



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10th October 2025

This Weeks Spotlight!

Year Three & Four

In maths, we have begun our new unit on addition and subtraction. The children have been consolidating their knowledge of number bonds to 10, 20, 50 and 100, and using this understanding to develop mental strategies for adding across a boundary — something we found a little tricky at first but are improving with practice.

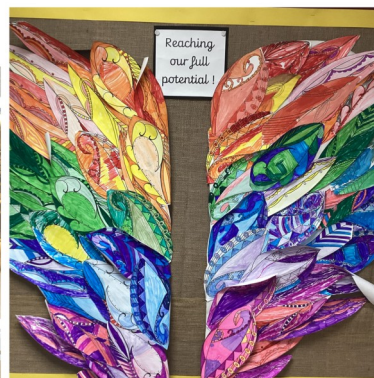
In English, our focus has turned to Loch Ness from a narrative point of view as we work towards creating our own imaginative stories. We began by exploring some poems and learning one by heart — a great way to strengthen our memory muscles!

In history, we have been fascinated by the construction of the Great Pyramid of Giza, gaining a good understanding of the role of slaves, the challenging conditions they faced in the heat, and the incredible scale of their achievement. In music, we are learning to sing Mamma Mia by ABBA and play parts of it on our recorder which everyone is enjoying.

This week, we have also been discussing what it means to work as a team. We were inspired by the seasonal sight of geese migrating and learned how they support one another — taking turns to lead, 'honking' encouragement, and even staying behind if a member of their flock becomes tired or injured. Just like the geese, we have all been working hard to 'fly in a V' together — supporting each other, listening to each other and encouraging each other.

A great life lesson, we are all taking onboard- well done Year 3 & 4.

Ancient Egypt



Mamma Mia



Dear Parents and Carers

What a fantastic week! I have had the honour of attending two events this week which has shown our school in an excellent light. Our year six children have been excellent role models and demonstrated that the children of St. Edmund's are fantastic children.



We started the week with a Poetry Oracy Competition at Latham High School. Twelve schools took part in the competition. The children had to create a poem and read the poem to a large audience with fluency and feeling. I was very impressed with both our children they had written beautiful poems and then read them with great meaning and clarity.

We also attended a Primary Maths Competition this week. I was extremely proud of our children because they worked as a team, discussed the questions and collaborate together to decide on the answer. Our school did beat a number of schools in the local areas. Again I was very proud of them. Well Done children.



Our well-being champions completed their training on Monday and are now available to support their peers at playtimes. Our new school council members and house captains met to discuss ideas on how to improve and support school and finally our new pupil parliament representatives went with Mrs Henderson to West Lancs College where they met Rachael Dodgson, who works in Parliament. She spoke about the Houses of Parliament, how MP's are elected and how bills are passed. The children came up with some great ideas and enjoyed their first meeting.

This week, I have included a list of events happening in school over the next couple of weeks. Please take the time to look at the events list so that you are prepared for them.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Birmingham

Dates coming up!

Dates	Activities	Who	Where
14th October 2025 9.00 am –11.00 am	Halloween Crafts Lancashire Adult	All children— Need to inform Mrs Henderson you are attending	School Hall
17th October 2025	Christmas Bottle Day Children bring in a bottle in exchange for wearing own clothes.	All children	School
21st October 2025	School Photographs	All children	School Hall
24th October 2025 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm	Fancy Dress Disco	All children	School Hall

Classroom News!

EYFS

This week, in FSU we learnt about Mary Seacole as part of Black History week and we thought about why she is a significant person in black history and how she helped people as nurse. This week in our Home Sweet Home topic, we have explored the different materials that houses can be built from and identified the materials our own homes are made from. In maths, Reception have been looking at the numbers 1,2 and 3, and we learnt how to subitise and represent the amounts. Nursery have continued to look at identifying colours, creating simple repeated patterns and sorting objects by colour. In Literacy, we started to look at a new book, and we have been looking at family members and identifying who is our family. We have also looked at a poem 'Our Family' by Sue Townsend and we have practised performing the poem using a story map and actions. In phonics, Reception have worked hard this week to learn the new sounds h,b,f,l and the children have begun to apply their phonics knowledge to read and write some simple CVC words. Well done FSU!

Year One & Two

Another fabulous week in year 1 / 2. We've had lots of fun and laughter while working hard. In English this week, we have started reading non-fiction books about wolves and learning lots of interesting facts. I hope the children have been coming home and sharing all the new vocabulary they have learned, such as pack,protect, and alpha!

In History, we have begun to look at Learie Constantine's early life in Trinidad and Tobago and his early cricket career. We have started to understand the racial discrimination he faced and how he overcame challenges throughout his life.

In Science, we have continued to explore materials. This week, we investigated how an object can change shape by twisting, squashing, and bending.

In Maths, we have been using lots of equipment on the carpet in groups to learn our number bonds to 10. **Well done, Year 1 and 2 another brilliant week of learning! You should all be super proud of yourselves!**

Year Five & Six

This week Year 5/6 have been developing their vocabulary and writing choices. The children have been developing descriptive paragraphs about the content of a magical room and using noun phrases to build a very good visual image of the content of the room. In History, the children explored life in Baghdad and London in 600AD. Here, the children were able to compare the two differing lifestyles and highlight a range of issues between the two. The children identified how nearly a million people lived in Baghdad during this time frame compare to the 20,000 in London - how times have changed.

Our RE topic of loving has now been completed and the children finished the unit by composing their own acrostic poem all about loving our families, friends and God. Our mathematics skills have been challenged a lot this week also. Firstly, we had children visit the high school for a local school math challenge and they did extremely well. Secondly, we have been investigating using the inverse in maths this week and we have tried to solve quite a few challenge math problems.



**This week's house point winner is:
Nightingale
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

Rory

Max

Kate

Mary

Growing Together in God's Family

Skyler

Rueben

Paddy

Emmie— Rose

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are: Year 5 & 6

The winning class receives an extra playtime:

Last week's overall attendance: 86.5%

This week's overall attendance: 90.3%

58 children have achieved 100% attendance this week.

	This week's attendance	Pieces of pizza so far
FSU	76.7%	2
Year One & Two	86.7%	1
Year Three & Four	86.7%	3
Year Five & Six	98.8%	4

Well done

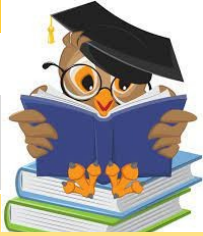
Zak

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 piece of pretend pizza and if they are the first class to collect five pieces of pizza they will win a pizza party for the class.



Our Reading Celebration Wall 2025/6

Gold Award (21/30 books)

Silver Award (14/20 books)

Bronze Award— (7/10 books)

Anaya

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.

