



# EM NEWS

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THE NEWSLETTER FOR ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY  
SCHOOL, READING

*'Nurturing a relationship with Jesus Christ'*

## Gospel reading:

*John 1:35-42*

The next day as John stood there again with two of his disciples, Jesus went past, and John looked towards him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' And the two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.

Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi' -- which means Teacher -- 'where do you live?' He replied, 'Come and see'; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother and say to him, 'We have found the Messiah' -- which means the Christ-

and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' -- which means Rock.

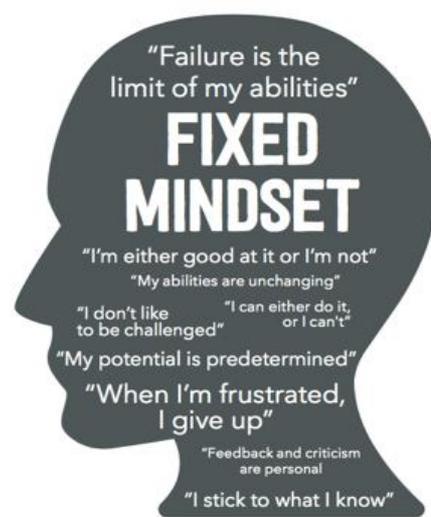
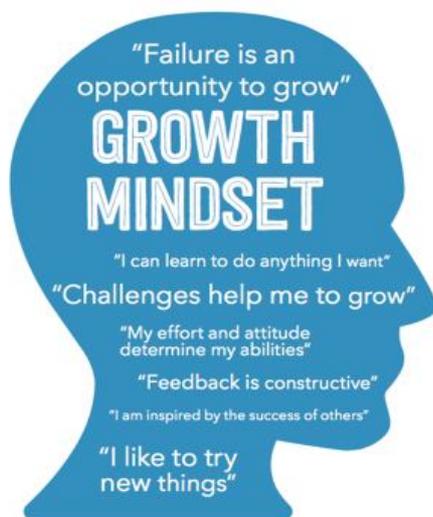
The Gospel of the Lord.

## DIARY DATES:

Tuesday 16th January—  
Year 3 visit to Gurdwara.

Thursday 18th January—  
Year 6 Wales Worship.

## Growth Mindset Culture



We have been developing a growth mindset culture over the last couple of years. You may have heard your children say things like; '*Fail is First attempt In Learning,*' or '*it is okay to make mistakes as long as you learn from them,*' or '*being stuck is okay, staying stuck is not.*' There are many growth mindset sayings, but what is growth mindset and why is it so important to us here at English Martyrs? Following work by Carol S.Dweck, a professor of psychology at Stanford University, we accept that the growth mindset will enable a child to lead a less stressful and more successful life.

Some of the ways to develop a growth mind set are as follows: Recognise and embrace our imperfections, view challenges as opportunities, replace the word failing with the word learning, stop seeking approval over learning or you will sacrifice your potential for growth, value and enjoy the process of learning over the end result, learning fast is not the same as learning well, share your progress with others to reinforce your learning, remember genius requires hard work not just talent alone, learning is associated with brain training so like a muscle it needs a work out, develop resilience and determination to keep going, think realistically about time and effort—it takes time to learn, recognise it is natural to mess up, everybody does, it will make it easier to take risks in the future. There are many more ways to develop a growth mind set. If your children says '*I can't do it,*' reply, '*you mean you can't yet.*'

Growth mind set can be associated with spiritual, emotional, social and academic growth. We continue to develop this culture and at times we may make mistakes but this will lead to greater opportunities for our learning community.

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**REMINDER** - Admissions September 2018, parents of any child wishing to start school in September 2018, should now be filling out their council application form **and** a 2018/2019 Supplementary Information Form for English Martyrs Catholic Primary School. These forms need to be returned to the Council and School by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

**New School Business Manager**— We are happy to welcome Mrs Caroline Fraser onto our team as our new business manager.

**Year 5 swimming**— As part of the PE national curriculum, children participate in swimming lessons. We include this life skill into the Year 5 PE curriculum. The first session was a great success with the children coming back excited at this opportunity. If you get the chance, whatever year



group your child is in (the younger the better) find time to visit your local swimming pool and help your children develop a sense of confidence in the water.



Our deepest sympathies go to the Williams family. Mrs Williams sadly passed away this week. Please remember them in your prayers.

Please also remember Mrs Tobin who lost her brother in-law recently. Remember the Tobin family in your prayers.



**familiar faces,  
familiar spaces**

Could you **foster...** and help keep **Reading children in Reading?**

We need local foster carers for Reading children of all ages. If you could offer a safe, caring and loving environment and have enough space to accommodate a child/young person, we would like to hear from you...

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**Congratulations to these wonderful children who received the following awards in our Laudate assembly today**

**Courtesy Awards**

- Beverley Andrade Lay
- Anita Millin
- Dwayne Amos Ramirez
- Jackson Hand
- Lisa Aljanes
- L'Kai Holder
- Kirstylois Gyimah-Yeboah
- Aliya Cartman
- Charlie McCormack Faithfull
- Holly O'Gorman
- Communio Sacksteder
- Ian Asirfi-Kobiah
- Oscar Flower
- Adam Rysz

**Merit**

- Maria Alavidze
- Syzmon Myca
- Flo Andrews
- Olivier Mazur
- Harry Dredge
- Ryan Taylor
- Kieran Hobbs
- Alfie Hunt
- Evie Card
- Kodi Tonna
- Jabin Obiri-Yeboah
- Kayleigh Cottrell
- Hannah Krolikowska-Fryszak
- Noah D'Cruz

**Best Class Attendance**

3 Morse

**Deputy Headteacher's Award**

Olek Konupek

*As a community centred on Jesus Christ, we strive to educate the whole child, supporting and celebrating their spiritual, moral, social and academic journey. We aim to be a community which inspires a sense of wonder and awe in which everyone feels happy, safe and secure.*

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*Have a great weekend*

*Mr A Dworzak*



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