



English Martyrs CVA

We grow and learn as a family in the footsteps of Jesus

St Thérèse
of Lisieux
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

Coming Up

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Tuesday 7th Sep	Selected Y1 children—Forest School	
Wednesday 8th Sep	Y5&6 Forest School (at school)	
Thursday 17th Sep	Y5&6 selected children— Bikeability. More details to follow.	

Notices

- **Illness**—Please take a look at the guidance we sent earlier today on what you need to do if your child is feeling unwell.
- **Data Collection forms**— Please return your data collection form as soon as possible, thank you.
- **Nut Free School**— Just a reminder that we are a nut free school as we have a number of children with serious nut allergies.



Welcome back to all our families and welcome to our new EYFS children who have had a great first week.

We also welcome Ava into Year1 and hope her and her family are very happy at English Martyrs.

We have sadly said goodbye to Thomas Y5 and Lilly Rose Y1 who have moved at the beginning of September, we wish them lots of luck and happiness in their new home and school.

Prayer of the week

Dear God,

We pray for the courage to be people of connection, to work to eradicate poverty of loneliness in our school community, in our families and in our wider society. Give us ears to listen to others, eyes that spot when people are in need and hearts that long to connect and care. We thank you that you promise to love us and never abandon us.

Amen.



Message from Mrs Chambers

Thank you to everyone for your support this week dropping off and collecting the children, we really appreciate your patience and understanding with our new system. We have been so pleased to welcome all the children back to school. They have been amazing at settling into school routines once again and it has been great to see so many smiling faces and hear so much laughter. All the teachers have really enjoyed teaching the children and have been very impressed with their positive attitudes and keenness to reengage with learning again.

Welcome to all our new children in early years and their families, we are delighted to have you join our school family and hope that you soon feel part of our amazing community.

Communication with parents

We want to continue to develop our home, school links with parents through the use of Class Dojo (Y1-6) and Tapestry for Early years parents.

Therefore each week the teachers will put key learning onto the class story page of Dojo/Tapestry as well as any important dates which will be pinned at the top of the page.

Class pages on the website will be used for information relating to topic overviews (project maps) and knowledge organisers as well as highlights from the class learning which will be put on regularly.

The office will continue to use Parentpay to send messages so please can all new parents make sure their accounts have been activated as soon as possible. Thank you.



Miss Humphreys—Assistant Head

Congratulations to Miss Humphreys on her appointment to Assistant Head for this academic year, we wish her lots of luck in her new role.

NHS 5 Steps to Happiness

We have introduced the NHS 5 steps to happiness to our children this week. We will be using these 5 steps throughout the year for our whole school community as a framework for our personal, social, health and emotional curriculum providing the children and staff with ways to improve their own well being. We will be regularly involving parents in this initiative too and hope that you can use these steps at home to unite as a family and take your own steps to improved happiness and well being. We have sent out a bingo activity and weekly diary for parents to use at home should they wish to with lots of ideas on for the 5 areas below.

The 5 steps are :

CONNECT, GIVE, BE ACTIVE, TAKE NOTICE, KEEP LEARNING



Meet the New Teacher

As we are unable to offer our face to face workshops after school, each teacher has put a power point onto the class page of the website for parents to look at, this will detail expectations for the year for classes and provide key information about the learning for the year group.



New classroom

The new classroom build is starting to take shape and we can't wait until it is ready to move into!



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<http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org/index.php/newsletters>

