



MARTYRS NEWS

THROUGH CHRIST WE BELIEVE, INSPIRE, ACHIEVE.
NEWSLETTER OF ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH 2024 - NEWSLETTER 13

HAPPY EASTER!



BY MR DINSDALE

This newsletter brings some very sad news with it unfortunately. We have learned about the passing of our dearly beloved Spanish teacher, Mrs Joanne Capano after losing her battle with cancer. Whilst Mrs Capano has not been able to teach in school for a while, many of the children and staff have very fond memories of her fantastic Spanish lessons, where she made the language come alive for us all through her use of puppets, games and most of all fun. We send all of our thoughts, prayers and love to her family at this time. Please join us in praying for her family.

In our assemblies this week I have been talking about growth - both in terms of how much the children have grown physically but also how we grow spiritually. To help us with this, we have been talking about our Prayer Garden plans - today we remember when Jesus went to prayer in the garden of Gethsemane alone.

We have seen lots of change this term here in school and next term will be no different! Our library partition wall is being installed over the Easter break, the first phase of this project! We are also going to be moving forward with our Prayer Garden plans too - exciting times ahead.

As I have said to all of the children this week, I am constantly amazed at the growth and maturity of the children every single day they make immensely proud in the way they behave and carry themselves.

Have a wonderful Easter break everybody.



Be safe, be happy, have fun!

Rest in Peace Mrs Capano



*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of all the faithful departed, Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
+ Amen +*

Attendance Matters

Well done to class **4A** who were our attendance winners for last week with **100%**! We have **160 STAR ATTENDERS** this term (98%+) and **113 since SEPTEMBER!** They will get their certificates after Easter.



Upcoming Events:

Date:	Event:
15 April	Summer Term 1 begins
17 April	With you always meeting 6pm
26 April	PTA Bingo 7pm
6 May	Bank Holiday - School closed
13 - 16 May	Y6 SATS
24 May	Mufti-day school finishes 3pm
27 - 31 May	Half Term
3 June	INSET DAY
4 June	Summer Term 2 begins

MARTYRS NEWS

Nursery

BY MRS HALSALL & MRS GARVEY

The children have had lots of Easter fun this week. We have made Easter headbands for our Easter Bunny Fun Run on the field and we've made delicious chocolate cakes to take home on Thursday.



Year 1

BY MRS BLACKLEDGE & MRS SOTHERN

As part of our Geography topic, Four countries of the United Kingdom, Year One have been learning about the countries that make up the U.K and their capital cities. They discovered that all the capital cities had a river, bridge, castle, a train station and a parliament. They located and labelled them on a map and then built their own city with small world play.



Year 2

BY MISS DRINKALL & MRS MCINTYRE

The children in Year 2 concluded their teamwork focus in PE with some parachute games.



I really liked when we used the parachute. I was fun when we ran under it and saw all the different colours. We had to work as a team with classmates to make the games work
Scarlett

I really enjoyed improving my teamwork skills with my friends and my teachers. I have learnt a lot and it has been really good fun too.
Rory

Year 3

BY MISS TIERNEY & MR ROACH

Last Thursday Year 3 visited the Veolia Discovery Centre to learn all about recycling! They are going to help to change the future by sharing and applying their knowledge.



Year 4

BY MRS GOULBOURNE & MRS DOOLEY

We have been following the events of Holy Week In our class RE lessons and through our collective Worship. Every day we are led in prayer and thought by our Collective Worship.



'I like leading our class in prayer. It is a very special time where we can slow down and think about everything'

Amelia

Holy Week

BY MRS MCINTYRE

This year we have had the privilege of being in school for part of Holy Week. Classes have been to church to spend time praying the Stations of the Cross.

Easter Sunday Mass in church is at 10.30am if you would like to celebrate the most important feast of the liturgical year with our parish family.



MARTYRS NEWS

PTA Rainbow Raffle

BY MR DINSDALE

A massive Thank You to everyone who sent in donations for the rainbow raffle. The PTA were able to make up lots of hampers. All winners have been contacted. Well done to Mr Stitt who won the bike The total raised for the PTA is in excess of **£1900!** Amazing!



Nursery Admissions

BY MRS DELANEY

Our Nursery Admission process for children eligible to start in September 2024 will take place over the next few weeks. This year we are looking at the offer to parents and how we can offer more flexibility. Our nursery provision is an amazing facility with qualified teaching staff on hand to support and develop your child so they are ready for their journey into main school. If you are a working parent and are eligible to the 30 hour provision or if you are seeking part time hours then this is something we can definitely offer. Furthermore, this year we are hoping to offer 15 hour provision over a condensed week. If you would like to apply for a place please visit our school website and complete the [nursery application form](#). Alternatively, contact Mrs Delaney in the main school office for further information or to arrange a viewing of the nursery facilities.

End Of Topic

BY MRS MCINTYRE

This week, many children shared their learning in Religious Education through End of Topic Assemblies. The acts of worship focused on various topics centered around the theme of Lent and Easter. The assemblies were well-attended and the children were able to help us reflect beautifully on the Easter story and our preparations during the period of Lent.



Year 2

BY MRS MCINTYRE
& MISS DRINKALL

Year 2 enjoyed the Easter Fun Run. They made headbands and hopped around the school field.

Well done to everyone for getting involved and in the Easter spirit!



MARTYRS NEWS EM STARS



Esther T, Y6

Fabulous as always to hear about your successful stories with your sporting achievements and things you have created both in school and outside!

Special mention to Esther in Y6 for being signed to LFC Academy! Amazing achievement!

Special mention to Rory in our morning Nursery for remembering all

of the words to 'Gather Together' and singing and playing it better than Mr D! Wonderful Rory!



Rory B, Nursery AM



If you have any lovely news to share, please let us know via e-mail or by bringing the certificate, medal or award in on a Friday to show me!



Any news, let us know:
news@englishmartyrs.co.uk

Star of the Week FRIDAY 22ND MAR

Star of the Term THURS 28TH MAR

Nursery All Day	Lucas
Nursery AM	Clancy
RA	Coby
RB	Albi
1A	Nellie
1B	Thomas
2A	Zac
2B	Lilly-Mai
3A	Riley
3B	George
4A	Ella
4B	Skyla
5A	Darcy
5B	Daisy
6A	Poppy
6B	George

Nursery All Day	Sophia
Nursery AM	Sophie
RA	Shay
RB	Lucas
1A	Frankie
1B	Arthur
2A	Oliver
2B	Ivy
3A	Elsie
3B	Esmae
4A	Phoebe
4B	Amelia
5A	Charles
5B	Sonny
6A	Kael
6B	Amelia



YEAR DATES 2023/24

THROUGH CHRIST WE BELIEVE, INSPIRE, ACHIEVE.

ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Mon 4th Sept	INSET (School closed for staff training)	
Tues 5th Sept	Term Begins	
Mon 23rd Oct	} Half Term	
Fri 27th Oct		
Mon 30th Oct	Term begins	Pupil Days - 72
Wed 20th Dec	Term ends - 2pm	Staff Days - 73

SPRING TERM 2024

Thurs 4th Jan	Term begins	
Mon 12th Feb	} Half Term	
Fri 16th Feb		
Mon 19th Feb	Term begins	Pupil Days - 56
Thurs 28th Mar	Term ends - 2pm	Staff Days - 56

SUMMER TERM 2024

Mon 15th April	Term begins	
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday	
Mon 27th May	} Half term	
Fri 31st May		
Mon 3rd June	INSET (School closed for staff training)	
Tues 4th June	Term begins	
Thurs 18th July	Term ends - 2pm	
Fri 19th July	INSET (school closed for staff training)	
Mon 22nd July	INSET (school closed for staff training)	Pupil Days - 62
Tues 23rd July	INSET (school closed for staff training)	Staff Days - 66

Total Pupil Days - 190

Total Staff Days - 195



YEAR DATES 2024/25

THROUGH CHRIST WE BELIEVE, INSPIRE, ACHIEVE.

ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Mon 2nd Sept	INSET (School closed for staff training)	
Tue 3rd Sept	INSET (School closed for staff training)	
Wed 4th Sept	Term Begins	
Mon 28th Oct	} Half Term	
Fri 1st Nov		
Mon 4th Nov	Term begins	Pupil Days - 73 Staff Days - 75
Fri 20th Dec	Term ends - 2pm	

SPRING TERM 2025

Mon 6th Jan	Term begins	
Mon 17th Feb	} Half Term	
Fri 21st Feb		
Mon 24th Feb	Term begins	Pupil Days - 60 Staff Days - 60
Fri 4th Apr	Term ends - 2pm	

SUMMER TERM 2025

Tue 22th April	Term begins	
Mon 5th May	Bank Holiday	
Mon 26th May	} Half term	
Fri 30th May		
Mon 2nd June	INSET (School closed for staff training)	
Tues 3rd June	Term begins	
Fri 18th July	Term ends - 2pm	
Mon 21st July	INSET (school closed for staff training)	Pupil Days - 57 Staff Days - 60
Tue 22nd July	INSET (school closed for staff training)	

Total Pupil Days - 190

Total Staff Days - 195

USEFUL INFO

swaca

Sefton Women's & Childrens Aid

Contact number: 0151 922 8606

SWACA provide holistic services to women, young people and children affected by Domestic Abuse offering both effective crisis intervention and early intervention and preventative services.



Venus Centre Charity

Contact number: 0151 474 4744

VENUS provide service to empower, promote and support women, and their children in developing their potential, recognising their choices and achieving their goals and challenging injustice.



The Trussell Trust

Contact number: 01722 580180

The trust supports a nationwide network of food banks and together they provide emergency food and support to people locked in poverty, and campaign for change to end the need for food banks in the UK.



In Your Shoes

Contact number: 0151 345 9611

Located at 100 Moss Lane the charity supports our local community.

Litherland Wellbeing Centre

Contact number: 0151 288 6661

Family Well-being Centres provide joined up support for children and young people aged 0-19 years to make family life that little bit easier.

Sefton Council

One Stop Shop: 0345 140 0845

Affordable Warmth Service: 0151 934 2222

Free School Meals: 0151 934 3263

Emergency Limited Assistance: 0151 934 3377

Sefton at Work: 0151 934 2610

For further details visit Sefton Council's website:

<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/advice-benefits/cost-of-living/>

If you are struggling and would like support please do not hesitate to contact one of the above or the school office who will assist in any way they can.