



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 1st May 2026

This Weeks Spotlight!

EYFS

This week in FSU, Reception have really enjoyed learning about 3D shapes in maths. They learnt that 3D shapes can have flat or curved faces and used playdough to explore which shapes they could make. They also investigated which 3D shapes are best for rolling or stacking and had great fun building a ramp to test how different shapes moved.

In literacy, Reception discovered a post box and some letters in the classroom belonging to characters from traditional tales. They went on an exciting hunt to find the story characters and were able to say a sentence about which character they found and where they found them. We have also been exploring the poem The Postman, with the children orally retelling it using actions and helping to create a story map.

In R.E, the children have been learning about Pentecost and they learnt that Jesus' friends were very happy when they found out he was alive. They also learnt about the Holy Spirit and how Jesus sent it to guide and look after us.

In Nursery and Pre-School, the children have been enjoying hearing the story The Very Hungry Caterpillar and had lots of fun rolling playdough into balls to make their own caterpillars. The children also used red and green paints and their fingerprints to create their own caterpillars. They also enjoyed tasting some of the fruits from the story, including strawberries and watermelon.



Classroom News!

- Year One & Two** In Maths, we have been working on multiplication sentences and division. The children have really enjoyed working with partners to share out items into equal groups and then writing the correct multiplication or division sentence to match. In English this week, the children have been reading about Toad's caravan crash and writing a diary entry, inferring how Ratty feels and using lots of subordinating conjunctions. The children have also been excitedly watching our plants grow—our sunflowers are really shooting up! In Geography, we have been learning about maps and why we use them. It has been a fab week in class. Enjoy your long weekend!
- Year Three & Four** Year 3 and 4 have come to the end of our English unit on story openings, where the children have developed a strong understanding of the key skills needed to engage the reader. They have produced some fantastic pieces of writing, and their handwriting efforts have been wonderful to see, with many pupils taking real pride in the presentation of their work—it has truly been a pleasure to read. In Art, we have explored a range of lines and marks using different media, encouraging creativity and experimentation. In PE, the children have been focusing on athletics, practising their sprinting skills. We have also made the most of the glorious weather, even enjoying some of our RE learning outside in the sunshine.
- Year Five & Six** This week, Year 5/6 have been working hard across the curriculum and showing fantastic enthusiasm for their learning. In Art, the children used wet media to create impressive portrait pieces, exploring colour, tone and texture with great confidence and creativity. In English, the class completed persuasive letters to Romeo from Friar Lawrence, successfully using emotive language and a range of persuasive features to express their viewpoints and support their arguments. In Maths, pupils have worked hard exploring graphs, developing their skills in reading, interpreting and comparing data. In PE, the children have been learning how to play rounders, practising key skills such as throwing, catching and batting, while also developing teamwork and good sportsmanship. Well done to Year 5/6 for their continued effort and positive attitude towards learning!



This week's house point winners are:

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Well done!



Classroom Rewards

Each week children are encouraged to complete their work to a high standard (St. Edmund's Standard). Children who have tried their best to try and reach this standard will be awarded the 'St. Edmund's Standard Award'. Children are also encouraged to follow the school mission statement and show 'Care, Consideration and Courtesy' towards each other, children who show acts of kindness which follow the mission statement will be awarded the 'Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award'.

St. Edmund's Standard Award

Hayley
Alicja Gluz
Oscar
Caia

Growing Together in God's Family

Harper Bonello
Skyler
Simie
Maya

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are: Year Five & Six

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: 84.5%

This week's overall attendance: 93.3%

64 children have achieved 100% attendance this week.

	This week's attendance	Bench tickets so far
FSU	94.3%	1
Year One & Two	91.8%	0
Year Three & Four	92%	0
Year Five & Six	94.3%	0

Well done

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For winning our weekly attendance award. You have won a £5 voucher.

Attendance Rewards

Attendance Draw—If your child has been in school every day and on time during the week, their name will be entered into a weekly attendance draw and they could win a £5 voucher for Asda.

Class Reward—The classes with attendance over 92% each week, will gain a golden ticket and if they are the first two classes to collect five pieces golden tickets they will receive a movie and hot chocolate experience for the class.

Dear Parents and Carers

We are now in our summer months therefore children are allowed to wear our summer uniform of summer dresses for girls and grey shorts for boys. Those children who want to continue to wear their winter uniform can still do so.

We have begun to play on the field. As the days become warmer we would like to remind you that we do have an indoor option for those children who have hay fever or for those who would like to stay inside. This is provided for all children of all ages.

It is essential that children bring in a water bottle to school so that they can have water during the day. We would also encourage you to apply suntan lotion to your child before they come into school, most supermarkets sell a lotion which can last all day. All children must bring in a hat and if they would like to wear sunglasses they are able to.

I would like to remind you that we now run a free breakfast club from 8.25 am. There is no requirement for children to book, they can just turn up on the day. Children will be provided with a breakfast and a drink and they will have access to a range of activities. The children who are attending at the moment are enjoying the experience, as they get to chat to their friends before they start the official school day. On Fridays, we have the special treat of pancakes. Please come and join us.

Next week, we are closed on Monday, Thursday and Friday. We are open Tuesday and Wednesday.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Birmingham



Our Reading Celebration Wall 2025/6

Gold Award (21/30 books)

Ria

Silver Award (14/20 books)

Grace David F Zak Igor Aron Harlem Kamsi
Zain Darcy Enzo Kai Marty Tianna Anaya
Kinga Aida

Bronze Award— (7/10 books)

Lylah Skyler Sue Harper B Paddy Mc Caroline-Catherine
Matthew Penelope Ava-Jo Benjamin Elouise
Edward

St. Edmund's Reading Awards

The children are encouraged to read their books at home. This will help the children to learn through repeated practice. Those children who read at home will be rewarded with the following rewards:

Bronze Award—Certificate

Silver Award —Book Mark and Sweet Treat

Gold Award —Reading Book

As children achieve the reward they will be added to the reading wall in red.

