

Our Lady & St Edward's Catholic Primary School

5th June 2026

Dear Parents

Welcome back to everyone after the half term break. This is a particularly busy time in the school year so please make sure that you read the newsletter so that you are aware of what is going on in school.

Last term, we celebrated First Holy Communion with pupils from Year 3. It was a wonderful celebration which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Congratulations to all involved. A special thanks also to the PTA and volunteer parents who prepared the Parish Centre for the gathering.

On Thursday 11th June many of our Year 6 pupils are being Confirmed. This is a special day and we ask that you keep the children in your prayers.

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Dates For Your Diary

Monday 8th to 12th June - Year 1 Phonics

Monday 8th June – PTA cake sale after school

Wednesday 10th June – Year 5 Worship at 9.00am, Teddy Bear & Cake Sale at 3.20pm

Thursday 11th June – Reception Class Worship at 9.00am in school

Thursday 11th June – Year 6 Confirmation 6.30pm in Church

Monday 15th to Friday 19th June – Diamond Anniversary Celebrations – see this newsletter

Wednesday 17th June - Sports Day Infants 10am -12pm Juniors 1.30pm - 3.15pm

Friday 19th June – Own clothes day in lieu of an item for the Summer Festival

Wednesday 24th June - Reserve date for Sports Day

Thursday 25th June – Year 3 Class Worship at 9.00am in school

Saturday 27th June – Summer Festival 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Thursday 2nd July – Year 1 Class Worship at 9.00am in school

Thursday 2nd July - School Disco

Wednesday 8th July – Reports go home

Wednesday 8th July – KS2 Production Dress Rehearsal at 10.00am

Thursday 9th July – KS2 Production at 2.00pm and 6.30pm

Monday 13th July – Drop In Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 5.00pm

Tuesday 14th July - Whole School end of term Mass 9.15 in church led by Y6 - all welcome

Tuesday 14th July – Y6 Leavers' Assembly and Awards Celebration at 6.00pm in school (Y6 families welcome)

Wednesday 15th July – EYFS & KS1 End of Year Assembly 9.10am in School led by Y2 – parents welcome

Thursday 16th July – KS2 End of Year Assembly 9.10am in School led by Y6– parents welcome

Friday 17th July – School closes at 2.30pm and re-opens on Wednesday 2nd September 2026

End Of Term Assemblies

The children will be presented with Star of the Term (Summer) and Star of the Year. In addition to this, the KS2 children will receive their Summer term project prizes.

Staffing Updates

We have a number of changes in staffing at the end of this year. Congratulations to Miss O'Donnell on her recent appointment as Headteacher at St Paul's, Scotforth. Mrs Fitzer has decided to retire after 17 years as teaching assistant and Mrs Basnyet has decided to resign from her post as class teacher to pursue a 1:1 tutoring position. We wish everyone all the very best. Due to the late appointment and deadline for teacher resignations, we have been unable to appoint a new teacher for the vacant teaching post but endeavour to do this before the end of term. Mrs Pickup has agreed to be acting Deputy with agreement from the Trust and the Chair of Governors.

Reception - Miss Sudell

Year 1 – Vacancy

Year 2 – Miss Cullen

Year 3 – Mrs Pickup

Year 4 - Mrs Caunce

Year 5 – Miss Lawson

Year 6 - Miss Rayton

Value of the Month for June

Our value this month is **HUMILITY**. The focus of this value is to look at self-respect and self-esteem. The children will also look at the importance of accepting others.

TenTen Newsletter

As a school we subscribe to the TenTen resources which we use in assemblies, class worship and staff prayer. Please read the newsletters each month as they provide useful information and spiritual guidance, supporting the work we do in school. Below is a link to the parent newsletter

www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

Sports Day

This event is scheduled for Wednesday 17th June with a reserve date in case of inclement weather of Wednesday 24th June.

The Infant races will begin at 10.00am until approximately 12.00pm and the Junior races will begin at 1.30pm. After the Infant races parents/visitors will be asked to leave the school grounds and return for the Junior races.

School Uniform Rules and Ordering for September **School Uniform & Other Rules**

Please see below details of uniform expectations. If in doubt please call into the school office where you will be able to see samples. All uniform is available at 'Bang Bang' uniform shop in Preston City Centre and online from Stitch Design www.stitchdesign.co.uk

- Trousers, skirts, shorts and pinafores should be **grey NOT black**
- Cardigans and sweaters should have the school logo
- **School shoes** should be a **full shoe with secure fastenings and not slip on shoes**. Therefore, if you are buying new shoes please select a full shoe which fastens. Children can wear laced shoes as long as they know how to tie them. Pupils are expected to wear shoes to and from school and are allowed to change into trainers at lunchtime for comfort whilst playing games.
- **PE kits should be grey school hoodie and black shorts (not cycling shorts) and black tracksuit bottoms/leggings. These must be plain and not contain any logos/stripes or patterns.** Girls in KS2 can continue to wear the blue skirt if they wish. Most of the supermarkets sell plain black shorts and tracksuit bottoms. Children may continue to wear the old uniform of blue shorts etc until they grow out of them so that parents are not going to an extra expense. PE t-shirts are house team t-shirts only.
- School caps & hats are available from Bang Bang - Legionnaire's cap aimed at the KS1 children, and baseball cap aimed at the KS2 children. Alternatively pupils can wear a plain coloured hat with no logo
- **Extreme hairstyles are not permitted** in school which includes any shaved shapes/partings or under cuts. If hair clippers are used, **no lower than a number 2** is allowed on any part of the head and hair should be a blended cut with no ridges or lines. An excess of hair gel is also not allowed. Girls hair accessories are to be in school/hair colours only and of a reasonable size.
- **Ear-rings** are not permitted in school. Anyone who has had their ears pierced during the holidays and is waiting for the 6 weeks before they can be removed must cover their ear-rings with plasters. They must be removed as soon as possible. Plastic retainers may be worn but must be removed for PE/Sports.
- **Sunglasses are not permitted** in school (unless permission has previously been granted for medical purposes).
- A reminder too that all drinks bottles brought into school should only be filled with water – no juice.
- Due to the limited space in EYFS & KS1 classrooms only school blue bags and drawstring PE bags should be brought into school in these classes. At times when children are required to bring additional equipment into school, eg extra-curricular sports kit, they should bring it in a small carrier bag.
- Children in KS2 can bring in a rucksack instead of the school blue bag. PE kits should be in a separate drawstring bag and must be in school at all times.

End of Year Production – The Wrong Way Round

Our children in Years 5 & 6 will be taking part in our Summer Production – The Wrong Way Round- Performances will be as follows:-

- Wednesday 8th July at 10.00am Dress Rehearsal (parents/grandparents & parishioners unable to attend the evening performances are welcome at the Dress Rehearsal).
- Thursday 9th July at 2.00pm – Performance
- Thursday 9th July at 6.30pm – Performance



Tickets will be sent home soon.

Entry is strictly by ticket only (for health & safety reasons). If you do not have a ticket you will not be permitted into the performance. Everyone over the age of 5 will need a ticket. Children under 5 with no ticket must sit on their parent's knee!

If you have any spare tickets please return them to Mrs Kippax so they can be given to people on our reserve list.

We shall have a retiring collection for the Year 6 chosen charity.

Absence At The Start And End Of Term

Our Attendance Policy states that we will ask that sickness absences at the start or end of a term must be accompanied by a doctor's note or prescription to verify your child's reason for absence. However, if this is not possible as not all sickness requires medical attention, then we request that you call into school to see us if we cannot contact you via your landline. If we do not receive verification, then the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Change of Personal Information

Have you changed address, contact number – please remember to inform school of any changes. Also if your child's medical information changes please remember to contact school.

End of Year Reports & Parents Evening

End of Year Reports will be sent home with the children on Wednesday 8th July. We have an optional parents evening which will be held in school on Monday 13th July, 3.30pm – 5.00pm where parents have the opportunity to discuss any issues arising from reports. We are not operating an appointment system, but time available will be restricted so if there are other issues which may require more than ten minutes please arrange a separate appointment with the class teacher.

Achievements

Last half term, **Year 5** designed new logos for a number of companies. Le Mieux were so impressed with Jake's design that they sent a range of merchandise. Well done **Jake**.

Congratulations to **Edith in Y3** who has achieved her third Blue Peter badge - her latest badge is in recognition of her accomplishments in music.

St Edward's School Club

All children attending St Edward's School Club should be registered before any sessions are booked. If you are wanting to book sessions for the first time you must contact the school office.

Please remember the following:-

Whilst bookings can be made at any time, should a place be required within 48 hours please also email the school office to let them know a booking has been made. If you are booking over the weekend for a Monday slot, the office should also be informed via email.

Please also remember that payment should be made at the time of booking. Places in St Edward's School Club are not confirmed until payment has been received.

Reminders

Outstanding payments on Arbor for the following trips:-

Year 3 Bring Yer Wellies, Year 2 Fairhaven, Year 5 Robinwood - Interim payments can be made at any time

PTA News

Cake Sale – on Monday 8th June in aid of The Foxton Centre

Anniversary Festival - On Saturday 27th June from 1.00pm – 4.00pm, the PTA will be hosting our Diamond Anniversary Festival. Entry is by ticket which costs £2 per person – please see poster attached for order form.

School Disco – Thursday 2nd July. EYFS & KS1 6.00pm to 6.50pm – doors open at 5.50pm. KS2 – 7.00pm to 8.00pm – doors open at 6.55pm. Tickets are priced at £3.50 to include unlimited drink. Tickets will be available on Arbor soon – you will receive a notification when they are available. Mobile phones will not be allowed at the disco. Please inform Mrs Kippax if anyone other than the pupil's parent is collecting at the end of the disco.

Own Clothes Day – Friday 19th June - There will be an own clothes day for pupils on Friday 19th June in lieu of a bottle for the bottle tombola at the anniversary festival. Please see the poster attached to this newsletter for further details.

Diamond Anniversary Events

Monday 15th June - Whole School Mass 9.15am in church.

Tuesday 16th June - Family Breakfast from 7.45am to 8.40am for accompanied children or 8.20am for unaccompanied children (please complete the online form here [Anniversary Breakfast 16.6.26 – Fill out form](#)

by Friday 12th June to indicate the number of places required)

Wednesday 17th June - Sports' Day

Thursday 18th June - Dress up day all classes.

Thursday 18th June - Grandparents afternoon 1.30pm to 3.00pm (please complete the online form here [Grandparents Afternoon 18.6.26 – Fill out form](#) to notify school of the people attending).

Friday 19th June - Own Clothes Day (see above).

Dress up day 18th June

Reception and Y6 - 60s

Y1, Y5 - 70s

Y2, Y3 and Y4 - 80s

Pupils can dress up in clothing representative of their year group era or as a person from that decade. Alternatively, they can wear something sparkly to represent the diamond theme.

Grandparents Day 18th June

Grandparents are invited to join us in school from 1.30pm – 3.00pm beginning with a whole school reflection and informal performance, then in classes to share some craft activities with their grandchild.

Attendance

Attendance at Our Lady and St Edward's is good and continues to be monitored. Please check your child's attendance via arbor. Below is the attendance data to date for each class.

Class	Attendance Data this week	Attendance Date to Date
Reception	94.67%	94.89%
Year 1	98%	96.74%
Year 2	96.67%	96.81%
Year 3	98.75%	97.39%
Year 4	97.42%	97.85%
Year 5	98.71%	96.71%
Year 6	97.5%	97.11%

The national data for primary schools to date is 94.84% and OLSE is 96.81%. Thank you to our families for supporting good attendance. However, we have an increasing number of pupils whose attendance fails below 90% this is often as a result of taking holidays during term time. Pupils whose absence is below 90% are identified as a persistent absentee and are regularly monitored. Currently our persistent absentee rate is 6.02%, this time last year it was 2.21% - this is a significant difference.

Certificates of Achievement

Reception-Saoirse and Aliston
Y1 Anna and Benjamin
Y2 Amelia K and Hannah
Y3 Freya and Arlo
Y4 Joe and Alex
Y5 Milo and Olivia S
Y6 Amelie G and Charlie H
Headteacher- Amelia H Y2

School Dinner Arbor Payments

Please keep a check on Arbor as your balance for school lunches should always be in credit.

Year 6 parents need to ensure all balances have been settled by the 10th July. Reminders of amounts outstanding will be sent prior to this date. Should accounts remain in debt then we will begin our debt recovery process.

Year 6

Leavers' Hoodies-Pupils may wear their hoodies to school from the week beginning 6th July.

Summer Raffle

As part of our 60th Anniversary celebrations the PTA have organised a Grand Raffle with the top prize being a Spa Day with Afternoon Tea for 2. A poster is attached to this newsletter and you can order your tickets by completing the box below and returning to school.

Summer Raffle Ticket Request

I would like to purchase tickets at a cost of £1.00 per ticket

I enclose £..... Cash / Cheque (payable to OLSE PTA)

Child's Name

Year