



European Day of Languages

Monday 'Meaning'

This week's **Sacred Time** theme is 'European Day of languages'.

This is an opportunity for us to explore different languages and the cultures of different countries.

What do you think this theme is about?
How could it link to the book you are reading in ERIC time?

Tuesday 'Talks'



This week's **Sacred Time** theme is 'European day of languages'. Jointly organised by Council of Europe and the EU, it involves millions of people over 45 countries to celebrate linguistic diversity and promote the learning of languages. Globalisation means that being able to speak and understand different languages has never been more important. Language skills can often give people an edge when applying for jobs etc. Not only that, it is important that we celebrate and preserve the rich history of language in Europe. There are over 200 European languages, but even if you only know 2 or 3 of these, you will be able to communicate with so many more people! Not only does learning a language help you to understand and be understood, it also helps you to discover and find out more about different cultures. The more we understand and learn about different cultures, we see how much we have in common, appreciate that some diversity is good and develop respect and tolerance for lots of different people. Everyone is encouraged to get involved in European Day of Languages, from policy makers, large companies, voluntary groups and the general public.

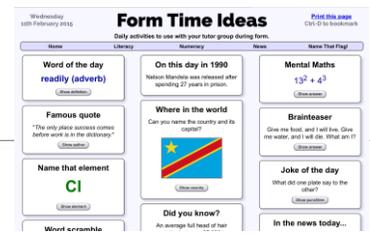
Personal pause – Why do words and language sometimes hurt us? What words hurt us the most? How could we use our words better?



'Try it' Tuesday



Each week for 'Try it' Tuesday, we will get an opportunity to put sacred time into action and be the 'Good Samaritan'. It will also be a chance to have a personal pause. **This week** let us try to learn a greeting in another language including sign language and use it when we see each other. Click [here](#) to learn sign language.



Wednesday 'Words of Wisdom'



This week's theme on 'International day of languages' scripture link from the Bible and the feast of Pentecost. Watch a clip [here](#).



"When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. ² Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. ⁴ They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak."

Can you think why this event is called the 'Birth of the Catholic Church?'



Read today's specific Bible reading [HERE](#).

Thursday 'Thoughtfulness'



Our thoughtfulness for today is a prayer:

Father, help me to always bring out the best in others.

Help me to bless people with my kind words,

to give the gift of encouragement, and to always speak words of life.

Thank you for filling my heart with affirmation so that I can affirm those around me today and everyday. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Listen to the BBC Radio 4 'Thought for the Day' [HERE](#).



'Find out' Friday



What is happening in the world around us? **Watch** Newsround to find out more [HERE](#).



Key questions

What is happening in your world?

What is happening in St Helens and our local area?

Can we relate our theme this week to what is going on in the world?

Can we do anything to help any issues that our facing the world this week?

Should we help?



Our **cultural capital** link this week is a TED Talk on importance of language in human life. Click the link [here](#) to watch.



Form activity



As a form, try the quizzes here [European Day of Languages > Games > Language Quiz \(ecml.at\)](#)