



English Martyrs'

CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

7th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half term break. We kicked off this half term by welcoming the children back to a wellbeing day. The focus of this day was reflective of our PSHE curriculum topics of Family and Relationships and Health and Wellbeing and we celebrated what 'Being Me!' means.

Thank you to all the parents that attended parents' evening. If you didn't manage to make an appointment, please do contact the school office as we can still offer you a time to meet your child's teacher to talk about their progress and how they have settled into their new year group.

Thank you so much for your commitment to school attendance, we have again been recognised nationally for last year's overall attendance of 97% which is incredible, so thank you.

I hope you enjoy the upcoming half term and have lots of fun in the lead up to Christmas.

Whole School Trip to the Sleeping Beauty pantomime

On Tuesday 16 December 2025 all the children and staff will be going to the pantomime Sleeping Beauty at the Nottingham Playhouse. The children will be leaving school at 9.00am and travelling to the Playhouse by coach. The FEM have very kindly paid for the cost of the coaches, and we would like to thank them for their generous contribution. We are asking for a payment of £14.50 per child towards the cost of the theatre ticket. Please make the payment via ParentPay.

Additional information:

- Children to wear school uniform.
- They will need to bring a named water bottle & packed lunch as they will not be returning to school in time to have a school dinner.
- School will provide the children with a snack at the pantomime.
- They will not need any spending money.
- Pick up time will be the usual 3:15pm from School

It would be appreciated if you could pay for the panto by 28 November as we have to pay for the tickets in advance. Please note there will be no refunds. If you would prefer to pay by instalments, please contact the school office to discuss a payment plan. If there are any worries or concerns around the payment, please contact the school office.

Open Morning – 26th November 9.30 – 11.00

If you know of any families who have children born between 01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022 and who would be interested in a place at our school, please ask them to contact the school office as soon as possible as we have an Opening Morning on the 26th November 2025 9.30am – 11.00am.



DIOCESE OF
NOTTINGHAM

English Martyrs' Catholic Voluntary Academy,
Bracken Rd, Long Eaton, Nottingham NG10 4DA
Tel: 0115 973 3209
enquiries@eng.srscmat.co.uk



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust



English Martyrs'

CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

Curriculum evening – 19th November

Subject leaders will be available in their classrooms from 3.30 – 5pm on 19th November for any questions you may have regarding the subjects that make up our curriculum. You will also be able to see work from individual subjects on display.

Parent Governor Position

Have you ever thought about becoming a Parent Governor at your child's school?

Here at English Martyrs', we have provision for one additional parent governor, and there will be one vacancy from January 2026. This is a great opportunity to get involved in a fulfilling, interesting and rewarding role, where you can make a real difference in the education and life chances of the young people in our care. The Local Governing Body (LGB) works in partnership with and in support of the school, endeavouring to set a high standard of expectation and ambition which drives forward the work of the staff and helps to create a bright future for our students.

No specific qualifications are needed; the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and to be prepared to play an active part in the LGB's work. However, we would particularly welcome nominations from parents with skills/interest in: Wellbeing; Safeguarding; any Curriculum subjects. Availability to visit the school occasionally during the day would be a real bonus, increasing Governor contact and visibility, but I realise that this may not be an option in all cases. Training is available for all governors, and our LGB has an expectation that those new to school governance attend induction training, as well as other available training as applicable.

Safeguarding at English Martyrs'

All staff at English Martyrs' have compulsory yearly training regarding the updated document from the Department for Education, Keeping Children Safe in Education. Just a gentle reminder that it is our statutory duty to raise any concerns we have that children or adults bring to our attention. We recognise that this is not always a comfortable conversation but one that must be had in order for us to complete our record keeping and update conversations with any agency referrals that have been made.

The Designated Safeguarding staff at our school are Mrs Ellis, Mr Blurton, Mrs Hickling, Miss Daykin, Mrs Lawrence, Mrs Salt and Mrs McElhone and can be contacted via safeguarding@eng.srscmat.co.uk if there are any concerns that need to be shared. Alternatively, please see below for resources you might find useful.

NSPCC - [Talk PANTS: Conversation to help keep children safe](#) | [NSPCC](#)

Safer Internet - [Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Domestic abuse - [Derbyshire County Council](#)

Safeguarding against Radicalisation - [Prevent referrals](#)

Starting Point referrals - [Starting Point contact and referral service - Derbyshire County Council](#)



DIOCESE OF
NOTTINGHAM

English Martyrs' Catholic Voluntary Academy,
Bracken Rd, Long Eaton, Nottingham NG10 4DA
Tel: 0115 973 3209
enquiries@eng.srscmat.co.uk



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust



English Martyrs'

CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

General reminders

- Please ensure all pupils have a suitable PE and Forest School kit in school ready for sessions. Do contact school if any support is needed to purchase kit. Children will be provided with spare or alternative kit if they don't have it for lessons
- There are a few children coming to school with hoop or dangly earrings. Can we please ensure children are wearing stud earrings only, so they don't get caught up when playing/ changing etc. Thank you.
- Finally, please ensure that children don't bring toys from home into school as this can often create fall outs between children.

Important Dates

Nov-25

3rd	School re-opens 8.45am Wellbeing day - Being Me! Non uniform celebrating culture and diversity Advent 2 Afterschool clubs start
5th	Book Fair Collected and 08:45-09:00am Stay and Read Y1 parents welcome in classroom
6th	Phonics parents/carers meeting 5pm with Miss Daykin 3.15 Choir cake sale
10th	Primary School Applications open
12th	Flu Immunisations - Reception to Year 6
12th	9:15am Phonics drop in for parents EYFS - Year 2, followed by questions and tea and coffee afterwards Plus Stay and Play until 11am EYFS only
14th	Children in Need non uniform for a donation
18th	Year 5/6 to St Francis Mass
19th	8:45-09:00am Stay and read Y2 parents welcome in the classroom 3.30pm Curriculum evening parents welcome
21st	Jubilee Finale: Looking forward to Hope Chaplaincy CoW Parents welcome 2.40pm
23rd	9am Youth Sunday at The Assumption, Beeston
27th	Mrs Hickling/ Mr Blurton class wear blue for Diabetes Awareness
26th	Open Morning - 2026/27 New Reception Intake 9.30 - 11.00 am
28th	INSET Day - School Closed
30th	FEM Christmas Fair 12-3pm



DIOCESE OF
NOTTINGHAM

English Martyrs' Catholic Voluntary Academy,
Bracken Rd, Long Eaton, Nottingham NG10 4DA
Tel: 0115 973 3209
enquiries@eng.srscmat.co.uk



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust



English Martyrs'

CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

Dec-25	
2nd	2.30pm Year 1/2 Art gallery parents welcome
3rd	08:20-09:00am Year 5 & 6 charity breakfast morning (Watson Bosworth Hickling Blurton)
W/c 8th	Last week of Advent 2 clubs
10th	Mrs Lawrence & Miss Daykin's Christmas Production (2.15pm - 3pm) Miss Tomlinson, Miss Keeton & Miss Firth's Christmas Production (3.20pm - 4pm)
11th	Miss Tomlinson, Miss Keeton & Mrs Firth's Christmas Production (2.15pm - 3pm) Mrs Lawrence & Miss Daykin's Christmas Production (3.15pm - 4pm)
12th	Year 5/6 Celebration of the Word - 2.40pm Miss Bosworth's class (Parents/carers welcome)
16th	Whole School Sleeping Beauty Pantomime
17th	Christmas Dinner (With Jumpers) Carol Concert at St Johns, Stapleford 6pm
19th	Final Advent Liturgy (Parents welcome) 2.40pm FEM treat sale at 3:15pm School closes for Christmas break (3.15pm)

Thank you for your continued support, I am really looking forward to another wonderful Advent season in our school community

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Ellis
Gemma Ellis | Headteacher

Don't forget to keep up to date with news and events on our Instagram page, Facebook page. Any curriculum information for each year group can be found on the website.



DIOCESE OF
NOTTINGHAM

English Martyrs' Catholic Voluntary Academy,
Bracken Rd, Long Eaton, Nottingham NG10 4DA
Tel: 0115 973 3209
enquiries@eng.srscmat.co.uk



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust