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English Martyrs'  
Catholic Primary School  
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## Summer Term 3b Newsletter



# Message from Miss Elliott

As we come to the close of another wonderful school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements and growth we have seen across our school community. This year has been filled with hard work, resilience, and countless moments of joy and learning.

I am proud of our pupils for their dedication and enthusiasm, our staff for their unwavering commitment, and our parents for their ongoing support. Together, you have made this year a true success.

We give thanks for those staff who will be leaving us at the end of term, Miss McKeown, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Fernades and of course Mr Kennedy, we are grateful for all their dedication and kindness shown during their time as part of English Martyrs' Primary School. The Oscar Romero Centre say Good-bye to Miss Taylor, but we are delighted that she will remain in school and begin her teacher training with us in September.

We wish both Mrs McKeown and Miss Ritson every blessing for their forthcoming weddings, and we will welcome the new Mrs. McCorquodale back in September!

We look forward to welcoming our new staff in September.

As you already know Mrs Stephenson will be joining us as our new Deputy Head.

Following a successful apprenticeship Miss Tullin will also be joining our school family in a teaching assistant role.

We are pleased that Mrs. Bonello will be joining us as our new Year 5 teacher. Mrs Bonello will not be joining us until after October half term, but we are happy to welcome back Mr Zobel, who taught at English Martyrs' a few years ago, to begin the school year as Year 5 teacher.

As we head into the summer break, I hope everyone has the chance to rest, recharge, and spend quality time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming our pupil back, refreshed and ready for another year of discovery, learning and fun.

Thank you all for being part of our school family.

May God bless you all and may you all have a safe and happy summer!

*Miss Elliott*



# Farewell ... and ... Good Luck

It is with mixed emotions that I write this final farewell message to our wonderful Deputy Head, Mr. Kennedy, who will be leaving us at the end of this term.

Over the years, Mr. Kennedy has been an integral part of our vision to provide memorable learning experiences for our children, enabling them to be the best they can be. His passion, commitment to excellence, unwavering support for staff and pupils and dedication, as well as his sense of fun and love of football has permeated throughout our entire school community.

We are deeply grateful for Mr. Kennedy's tireless efforts in shaping our school's success and nurturing an environment where everyone can thrive.

Mr. Kennedy has been an inspiring role model, a trusted mentor and a driving force behind many successes.

While we will truly miss his presence and guidance and we are sad to see him leave, we wish him every success and happiness in his next chapter.

Mr. Kennedy will be an amazing Headteacher and the pupils, staff and the whole community of St Joseph's Jarrow are so lucky to have you. We are excited to see all the amazing things he will accomplish in the future.

Thank you, Mr Kennedy, for everything you have done — your legacy here will not be forgotten.

Your legacy of excellence and care will continue to shine brightly here.

With love and blessings  
Miss Elliott and all at English Martyrs'  
Catholic Primary School



Loving God,  
We give thanks for the gift of Mr. Kennedy, who has served with dedication,  
wisdom, and kindness as our deputy headteacher.  
Bless him as he moves on to new paths and opportunities.  
May Your guidance continue to light his way,  
and may he find joy, peace, and success in all that he undertakes.

Grant him courage to face new challenges,  
strength to overcome obstacles,  
and kindness to inspire all those in his care.

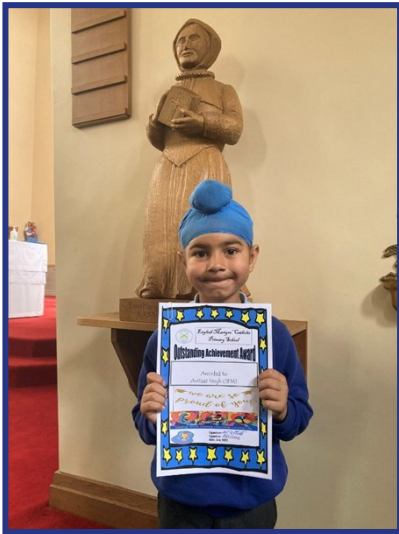
May the seeds he has sown here continue to grow and flourish,  
and may he carry the warmth and friendship of this school with him always.

We pray that You watch over him,  
protect his journey,  
and bless his future abundantly.

In Your name, we pray,  
Amen.



# Outstanding Achievement Awards



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# End of Year Mass



# Jubilee Pledge

We joined together with schools across England and Wales to make our own Jubilee Pledges - to build a better world where every person and the earth can flourish.



# Feast of Pentecost

The children had a fun filled day celebrating Pentecost - the birth of the church. They explored the feast with their classes before joining together to form a large flame on our KS2 yard before ending the day with a wonderful Pentecost parade.



# Youth Ministry Team Festival



Year 6 had a fantastic time celebrating the theme of Hope at the YMT festival.

# Gelsenkirchen Visit

Some of our Year 5 pupils took part in a visit to Germany to meet the pupils from our Partner School (Rainbow School) in Gelsenkirchen. Flying from Newcastle to Dusseldorf at the Beginning of June - the children embraced German Culture - trying new foods and learning about local customs and traditions.

We spent time in our Partner school as well as taking part in their sports day and accompanying them on their school trip to an adventure park! It was a fantastic opportunity to apply our German language skills, speaking with our new friends.

For many of our pupils this was their first time being away from family and friends as well as being first-time flyers! We were so proud of how well the children behaved and embraced the challenge of being away.

Other highlights included a tour of the Schalke FC football stadium, visiting the coal museum and a reception with the City Mayor at the town hall!



# Year 3 Pedestrian Training



Well done to Year 3 who have completed their pedestrian training. They have all worked hard to learn about how to be safe when crossing roads.

# Year 6 Borrowdale



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# Year 2 Beach Day



# Year 6 Production



## School Games Mark

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Silver School Games Mark. The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme. It celebrates schools' commitment to developing competitive sport within their school and community.

The purpose of the School Games Mark is to reward and recognize a schools' engagement in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active.

Thank you to Mr Thew who has worked hard to enhance our school PE curriculum and wider offer.



# Carnival of Sport

The children in school took part in a Carnival of Sport. They spent a full day participating in a range of different sports and activities. They were able to trial some of the new school equipment including Boccia and Curling. In addition to this there were tennis, football, golf, athletic and climbing challenges. It was a fun filled day which was thoroughly enjoyed by the children.



# Football

Well done to our Under 11 football team for a fantastic season. Recently, they narrowly missed out on a place in the Bishop's Cup Final through goal difference.

It has been a wonderful season of football for English Martyrs' resulting in many trophies. Thank you to all the players and their parents for their support. A big thank you to Miss Moran and the other staff who have given up their time to transport the players and co-ordinate the matches behind the scenes!



# Family Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who supported our final Family Breakfast of this academic year. A huge thank you to the staff as without them this wouldn't be possible, we hope to see you all back next year!



# Reception End of Term Fun



# Nursery Teddy Bear Picnic



# Oscar Romero Centre

The children in the Oscar Romero Centre had a fun filled afternoon with their parents in the school house garden. The children prepared fresh fruit and made cakes ready for the afternoon. It was a lovely way to celebrate the end of their first full year!



# Year 2 Parent Lunches

It was lovely to welcome so many of our Year 2 parents into school to enjoy a school lunch with their children. We are blessed at English Martyrs' to have Carole and the rest of her kitchen team. They always go above and beyond to provide delicious lunches and themed days throughout the year.

