

RE Newsletter – Advent term

Good News Liturgies

As we transition back to Good Work Liturgies, we have been celebrating the children's good news in our phases. So far we have heard from Year 5/6 and Year 3/4, both of which have celebrated their good news, learning, new knowledge and excitement with the rest of the school. We are really excited to hear from Year 1/2 and Rec/Y1 in the next coming weeks.

Keep your eyes on our newsletters to find out more about the return of our Good Work Liturgies soon.

Prayer Journal

Throughout the year, your child will have the opportunity to bring the class prayer journal home. This is an opportunity for your family to reflect on global issues or more personal issues closer to home, and to write a short prayer to share with the class during the morning prayer time the following day. Reception children will receive a prayer intention slip which will be shared in a similar way.

During special times of the year, Lent and Christmas, we will send home a travelling nativity and a Lenten prayer journal to be shared as a family.

We have found the children have thoroughly enjoyed sharing their prayers and reflections with their class and are very proud of the journals. Some children enjoy decorating the pages with pictures and relish the opportunity to look over their friends' prayers too.

Masses and Class Liturgies

As with the Good Work Liturgies, we are currently only celebrating Mass and Class Liturgies within our classes or phases. We will keep you updated as we change our guidance and rules.

Gospel Values

At English Martyrs', the Gospel Values are very important to us, as they guide and teach us how to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. This year, we have given each class their own Gospel Value, which they will learn about throughout the course of the year. The following classes have the following Gospel Values:

Year Group	Gospel Value
Rec	Love
R/Y1	Forgiveness
Y1/2	Peace
Y2	Respect
Y3	Faith
Y3/4	Compassion
Y4	Equality

Y5	Truth
Y5/6	Humility
Y6	Simplicity

Fundraising at English Martyrs'

At English Martyrs', we fully embrace our worldwide family by fundraising for local, national and global charities. The children pride themselves on helping others and it is a great chance to develop their understanding of people less fortunate than themselves. This year, the Chaplaincy team announced a charity for each class, which they'll follow closely throughout the academic year – researching, learning, promoting awareness and fundraising for.

Year Group	Charity	Local/Global/National
Reception	The Sealife Trust	National
Reception/Year 1	Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	Local
Year 1/2	Canaan Trust	Local
Year 2	The River and Canal Trust	National
Year 3	Bunkpurugu	Global
Year 3/4	Guide Dogs	National
Year 4	Derbyshire Refugee Solidarity	Local
Year 5	National Autistic Society	National
Year 5/6		Local
Year 6	The Bumblebee Conservation Trust & The Briars	National & Local
School Council	Children in Need	National
Chaplaincy Team	CAFOD MISSIO Mary's Meals	Global Global Global
English Martyrs' Staff members		

Chaplaincy blog and Instagram

Please keep an eye on our website, as we are regularly updating the RE pages, which include: Chaplaincy team, Faith in Action, Catholic life and Collective worship. We celebrate the children's successes by updating the website with images of children's work and information about what the children have been part of during our Collective Worship time.

Thank you for your continued support.