



English Martyrs CVA

We grow and learn with the gifts we have been given, following in the footsteps of Jesus



Coming Up

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Monday 7th Nov	Flu immunisation	Tennis Club 3.15-4.30pm
	Flute lessons	Y3 Swimming lessons
	Parents evening	
Tuesday 8th Nov	Y1-3 Creative Club 3.15-4.15pm	
Wednesday 9th Nov	Piano and Drum lessons	Y4-6 Sewing Club 3.15-4.15pm
	Y1-6 Multiskills club 3.15-4.15pm	
Thursday 10th Nov	Guitar lessons	Y4 Forest School
	Parents evening	
Friday 11th Nov	2.30pm Celebration Assembly	

Notices

• Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant. Please click [here](#) for more information and share with anyone who you think may be interested.

• Lunch ordering

Don't forget, if you haven't been able to complete the lunch ordering form, children are still able to request a lunch in the morning with their teacher.

• Poppies

Poppies and other items are on sale in school, coordinated by the Year 6 children.



Virtue of the week

The virtue next week is: **Kindness**

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

NHS Mental Health Practitioner



This week Sarah Bennetts our NHS mental health practitioner attended parents forum and let parents know more about her role. Sarah is very much part of our team, and plays an active part in our mental health and wellbeing strategy supporting children in our school as well as working with staff and supporting us by signposting external services and training that continues to enhance our current position in this area. Sarah comes to school every Wednesday and provides support for children and families in connection with anxiety, low mood and self esteem as well as helping parents to navigate these areas too alongside their children. Sarah works closely with our ELSAs (emotional literacy support assistants) in school as well as being part of our mental health and wellbeing committee. We are incredibly lucky to have this provision and Sarah's work has already had an impact on our children and staff, we look forward to continuing and developing this partnership.



Head Teacher Awards



Congratulations to all the children who have received awards this week.



GOODBYE

We sadly say goodbye to Mr Stanley who is leaving his Premises Officer role today. Thank you to Mr Stanley for all his hard work over the last year and we wish him well for the future.

WELCOME

Welcome to Octavia who has joined us in Year 3 this term!



Birthdays



Happy Birthday to all the children who have celebrated their birthdays recently.

Y2—Oscar

Sportshall Athletics

Well done to the sports hall athletics team who competed at UCC on Thursday. They worked really well as a team and put in some superb performances. We were third on the night, fingers crossed it will be good enough to earn us a finals place! Well done to everyone.



Football

Well done to the Y5/6 footballers who played on Tuesday, in awful conditions. They drew their first game against South Witham before beating the same team 3-0 in a friendly. They then lost 1-0 to St Mary's thanks to an unfortunate deflection. Then they lost 4-1 to a much stronger Bringhurst team, the English Martyrs goal was reminiscent of Maradona in the 1986 World Cup...

The boys were amazing and played like a team, it was great to see. Well done to all and thanks to all of the parents who came along to support the team.



FEM News

Disco—dates for your diary!

Wednesday the 16th of November for (Y1, Y2, Y3) and Thursday the 17th of November (Y4, Y5, Y6).

From 3.30-4.30, £2.50, includes a drink and a snack.

Tickets will be available soon on Parentpay or at the office.

Cake Raffle—the winners this week were Sebby and Kara!

Monthly Coffee Morning



On the last Friday of each month there will be a coffee morning in the school hall for parents and preschool children as well as members of the parish. This will start about 9.15am as parents are dropping off. We would also like to encourage families beyond school with preschool children to join us, please mention this to any that you know. The first one will be on Friday 25th November, parents can make a small donation for tea and coffee should they wish to.

EYFS Transition Project

Mrs Long and Mrs Chambers have been leading a project called Thriving through Change specifically focused on early years. This is a transition project commissioned by the local authority to look at transition procedures from nurseries, childminders and pre-schools into school. They have been involved as part of a working party looking at identifying excellent practice to enable all children across Rutland to have the best possible start in school. This photo shows them delivering training for early years practitioners from schools and nurseries across Rutland. So far the working party has designed a consistent approach to information sharing, signposting to training for practitioners around early identification of any additional needs and a Rutland platform where information can be shared between schools and nurseries. They are very passionate about this piece of work and have really enjoyed working with other partners from across Rutland.



Y6 Ukuleles

Year 6 are continuing with their learning of the ukulele, this week we performed Rip Tide and I'm a believer - they both sounded fantastic. Thanks to Mr Joyce for his support and expert tuition.



School Instagram account

We are now on Instagram! Scan the QR code to find us, or you can search for us @english_martyrs_oakham



Virtues update!

School council and digital leaders have met this week to start designing some animations and explanations of our 10 virtues to share with parents. Look out for these once we have finished them, they will be on the website!



Stamford Tolethorpe Drama Workshop

Y3&4 also benefitted from the Resilient Rutland funding by taking part in amazing drama workshop at school this week. The workshop was based around Characterisation and the children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions! Years 5&6 will have their sessions next week.



Chaplaincy Team

"We are the Chaplaincy Team in school. Next week in the Prayer Pod we will be helping children to make and decorate poppies for the prayer garden. We will also be teaching them to how pray the Eternal Rest. Awesome photos to follow of the Pod!"



Prayer of the week

Eternal Rest

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon
them.

Mat they rest in peace.
Amen.

Yoga

We are lucky this term to have Nicky Hayes in school who is a Yoga teacher employed through Resilient Rutland. Each school has been given some additional money to spend on projects to give children a range of different experiences helping them to be more resilient. Years 1 and 2 enjoyed their first session this week!



Y4 Rugby

Miss Turner's class had a great time at Brooke Priors this week taking part in a touch rugby skills event. They got really stuck into all the activities, well done! Thank you to Brooke Priors for organising the event.



Menphys Choir

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Some of our children attended a rehearsal today at St Francis Primary in Melton for the Catholic Schools Menphys Choir. The event brings together many Catholic schools to sing together at the De Montfort Hall in Leicester. It will be an amazing event!

St Joseph's Church

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

