



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 14th November 2025

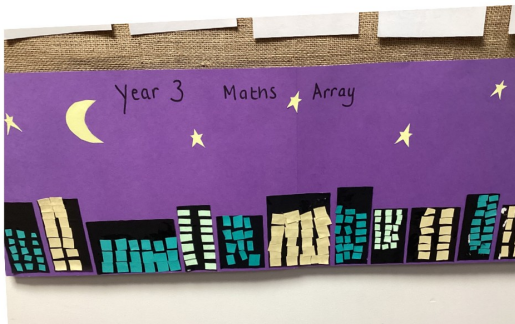
This Weeks Spotlight!

Year 3/4

This week got off to an exciting start as eight members of our class proudly represented the school in a dodgeball competition. For some, it was their very first time competing, and they showed tremendous determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout—we were all very proud of them.

In English, the children have been enjoying the adapted fairy tale Rumaysa, focusing on creating detailed character profiles for its key figures. Alongside this, our grammar focus has been on using inverted commas for direct speech and expanding sentences with well-chosen noun phrases.

In maths, we have been exploring the connections between the 2, 4 and 8 times tables, noticing how doubling, double-doubling or even triple-doubling a factor helps us find the product. Our TT Rockstars battles have added extra fun and helped build fluency along the way.

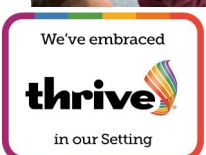


In computing, we have been investigating how different fonts and font sizes can influence the reader's experience. The children edited a newspaper front page and experimented with a range of styles to see which fonts created the strongest impact.



In history, we have turned our attention closer to home as we begin learning about Skelmersdale's mining history and the changes that took place in our local area. Throughout all our learning, we continue to focus on working together as a team. Social time has become an important part of our day, where we sit together to talk, share, communicate and enjoy each other's company through games.

**Well done, everyone—
great efforts all round!**



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Classroom News!

Year EYFS

This week in FSU the children have been learning about Remembrance Day and why it is important. We learnt that Remembrance Day remembers servicemen and women who have fought in wars. The children also made poppies using collage materials and used apples and paint to print poppies onto paper.

In RE this week, the children began our Advent/Christmas topic and we have been learning about birthdays. This week, we talked about what a birthday is and how we celebrate our birthdays. The children enjoyed sharing how they celebrate their birthdays and we even decorated our own birthday cakes with icing and sprinkles!

Reception and Nursery have continued to learn about hedgehogs in literacy, and they have enjoyed learning lots of new facts about hedgehogs. The children also used talk for writing actions to plan a caption using facts we had learnt, and used Kung Fu punctuation to help us punctuate our sentences.

Well done FSU for another super week, keep up the good work!

Year One & Two

This week, we have been building on our knowledge of traditional tales in English, with a focus on The Three Little Pigs. There have been some great group discussions and beautiful pieces of writing from the children.

In History, our topic this term is the history of Skelmersdale. The children looked at an old photograph of Sandy Lane from many years ago and asked thoughtful questions about what they could see, where it was, and when it might have been taken. We learned lots about Skelmersdale and the place we call home.

We have also started preparing for our Nativity—exciting times! We've been learning the songs, and I am so impressed that the children already know them all. Each child now knows the part they will play, and we will continue practising over the next few weeks.

Year Five & Six

Year 5/6 have been very busy exploring a multitude of biographies this week. The children have discovered facts about Rosa Parks, Walt Disney, Roald Dahl, Katherine Johnson and many more. Each biography has helped the children to understand their purpose and be able to identify the key features of the text. They also planned and completed a fan letter to their own famous person. This week, we have investigated where in the world was the Ancient Greek Empire located. We used atlases to help understanding the geography of Greece. We also attended Skelmersdale Library - here the children created Greek urns and learnt all about the Trojan Horse.

In mathematics, we have begun to discover the world of fractions. The children have done very well developing an understanding of equivalent fractions as well as placing them on a number line. Our RE topic of vocation and been completed and we are now moving onto advent.



**This week's house point winner is:
Stephenson and 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

Isaac

Mac

Darcy

Aaliyah

Growing Together in God's Family

Eva

Mmamma

Lylah

Alicja

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are:

The winning class receives an extra playtime: Year Five and Six

Last week's overall attendance: 90.7%

This week's overall attendance: 92.3%%

56 children have achieved 100% attendance this week.

	This week's attendance	Pieces of pizza so far
FSU	90%	1
Year One & Two	86.7%	0
Year Three & Four	89.%	0
Year Five & Six	98.9%	1

Well done

Emmanuel

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.

Dear parents and carers

What a fantastic week! Over the last two weeks, children from Key Stage Two have been representing the school at the local school Dodgeball competitions. They have worked together and demonstrated excellent teamwork and resilience. The teachers who have been taking the teams, have been very proud of them. I would like to thank Mrs Buckley and Mrs Rowlands for organising the practises and taking the children to the events. Thank you.

On the last day of term, we had our Fancy Dress Disco. This event raised £115.00 for school fund. I think the children enjoyed it especially wrapping the staff in toilet rolls and making them into Mummies. Thank you for your support.

We will be sending out an events calendar for your fridges on Monday, so that you know actually what events will be taking place when. School will be a very busy place over the next couple of weeks because of our Christmas events. If timings or dates are changed you will be notified through the newsletter or parentmail, so please look out for that.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Birmingham

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Here's how it works: Every time you shop online whether it's for groceries, gifts, clothes, or even booking a holiday 8,000+ retailers like Tesco, M&S, John Lewis, eBay, Argos, ASOS, Booking.com and many more will donate to us for FREE through easyfundraising! Yep, you heard that right raise money just by shopping like usual!

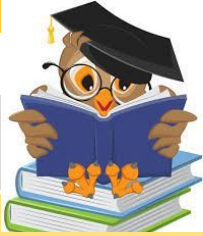
For a limited 2-week period, if 10 of us join, we'll get a £15 bonus! Plus, when more than 10 sign up, we'll unlock more bonus funding!

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Thanks for your continued support!

Important Dates

Event	Date	Time	Place	Who	Children to wear
St Edmund of Abingdon Feast Day Mass	19 th November	11.00	School Hall	Everyone is welcome	NA
Show Racism the Red Card	24 th November	All day	School	All children	Children to wear red clothes.
Parents' Evening for KS1/KS2	25 ^h /27 th November	3.30-5.30	School	Parents	NA
Parents' Day for EYFS	26 th November	9.30 – 5.30	School	Parents	NA
Christmas Chocolate Day	27 th November	All day	School	All children and staff	All children to wear own clothes. All children to bring in chocolate which will be used for Christmas events.
INSET Day	28 TH November	All day	NA	NA	NA
OLQP Carol Concert Rehearsal	5 th December	PM	St. Mary's Catholic Church	St. Edmund's Choir	TBC
Family Christmas Crafts	9th December	9.15 – 11.15	School	Parents and children	NA
KS2 Children singing in Concourse	9th December	1.00 – 3.00	Concourse	All KS2 children	Santa hat and tinsel around neck for scarf.
OLQP Carol Concert	9th December	6.00 start Children to be there for 5.30.	St. Mary's Catholic Church	St. Edmund's Choir	TBC
EYFS/KS1 Nativity	10 th December	2.00 pm	School	Whole School Community	NA
Winter Wonderland Dance Show	11 th December	TBC	Our Lady Queen of Peace	Dance Club	Outfit to be organised by Miss Fairhurst.
St. Edmund's Stars – McDonald's Lunch	15 th December	Lunchtime	McDonald's	Children who have been chosen.	Uniform
Christmas Crafts Cafe	16 th December	2.00 pm	School Hall	Parents and Children	Uniform
Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner	17th December	All day	School Hall	Children	Christmas jumper or brightly coloured clothes. Money raised to go to Alder Hey Hospital.
Supper with Santa	17 th December	3.30 pm – 4.45 Pm	School Hall	Children who have paid the fee.	
Christmas Parties	18 th December	During the school day.	Classrooms	Children	Partywear
Christmas Collective Worship	20 th December	9.15 am	School Hall	Whole School Community	Uniform
End of Year Celebration Assembly	20th December	1.30 pm Those parents who attend the collective worship can take their children home early.	School Hall	Whole School Community	Uniform



Our Reading Celebration Wall 2025/6

Gold Award (21/30 books)

Silver Award (14/20 books)

Bronze Award— (7/10 books)

Anaya Zak Igor Ria Darcy Lylah Kai
Skyler Marty Zain Enzo Sue

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.

