



# St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 16th January 2026

## This Weeks Spotlight!

### EYFS

This week in FSU we were very lucky to watch an amazing production of the pantomime Cinderella! All of the children had lots of fun taking part in the pantomime, and they enjoyed joining in with all of the songs. Reception and Nursery were very well behaved during the pantomime, and they sat brilliantly throughout the whole performance! FSU also enjoyed watching Mrs Birmingham taking part in the pantomime and they were very impressed with her dancing!

In literacy this week Reception and Nursery have continued to look at the book 'The Queen's Hat' and this week we found out that the Queen's hat floated away in London! Together we read that the Queen's hat floated past some famous London landmarks such as the London Eye and Trafalgar Square, and we also learnt that landmarks are famous buildings or places. The children hot seated the Queen and the Queen's soldiers and they thought about how they felt when they had lost the hat and what they would say if we asked them what they were looking for. The children then created a speech bubble for their character to share what they thought the characters would say.

In maths this week, Reception have continued to look at subitising and the composition of the numbers one to five. The children enjoyed using bingo dabbers to find different ways to represent the numbers one to five and explore subitising. This week, we also looked at finding one more and one less using nursery rhymes and the children learnt that when we find one more, the number gets bigger and when we find one less, the number gets smaller. In Nursery, the children have continued to practise recognising colours and this week the children enjoyed sorting objects and going on colour hunts to find purple, red and green objects. **Well done**

**FSU for a super week,  
keep up the good  
work!**



## Classroom News!

### Year EYFS

Year 1/2 have had a great week this week! We started the week with a pantomime, which all the children thoroughly enjoyed. They enthusiastically shouted "He's behind you!" and "Oh no you're not!"—it was lovely to see how engaged they were and how much they enjoyed the performance.

In English, we have continued our topic on Amazing Birds and have spent the week immersed in lots of owl facts and information. The children are now ready to create their own fact files next week.

In Geography, we have been learning about forests, settlements and coastlines, and the features of each. The children especially enjoyed listening to the continents song!

Maths is still all about shapes. We have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. Please ask your children at home to point out shapes around the room or while out walking—I'm sure they will impress you with the details they know.

In Science, we have started learning about animals and how to categorise them into reptiles, mammals, amphibians, birds and fish. We played a fun carpet game where the children chose animals to place into each group. Another busy and enjoyable week in Year 1/2!

### Year Three & Four

Year 3 and 4 have had another busy and exciting week! In English, we have used lots of drama and role play to step into our story, imagining what the characters might be thinking and feeling. We have also continued our grammar work on speech marks, focusing on using reporting clauses and replacing the word "said" with more interesting alternatives. In maths, the children have been multiplying and dividing three-digit numbers by one-digit numbers, and their times table recall is improving every week. In geography, we explored the human features of the Lake District, and the children were fascinated by Castlerigg Stone Circle, which has stood for over 3,000 years. In PE, the children have developed their dance skills further by working in small groups to create their own moves and collaborate independently. Mrs Birmingham reported how well the children did interviewing the visitors from St Vincent De Paul who came in on Thursday during their RE lesson, showing genuine interest and understanding. Finally, it was great to see the children back in the swimming pool, practising their techniques and doing brilliantly.

### Year Five & Six

Year 5/6 have been exploring more of our class text this week. The children have been reading The Wizard of Oz and they have watched clips of Wicked that coincide with the film. In English, the children wrote a detailed description of the scene and included action, dialogue and descriptions. In our RE unit of sources, the children have investigated the Dead Sea Scrolls and discussed how they tell the story of God's rules for the Jews and the story of their people.

In Geography, the children have been developing their understanding of the lines of latitude and longitude on the earth and what some of these lines represent, as well as their degrees across the globe. Our maths unit has now moved onto division and we have been looking at a wide range of strategies to help us solve a variety of problems. Finally, to help us get ready for our visit to the Co-op live arena, the children have been rehearsing their songs to get ready for Young Voices 2026.



**This week's house point winners  
are:  
Anderson, 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

**George**

**Tia'Leigh**

**Elsie May**

**Jorgie**

### Growing Together in God's Family

**Harper**

**Daisy**

**Lylah**

**Archie**

### Attendance Award

**This weeks winners are: Year Five/Six**

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: 90.6%

This week's overall attendance: 96.7%

**61 children have achieved 100% attendance this week.**

	This week's attendance	Cinema tickets so far
<b>FSU</b>	75.7%	1
<b>Year One &amp; Two</b>	85.3%	0
<b>Year Three &amp; Four</b>	90%	0
<b>Year Five &amp; Six</b>	96.7%	2

Well done

Penelope

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 an amazing week! We have enjoyed the week, from the Cinderella pantomime on Monday, to a visit from the SVP coming into school to explain to the Year Three and Four children and the importance of community and helping each other. All children in school this week have been outstanding in relation to their behaviour and have been excellent ambassadors of the school especially when visitors attended the school. We are always very proud of them.

We are in the process of implementing a new Handwriting Scheme in school called 'Letter-join'. It has been introduced to teachers and they are going to be implementing it in class shortly. We will be having a big push on handwriting during the rest of the half-term, so would be very grateful for your support. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Birmingham

Year Three and Four listening to the ladies from the SVP



**Monday 12th January 2026**

**M&M Productions presented the pantomime**

## **Cinderella**

Thank you to M&M Productions for providing us with a fantastic performance. The children really enjoyed the performance. They loved the songs and I think they even enjoyed watching me or laughing at me when I took part in the 'dance off' between myself and Mrs Heath from Crow Orchard.

An excellent time for all!





## **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  
Grace Kamsi Aron Harlem David F**

### **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.**

