



Coming Up

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Monday 20th Feb	Flute lessons	Y5 Swimming
	Drama Club 3.15-4.15pm	Tennis Club 3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday 21st Feb	Y1 Swimming	
	Y2&3 Spotlight Club 3.15-4pm	Y4-6 Spotlight Club 4-4.45pm
Wednesday 22nd Feb	Piano lessons	Drum lessons
	KS1 Multiskills Festival	Y4-6 Coding Club 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 23rd Feb	Guitar lessons	Y6 Forest School
	Y1-2 Games Club 3.15pm-4pm	Y3-6 Art Club 3.15pm-4.15pm
Friday 24th Feb	Coffee Morning—9.15am	2.30pm Celebration Assembly

Notices

• Heritage Evening

Thurs 9th March 6.30-8.30pm—don't forget to let the office know if you can make it and/or if you can represent a country!

• Parent emails to school

Please remember to use enquiries@english-martyrs.rutland.sch.uk when emailing the school office and not the office@ email address. Thank you.

• Parents Forum

The next meeting will be on Wed 22nd Feb 7pm via Microsoft Teams. Please let Mrs Chambers know if you can attend.



Virtue of the week

The next virtue is: **Kindness to ourselves**

Please take time to discuss this at home with your child/ren.

Fundraising for Ukraine.

Thank you to everyone who bought their child's art work this week. We have raised an amazing **£412.50** so far for the Ukraine appeal.



Children's Mental Health Week



We have had an amazing week in school reconnecting with the NHS 5 ways to happiness and thinking about how we can all keep fit mentally!

The mini mind leaders started the week off with our ELSAs leading an assembly on mental health, which made us think about how important it is to ensure we are healthy mentally as well as physically. We loved being physically active on our new orienteering trail, sewing and being mindful on our walk as well as producing amazing art work raising lots of money for our Ukrainian appeal. Finally we have all thought about how food can affect your mood and made rainbow wraps which we ate together knowing that we connect when we share meal times.

We will be putting resources for parents on the mental health page of the website after half term and considering termly drop ins for parents with our school ELSAs.

A big thank you to the staff mental health and well being group who organised the week and to all families for supporting us with purchasing art work and helping with the various activities.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all the children who have celebrated their birthdays recently and who will celebrate over half term.

Y3— Octavia, **Y5**— Sophie, JR
Y6— Freya, Sofia

Safer Internet Day

For Safer Internet Day, the Digital Leaders led an assembly which introduced this year's theme of

'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. Each class then went off to find out more about being safe online!



Swimming Gala

Well done to our swimmers who swam brilliantly on Friday. We will find out the final results soon but hope some of the children will have reached the county finals.

Gymnastics

Well done to our Key Steps 2 gymnasts who competed this week. They were all placed in the top 13 out of 50 children which is an amazing achievement! One team came second in their group!

FEM News

Movie Night Hamper raffle

We thought we would try something new this week instead of the normal cake raffle! The winner of the hamper is Jude!



Half Term Smarties Challenge

The Smarties challenge is back for half term! Smarties will be sent home today (or an alternative for those with allergies). We hope to raise lots of money so thank you in advance for your support!



A prayer for the people in Turkey & Syria

We pray for the people of Central Turkey and North West Syria, whose lives have been devastated by the earthquake. Be present, O Lord, our Good Shepherd, to bring comfort, relief, shelter and human kindness. Shield the people who suffer, console those who are bereaved, prosper the provision of relief, strengthen the work of emergency teams, and shine your light and hope in the midst of despair.

We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Y3 World War II Day

Mrs Topping's class were evacuated from Clapham Junction to Devon today. They also talked about the Enigma machine and code breaking as well as looking at some real artefacts from WWII that William brought in.



Y6 Forest School

Year 6 enjoyed their final session of Forest School on Thursday - it was glorious in the bright, warm sunshine. They made pancakes and bread on the campfire - they were delicious. They also made clay models of themselves to leave in their favourite part of the forest. They have had a great few weeks and are very grateful to Jo and Joana for running the sessions and to Mrs Wallace for accompanying them.

Baking Bread in Y4

Y4 made some more fantastic bread rolls for their DT topic. This time they added an ingredient that they loved! They smelt delicious and look very tasty!



St Joseph's Church

Keep up to date with the Parish news [here](#).



We hope you have a lovely half term and we will see you back in school on Monday 20th February!