



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

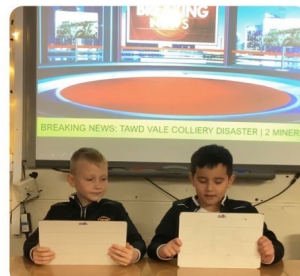
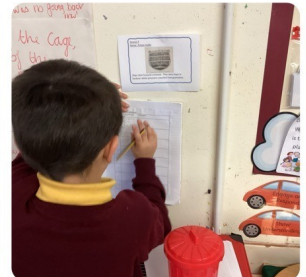
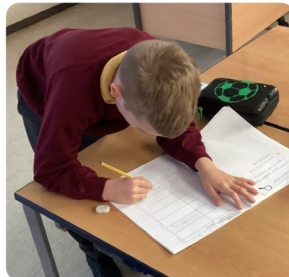
Friday 15th December 2023

This Weeks Spotlight!

Year Three & Four

This week in Year 3/4, we've been exploring crime and punishment in the Victorian Age. We've learnt all about the different types of punishments criminals might have faced - including the treadmill, hard labour and transportation. We've then looked at the case of Mary Hindle; a mill worker who was part of a mob who destroyed over 160 power-looms in Lancashire. We have also

spent some of this week getting creative! We have been making some of our different crafts ready to sell at the Christmas Craft Cafe on Monday - we can't wait for you all to see our outcomes. We've also enjoyed a bit of downtime this week as on Monday, we were treated to front row seats at the premiere of FSU/KS1's nativity. It was a wonderful show! Well done team on another brilliant week.



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Classroom News!

EYFS

We've had a fantastic week in EYFS! The children performed the Nativity with Year 1 and 2. They were amazing! They worked so hard to learn their songs and we are so proud of them. In class we have been doing lots of Christmas crafts. We have started our Christmas card and Christmas Crafts Cafe items for Monday. The children also made their Christingles this week. We learnt the different meanings for each item and what happens in a Christingle Service. In RE, we have had a chance to reflect on our topic of birthdays, we thought about what we do when we wait for a birthday and why we get present on Christmas day. This week is the children's final forest school, they have had lots of fun exploring the outside area, making tree cookies and Stick Men.

Year One & Two

Wow, what a week we have had! The children have been so busy practising and performing their Nativity to all of our school family. On Monday, we had our dress rehearsal, performing to the KS2 children and on Tuesday, we enjoyed welcoming our parents and grandparents into school and letting them see how hard each child has worked learning their lines, 8 songs and knowing when to enter and exit the stage. They have been absolutely amazing, so professional, supportive and caring towards each other, I could not be prouder of them all! In English, we have been learning about adjectives and using them in our writing to describe characters and events from our book, 'The Jolly Christmas Postman'. In history, we learnt more about the reasons why people moved from Liverpool to Skelmersdale and we even interviewed Mrs Buckley, who with her family moved in 1978 from Kirkby to Skelmersdale. Well done Year 1&2 for a fantastic week!

Year Five & Six

I have been absolutely blown away this week by how hard Year 5/6 are working in their writing. Not only have they completed a wonderful ancient Greek myth, but they have also included elements of action, description and dialogue to help the reader build a really good visual image, as well as used similes to begin a sentence and expand a noun phrase.

In mathematics, we have continued to stretch our brains by using squared, cubed and prime numbers to solve calculations. In History, we have discovered how different life was in Sparta and Athens and investigated aspects of each civilisation. In PSHE, we have been investigating ways to not succumb to peer pressure and make the right choices.

Finally, the children are really proud of their crafts, that they have made for the Christmas Craft on Monday. Please come along and show them your support.



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

Simie
Isaac
Anaya
Charley Lea

Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award

Rares
Daisy
Maycie
Aiden

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are: Key Stage Two

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: 85.8%

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There has been some sickness this week, so please encourage your children to wash their hands.

47 children have achieved 100% attendance this week.

FSU	85%
Year One & Two	82.5%
Year Three & Four	89.5%
Year Five & Six	89.5%

Announcement: Family Attendance Draw

At the end of each term, we are going to have an **attendance draw**. For every full week a child is in school they will receive a ticket which will be entered into the end of term attendance draw. Therefore the more full weeks your child is in school the greater chance you have at winning the draw. The prize will be a £25 voucher for Asda.

Dear Parents and Carers

We had a fabulous start to the week. Our EYFS and KS1 children performed the nativity to their parents. They were amazing beautiful singing, clear voices and great acting. Thank you to Mrs Nickson and Mrs Mitchell and the rest of the team for organising the performance.

We had a lovely Christmas dinner on Wednesday and raised money for Alder Hey. Our student council will be counting the money shortly and letting us know how much we will be donating.

Our dance club performed at the Christmas Wonderland Show on Thursday. The performance was excellent the children really did us proud and as ever the behaviour was excellent. We will look forward to the summer show.

We have one week left at school and it jam packed with lots of Christmas things to do. Please make sure you have read the events page so you know what is coming up. We will send Parentmail messages out to remind you.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Birmingham

Attendance Incentive

This week we will be encouraging our children to attend school every day on time (8.45 am). If your child is in before 8.55 am, they will receive a raffle ticket, this will be put into a raffle which will be drawn on Friday,

There will be two winners from each class.

It is important that your children still attend school during this time, lessons are still continuing and if they are off they will miss learning.

Christmas Dinner Day

The children enjoyed a lovely Christmas dinner provided by Mrs Jordan. It was extremely tasty.

Thank you Mrs Jordan.



Pupil Corner

Well Done Daniel!

Daniel was fund raising in Skelmersdale Asda on Saturday with his fellow scouts. Daniel did a long 4hour shift to help cover children with sickness that could not attend.

If your child has done something at home which they are proud of please email it to school.

head@st-edmunds.lancs.sch.uk



Pantomime

I am delighted to announce that we have organised a pantomime to come and perform Aladdin in school.

The pantomime will be performing on Monday 15th December 2024 at 2.00 pm.

Crow Orchard Primary School will be joining us to watch the pantomime.

After Christmas we will be asking for a £5 donation towards the show.



Christmas Crafts Café Monday 18th December 2023

2.30 pm

Please come and join us for a coffee and a mince pie. The children have been busy making Christmas items for you to buy. Items will only be 50p or £1.00.



Christmas Raffle

Christmas raffle tickets will be sent out today. We have a range of prizes from tickets for Knowsley Safari Park to chocolate hampers.

The cost of the tickets is £1.00 per strip.

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 21st December

Supper with Santa

Wednesday 20th December 2023

The children are invited to stay for Supper with Santa on Wednesday 20th December 2023.

The children will receive a hot dog, crisps, drinks and biscuit. If the children have been good they may receive a special gift from Santa.

If you want your child to come please complete the form and return to school.



Christmas Dates



Date	Event	Description	Groups
18 th December 2023 @ 2.30 pm	Christmas Crafts Ca- fé	Parents can come into school and buy products that the children have made and have a tea/coffee and mince pie.	Children Parents
19 th December	OLQP – Pantomime- Dress Rehearsal	To watch children from OLQP in Panto- mime	Year Five children
20 th December	MacDonald Treat	Children who have won St. Edmund's Stars to go to Mac- Donald's.	HT/HH and 8 children.
20 th December @3.25 pm till 4.45 pm	Supper with Santa	Children to stay for supper, have a hotdog and present from Santa.	Children
21 st December 9.10 am—10.00 am	Celebration Assem- bly	Awards, Attendance and Raffle	Children Parents
21 st December	Class Christmas Par- ties	Children to have a party with their class friends.	Children
22 nd December 9.10 am—9.40 am	Christmas Collective Worship	The story of Christ- mas	Children Parents



Our Reading Celebration Wall 2023/24

Gold Award (21/30 books)

Silver Award (14/20 books)

Bronze Award— (7/10 books)

Madison-Evie Zain Kai Ria Zak Aida
Adin Lexi May

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.

