

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

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Welcome back to the summer term!

Welcome back to school. This term is full of exciting things to look forward to.



SATs week Year 6 and Year 2

Statutory Assessments are taking place for Year 6 on Monday 9th May through to Thursday 12th May. There will be a breakfast club for Year 6 pupils each day which will take place in the school hall. If parents are able to volunteer to help serve the children, please let Mrs Copson know. Please find information on our school website for [Year 6 SATs](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page to find the PowerPoint links)

Basketball will take place outdoors on Monday morning unless the weather is wet then Breakfast Club will take place in the Year 6 classroom.

Year 2 SATs parent presentation took place on Wednesday 4th May. Please find the [Year 2 SATs](#) PowerPoint on our website. SATs for Year 2 will take place this month of May.

First Holy Communion Year 3

There will be a second parent meeting for First Holy Communion candidates on Tuesday 10th May at 6.30pm in the school hall. There will be an opportunity to buy items for First Holy Communion from Mrs Clensy's repository.

First Holy Communion Year 3

Choir for Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils – an email was sent out with a reply slip if you would like your child to volunteer for the choir. We will practice during the school day and your child must commit to attending First Holy Communion on Saturday 11th June 2022 at 11am and attend our Summer Fete on Saturday 25th June 2022 between 12pm and 3pm.

Staff Vacancies

Required ASAP:

Midday Supervisor for 6.25 hours a week Term Time Only (TTO) between 1200 and 1315 Monday to Friday.

Caretaker - 25 hours per week, 52 weeks per year (20 days holiday + bank holidays to be taken in school holidays)

Cleaner – 10 hours per week which equates to 2 hours per day. 1530 to 1730 or 1600 to 1800.

Jubilee Celebrations

During the week beginning 23rd May, the school will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee through our curriculum. At the end of the week, we will be holding a Jubilee party. To commemorate this occasion, children will receive a commemorative Jubilee pin badge and other small keepsake.



PTFA events for the summer term

New events for the summer term from the PTFA:

Non-Uniform Day – 22nd June

For this non-uniform day, all we ask is that a bottle is brought to school to support several stalls in school.

Summer Fete – 25th June

We are so pleased to be able to announce that our School Summer Fete will take place on **Saturday 25th June 2022 12pm to 3pm**. For this event to take place, it relies on volunteers to run stall and help setting up and tidying up at the end of the event. The PTFA have traditional stalls that require stall holders but we are also interested in new ideas. If you feel that you can volunteer for this event, please make yourself known to Miss Harriet Campbell (Chair of PTFA) or, if you give your details to Mrs Copson, she can pass this on to her on your behalf. I have supplied a reply slip below outlining some of the events and your offer to

Festival on the Field – 15th July

Please save the day for our new event: Festival on the Field. We are hoping to have a line up of local bands to attend our Festival on **Friday 15th July 2022 times to be confirmed**. If you know any local bands that would like to take part, please let Mrs Copson know.

Family Information Service



Mrs Copson sends out a newsletter from the [Family Information Service](#). It is packed full of helpful information for families. This week Newsletter. Please take time to read the latest newsletter.

Online Safety

In this newsletter I have included "What parents need to know about Call of Duty: Warzone". Please take time to read the information as we are very aware that children can be vulnerable when online.



Call of Duty: Warzone is the latest and possibly biggest battle royale game on the market, following in the footsteps of titles like Fortnite, Apex Legends and PUBG. In Warzone, up to 150 players will drop onto a huge map in teams of three battling it out in an ever-shrinking radius, in a bid to become the last team standing. Because this is a Call of Duty game, you already know what you're getting: fast-paced action that includes depictions of violence and coarse language - and that's before you even consider players from across the globe adding their own voices to the mix.

AGE RESTRICTION

18+

Under 18, supervision of a parent or legal guardian required.

What parents need to know about CALL OF DUTY: WARZONE

ADDICTIVE BEHAVIOUR

Battle royale games can be addictive. The rush of evading a foe in a frantic firefight or reaching the final moments of a game to come out on top can be a massively fun experience, but also one that some will struggle to walk away from. While many studies have been done into video game addiction, it's never a level seen for children to stop before they get carried away. Behaviours to watch for include: inability to increase levels of frustration or anger, and constant thoughts about playing when engaging in other activities.

IN-GAME SPENDING

Warzone can be downloaded for free on PS4, Xbox One and PC. However, this doesn't mean the game is totally free. Players will be able to (and are regularly encouraged to) spend real money in-game for certain upgrades, tools and skins to make them look cool on the battlefield, while these will be marketed as enhancing gameplay, the reality is that they can be purchased with real money and could contribute towards a hefty bill.



CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

If kids aren't playing with friends in a 3-man team, it's possible that they can join a group with total strangers who may be able to talk to them via the in-game voice chat. For the most part these strangers will be interested in playing the game and having fun, but as with any online game, there's always the chance they could be looking for young children to talk to and potentially groom.

ADULT THEMES AND VIOLENCE

It will come as little surprise to anybody familiar with Call of Duty to hear that the game carries a Mature rating from the ESRB (Entertainment Software's Rating Board) and as such is packed with things like shooting, physical violence, blood and bad language. Naturally, this may be distressing to younger children. The game is specifically made to closely depict war-like scenarios and should be treated with care, especially when it comes to allowing children to play.



Safety tips for parents

ENCOURAGE BREAKS

The great thing about battle royale games, is that there is always a natural stopping point when you're either eliminated from the game, or win. Because play sessions can range anywhere from mere moments to twenty minutes, allowing for one more game gives a clear and decisive cut-off point, while also allowing some degree of leeway in time. Getting a break from the screen can also help kids disengage from the tunnel vision they might get while chasing the win. If you're worried your child might be becoming addicted to the game, limiting screen time is a necessary step.

PLAY WITH FRIENDS

The beauty of battle royale games is that they encourage close, cooperative team play. This means that if kids plan ahead and group up together, they will be much safer and happier interacting among themselves and not with strangers. It always helps to coordinate with other parents so clear times of the day to play are outlined, and so that friendship groups can be online at the same time.

LIMIT ABILITY TO SPEND

It can be extremely easy to make a purchase online for things like COD points. These online shops are designed to be easily accessible to the point where some children might not realise they're buying with real money. Be sure that credit cards are not connected to any online accounts to minimise the risk of accidental spending or large amounts building up.

IN-GAME SAFETY OPTIONS

While Warzone doesn't have any parental settings on such, you can still take steps to prevent strangers from talking to children in the game. In-game chat can be turned off in the settings menu, which enhances safety while playing, but anybody persistent enough could add another person's account and communicate through text chat. Any incoming friend requests and party invites can also be hidden. People will be able to send them, but the notifications for them will not appear.

DISABLE GORE EFFECTS

There are options to disable profanity, dismemberment and gore effects in the game's options menu under the 'general' tab. Be aware that these are not turned off as standard, so children playing unaccompanied may well be exposed to these things straight away. While this does go some way to easing the life-like scenes in the game, parents should still think hard about whether they want their children exposed to them.

Meet our expert



Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for over 8 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor at two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, [GAMESPOT](#) and [GAMESPOT](#). Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.

Diary Dates

May

9th to 12th	SATs week for Year 6
10th	First Holy Communion Parent meeting (2)
11th	Beaumanor Parent meeting
12th	11am Mass led by Year 2 (Year 5)
19th	11am Mass led by Year 1 (Year 4)
26th	Jubilee School Party
26th	10am Ascension Whole School Mass led by Year 3
27th	Teacher Training Day

Half-Term Break 30th May to 3rd June

June

6th	Children back to school after half-term
9th	11am Mass led by Year 5 (Year 2)
11th	Year 3 First Holy Communion Service 11am at English Martyrs Church
15th	New Reception parent meeting
16th	11am Mass led by Year 4 (Year 1)
17th	Film night for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
23 rd	11am Mass led by Year 2 (Year 5)
25th	Summer Fete
28th	Sports Day – Reception & Year 1 & Year 2 9:30am KS2 1:30pm
29 th to 1 st July	Beaumanor Hall Residential for Year 5
30 th	11am Mass led by Year 3 (Year 6 and Reception)

July

5th	Whole school photo on the school field
6th	Year 6 Secondary School Induction Day and transition across the school
7th	11am Mass led by Year 1 (Year 4)
8th	Children's School reports to go out
8th	Cake Sale and Be Loved Uniform Sale
12th	Open Book Day for parents
14th	11am Mass led by Year 5 (Year 2)
15th	Festival on the Field
18th	Year 6 production. Presentation to parents 1:30pm and 6:30pm
21 st	11am Whole school Mass led by Year 6 followed by end of term presentations
22 nd	No School

School Improvement Suggestion

As a school we are always striving to improve, a good school listens to suggestions and opinions which can often lead to school improvement and positive change. If you have any suggestions you wish to share with the school, please fill the slip in below and hand it in to the school office or in the white letterbox in reception. Parents can also visit www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk to complete the parent view questionnaire.

Signed: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____



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Summer Fete – 25th June 2022

Volunteer for Stalls

- Splat the rat - Volunteers name: _____
- Hook a duck - Volunteers name: _____
- Tin can alley - Volunteers name: _____
- Face painting - Volunteers name: _____
- Toy stall - Volunteers name: _____
- Wellie wanging - Volunteers name: _____
- Beat the goalie - Volunteers name: _____
- I make cakes - Volunteers name: _____

Ideas for other stalls:

Name (in capitals): _____