/ pinafores or PE kits must still be worn.

There will be 'Rules Police' on the playground that morning to intercept the rulebreakers and accept their fines (cash on the day please) that will be a maximum of £4 if ALL rules are broken! Please note that it is important that all temporary tattoos, nail varnish, face paint etc. must then be removed by Monday 9th February.

## Birthday Celebrations

We invite our children to celebrate their birthday by coming to school in home clothes if they wish to. Everyone will know it's their birthday and they feel special (and have lots of "Happy birthdays") for the whole day! If your child has a birthday at the weekend or in the school holiday, they can come to school in their own clothes on the Friday before.

We respectfully request that children do not bring sweets into school to share with their class. Birthdays are expensive enough without this additional cost! Also, the wrappers create a huge amount of waste and often litter, which we want to avoid. Please be aware that if bags of sweets are sent in to distribute, we will return these to you. Thank you for your support.



## PJ Day—Friday 30th January

Wear Your Pyjamas To School Day - min donation £1. All donations go to year 6 leavers activities!



## Spring Term Dates for your Diary

<b>Friday 30th Jan</b>	<b>Pyjamas day</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Year 3 and 4 Open Classroom 2:45pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Year 1 and Year 2 Open Classroom 2:45pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Early Years and Year 6 Open Classroom 2:45pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 1 Class Liturgy, parents welcome from 2.45pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 5 Open Classroom from 2:45pm
<b>Friday 6th Feb</b>	<b>Break the rules day</b>
<b>Tuesday 10th Feb</b>	<b>Year 5 Schools Singing Programme concert at Arundel Cathedral, parents invited to attend the performance from 3.45 p.m. Details to follow.</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 5 Class Liturgy, parents welcome from 2.45pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Inset Day—no children in school
Monday 16th to 20 <sup>th</sup>	February Half Term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Children return to school after half term
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 4 Class Liturgy, parents welcome from 2.45pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 3 Class Liturgy, parents welcome from 2.45pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Parent Consultation Meetings times tbc
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent Consultation Meetings times tbc
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 3 Butser Farm Trip
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Year 2 Class Liturgy, parents welcome from 2.45pm *Date Change*</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Last day of Spring Term

## Uniform Spares

We are running low on spare uniform, we are looking for the following:

Small size navy tracksuit bottoms

Grey trousers

White polo tops in good condition, sizes 6 upwards.

If you have anything for donation we would greatly appreciate it.

If your child is given something from the spares we would appreciate if it could be returned in a clean condition.

It would also be helpful if your child is in KS1 to include a some spare clothes in their bag particularly on wet days.

## Email Contacts

To contact the class teachers, please use the following email addresses:

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year1@englishmartyrs.school

year2@englishmartyrs.school

year3@englishmartyrs.school

year4@englishmartyrs.school

year5@englishmartyrs.school

year6@englishmartyrs.school

For any other messages or general questions, please use the office email:

office@englishmartyrs.school

Please do not send emails via the app at present as we do not seem to be receiving them.

# Children's St Valentine's Day Craft Morning

St Symphorian's Church  
DURRINGTON



10 crafts including materials and glue— just add scissors

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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

# FEBRUARY Half Term Holiday CLUBS AT LODGE HILL

9AM - 4PM



LODGE HILL  
Durrington Hill

**TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> & THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**£32**

PER CHILD

LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT SCHOOL HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR CHILD? OUR FUN-FILLED HOLIDAY CLUBS ARE DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN AGED 8-12 YEARS, OFFERING EXCITING OUTDOOR ADVENTURES IN A SAFE, SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT.

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Short Breaks for disabled children and young people

For families in West Sussex with a child under 18 with additional needs/disabilities

## LODGE HILL SEND DAY



**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

10AM - 3:30PM

Lodge Hill Centre,  
Pulborough

### ACTIVITIES ON THE DAY:

- Abseiling
- Archery
- Climbing
- Low Ropes
- We Cycle Too Bikes
- Sno-tubing
- Orienteering
- Nature Trail
- Arts and crafts
- Freedom Through Fun with Chris North
- Woodland Crafts with Forest Knights



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## FEBRUARY HALF-TERM FOOTBALL CAMPS



Russell Martin Academy Football Camps offer children aged 5-12 the opportunity to learn and develop key football skills through fun games, exciting challenges, and engaging activities in a positive and friendly environment. Our experienced coaches are dedicated to inspiring young players, building confidence, and encouraging teamwork, all while having plenty of fun on the pitch!



AGES 5-12 | BOYS & GIRLS | 10AM-3PM

📍 CARDINAL NEWMAN 3G

**MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

- 9am Early Drop off - £3
- 10% Sibling Discount
- £15 for RMA Academy Members

**£20**

✉ info@rmfoundation.co.uk  
🌐 russellmartinfoundation.co.uk  
📍 Newman 3G - BNI 6AD



**HOLIDAY CLUBS**

# Premier Holiday clubs

more fun, more friendships, more smiles during the february Half-term!

**Book today**  
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**Premier Education**

**Excellent**  
Trustpilot

## Your Nearest Multi-Activity Clubs

Crawley:	Worthing:	Sompting:	HAF:
Hilltop Primary School, RH11 8QL	Our Lady of Sion School, BN11 4BL	Sompting Village Primary School, BN15 0BU	*Free HAF Spaces for those receiving benefits related Free School Meals

Our Holiday Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

Join us this February as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy this half term!

**Book now** for a holiday full of excitement!

Clubs are better with friends!

treat your friends to 20% off...and get 20% off too!  
\*T&C apply. Refer a friend discount on new bookings only.

**Excellent**  
Trustpilot

# 5th Durrington Brownies

Hiking, cooking on open fires, panto, dance, craft, team games, and so much more..

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**For girls aged 7 –10 years**

**We meet Mondays 6pm—7.30pm at St Michael's Church, Hayling Rise.**

**For more information**

**Email: 5thdurrington@gmail.co.uk**

## During Spring Term 2026 our activities will include:

- Ice Skating
- Clip and Climb
- Baking
- Night Hike
- Star Gazing
- Macrame
- Games Evening

as we complete three interest badges