



English Martyrs Catholic Primary School



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Term 3 Newsletter 1 13th January 2023



GOSPEL READING

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time : Year A

John 1 : 29 - 34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.'

John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back - we hope you have had a good break and that 2023 has got off to a great start. A special welcome to the staff and families who have joined our school for the first time.

We had a really productive INSET Day on Friday, with updated training on phonics and early reading for teaching and support staff from across the school.

On Wednesday, Sister Lucy and Sister Carino from the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, Lymington, led training in leading Collective Worship for the teaching staff.

On Wednesday we were also delighted to welcome Fr Andrew Wagstaff, who joined Fr Gaston to celebrate our start of term Mass. Fr Andrew will be working alongside Fr Gaston in English Martyrs Parish and it was wonderful to meet him.

Finally, we have been deeply saddened to learn of the death of Ruth Perry, Headteacher of Caversham Primary School. May she rest in peace. Please keep her family and school community in your prayers at this sad time.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend,
Mrs Doberska - Headteacher

THANK YOU FOR RESPECTING OUR NEIGHBOURS BY PARKING SAFELY AND CONSIDERATELY!

FAMILY WARM HUB

Weekdays in term-time, after school- 6pm

Games, craft and a light meal - ALL FREE

At the Pavilion - 143-145 Oxford Road, RG1 7UY

If you are interested or want more information, please email warmhub@lifespringchurch.org.uk or call 07858914938

A partnership between Argyle Community Church, Carey Baptist Church, LifeSpring Church, Providence Chapel and Reading Central Salvation Army in Association with TORCH

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DIARY DATES

Thurs 19 Jan Year 5 Mayne Liturgical Prayer 9am
Parents welcome to attend

Thurs 2 Feb Year 6 Wales Liturgical Prayer 9am
Parents welcome to attend

Fri 3 Feb NSPCC Number Day

Fri 10 Feb End of Term 3

HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 13 Feb - Friday 17 Feb

Mon 20 Feb Start of Term 4

Weds 22 Feb Ash Wednesday

Weds 22 Feb Parent Consultations (in person)
3.30pm - 6.00pm

Sat 25 Feb Reading FC vs Blackpool FC
(Discounted tickets for schools - see p3)

Weds 1 Mar St David's Day (patron saint of Wales)
Scouts, guides, cubs, brownies, rainbows,
beavers may wear group uniforms

Weds 1 Mar Year 3 Morse Liturgical Prayer 9am
Parents welcome to attend

Weds 1 Mar Parent Consultations (online)
4.30pm - 7.30pm

Thurs 2 Mar World Book Day

Weds 8 Mar Year 3 Sherwin Liturgical Prayer 9am
Parents welcome to attend

Tues 14 Mar Children Helping Children Choir Concert
Hexagon Theatre 7pm

Fri 17 Mar St Patrick's Day (patron saint of Ireland)
Scouts, guides, cubs, brownies, rainbows,
beavers may wear group uniforms

Thurs 23 Mar Year 4 Stations of the Cross 9am

Fri 31 Mar End of Term 4 - 2pm

EASTER HOLIDAY Monday 3 Apr - Friday 14 Apr

Mon 17 Apr Start of Term 5

Mon 1 May BANK HOLIDAY - school CLOSED

Mon 8 May BANK HOLIDAY - school CLOSED

9 - 12 May Year 6 SATs tests

Fri 26 May End of Term 5

HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 29 May - Friday 2 Jun

Mon 5 Jun Start of Term 6

Fri 7 Jul INSET DAY - school CLOSED to pupils

Thurs 20 Jul End of School Year - 2pm



Led by Miss Ivens + Mr Lovell

Assisted by Aidan, Isabella, Megan + Natalia

Merit + Courtesy Awards

Year 1 Rigby: Eleina (merit) + Antoni (courtesy)
Year 1 Ward: Ohema (merit) + Vinnie (courtesy)
Year 2 Barlow: Chinedu (merit) + Theo (courtesy)
Year 2 Lawrence: Ruth (merit) + Charlie (courtesy)
Year 3 Morse: Ronnie (merit) + Ruhabel (courtesy)
Year 3 Sherwin: Macy (merit) + Viktor (courtesy)
Year 4 Almond: Harvey (merit) + Oliver (courtesy)
Year 4 Arrowsmith: Rochelle (merit) + Jamie (courtesy)
Year 5 Line: Whole class (merit) + Dillon (courtesy)
Year 5 Mayne: Ksawery (merit) + Ryley (courtesy)
Year 6 Evans: Nick (merit) + Uriel (courtesy)
Year 6 Stone: Demetrius (merit) + Makayla (courtesy)

Head's Award

Elora, Enora, Kai S + Keziah (Year 5)

Deputy Head's Award

Steven (Year 5) + Ollie (Year 4)

Golden Broom - awarded by caretaker for tidiest classroom

Year 1 Rigby

HOUSE POINTS



ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH

64 Liebenrood Road, Reading RG30 2EB

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Mass Times

SATURDAY : 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)

SUNDAY : 9.00am
: 11.30am
: 5.00pm

MON-FRI : 9.30am
(10am Bank Holidays)

SATURDAY : 10.00am



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**Reading Football Club's 3rd School and Grassroots
Fixture of 2022-23!**

**SCHOOLS & GRASSROOTS INITIATIVE MAKES A
RETURN AGAINST BLACKPOOL**



When?

Reading vs Blackpool
Saturday 25th February, 3pm

Where?

Select Car Leasing Stadium

How to qualify for the discount and confirm your attendance?

We would be delighted if you could join us for our 3rd schools and grassroots fixture of 2022-23.
And as part of our special invitation, we would like to offer the below discounted prices:

12 and Under: £1

17 and Under: £3

18 to 24: £5

65 and over: £5

Adult: £10

To redeem, please visit <https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk> and enter the following unique coupon code: **#EnglishMartyrsCatholicPrimary** in the basket once you have logged in and selected your tickets.

How many tickets can we purchase?

There is no limit on the number of tickets you can buy using your unique code. And, for every ticket which is purchased you will receive one entry in a prize draw for a chance to win a series of 'money can't buy experience' prizes!

Important! This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski. Coupon codes are valid up until 4 hours before kick-off and availability is limited, so please act quickly to avoid disappointment.

If you have any questions about this offer, please email sales@readingfc.co.uk
or call 0118 968 1313.

We hope to see you all on Saturday 25th February 2023!

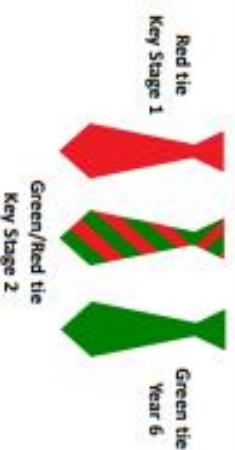
Come on URRZZZ!

Yours Sincerely

Paul Collins

**Head of Ticketing
Reading Football Club**

Don't forget that Breakfast/
After School Club have a great
selection of good quality
second hand uniform available
at very low prices!



Ties are presented to children at special ceremonies in school



Please make sure
everything is NAMED!

