



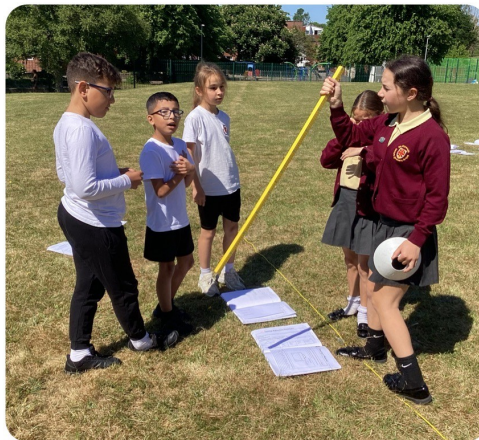
# St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 16th May 2025

## This Weeks Spotlight!

### Year Three & Four

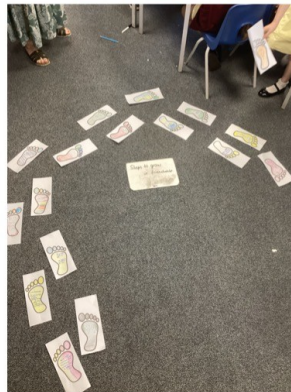
It has been a lovely week in year 3&4. In English we have planned our narrative, chosen fierce Celtic names for our female warriors and invented rousing warrior speeches which we had fun acting out. In Art, we explored texture and tone using pencil hatching and 3D techniques. In DT, the children designed a variety of bags incorporating the punk aspects typical of the designer Vivienne Westwood and designed their own tartan. Sewing is a feature in both Art and DT this term and the children have concentrated hard on mastering backstitch. Fractions and Time have been our maths topics which the children have worked hard to get to grips with and we will continue to practice into next week. Timetables, Reading Plus and spellings are always at the heart of our learning in year 3&4 and the children are working hard to embed these basic skills all the time. In science we asked the question "Do people with longer femurs jump further?" and set up an experiment outside on the field to find out. We have introduced some new games in social time which the children are enjoying all carefully selected to develop concentration, creativity and cooperation. Finally, this week it was wonderful to see so many children progress with their swimming, whether it was moving into the big pool, moving up lanes or perfecting breathing and stroke techniques. There was excellent listening and maximum effort from everyone this week!



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## More Photographs from Year Three & Four



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## Classroom News!

### EYFS

We've had a lovely week in EYFS making the most of the sunshine! We have been in our outdoor area which has been a garden center and also planting some vegetables and herbs. We planted lettuce, spinach and parsley. A postal worker visited our class on Tuesday and bought a letter from the Jolly Postman and our new book which we have started to read. We also have been retelling the postmans day in our writing. In Maths Reception have been looking at numbers 13 to 20, we have been learning that they are made up of one ten and another number. In nursery we have been looking at 2D shapes and comparing the similarities and differences. Also, this week we looked at healthy eating and our food likes and dislikes, this will help us with our new DT topic of cooking and nutrition.

### Year One & Two

Year 1&2 have had a great week. We are enjoying our book 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and we have been listening to the letters the crayons have written. This is helping us to learn to write our own letters to Duncan. In maths, we have been dividing by 2 and 10 and in RE we have been learning about the Holy Spirit. In Art and Design, we enjoyed painting with different size brushes, learning which were the best to paint large and small figures. In Design and Technology, we created a mood board of all the fruits and vegetables we would like to put in our salad. Next week we will get the chance to make them to share with our families. PE was great fun this week outside in the sunshine. Well done Year 1&2!

### Year Five & Six

Year 5/6 has been extremely busy this week with SATs. The Y6 children worked extremely hard during the week, and they smiled all the way through. Our fabulous Year 5 children have been sensible and thoughtful of their peers during this busy time.

During the week, the children explored the Holy Spirit in RE and they also designed their own Romano crucifix to represent the Holy Spirit. In PE they had a lot of fun playing bench ball. We definitely have some very talented defenders and excellent skills in catching and throwing. Our science unit of Living Things, the children have explored, sorted and organised a variety of living things, particularly plants and flowers. h



**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**

Mmamma

Elsie-May

Kate

Lili

#### **Growing Together in God's Family Award**

Zain

Michael

Year Six

SJ

#### **Attendance Award**

**This weeks winners are: Year**

The winning class receives an extra playtime

Last week's overall attendance: 89.1%

This week's overall attendance: 90%

**60 children have got 100% attendance. Well done children you will be in the attendance draw.**

	This week's attendance	Summer Picnic Ticket
<b>FSU</b>	84.3%	1
<b>Year One &amp; Two</b>	92%	2
<b>Year Three &amp; Four</b>	87.1%	2
<b>Year Five &amp; Six</b>	92.7%	4

**Tiana**

**has won the individual attendance award.**

**Well Done for being in school every day and on time.**

### **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 Summer Picnic ticket and if they are the first two classes to collect five tickets they will win a summer picnic and games on the field for their class.



Dear Parents and Carers

**Well done to our fantastic Year Six children. We have been immensely proud of the children and all that they have achieved. The SATs were tough, but they all showed great resilience. The children celebrated with a pizza party this afternoon and some downtime. Well done children.**

Mrs Fletcher and the Forest School children have been growing vegetables in our outdoor area. The children have been selling their products at the end of the school day.

Three children in Year Three and Four are celebrating their First Holy Communion today at St. Richard's tomorrow. We wish them well and we will make a fuss of them next week.

Kai in Year Five has been working really hard on his reading and has completed every level on Reading Plus. Well Done Kai, we are very proud of you.

**Just a reminder, school closes next Friday for one week and will re-open on Monday 2nd June 2025.**

I hope this beautiful weather continues and you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Birmingham



## **Reminder**

**Just a gentle reminder in relation to holidays:**

**If you want to take your child out of school for a holiday if their attendance is 96% or above, you will not be fined.**

**If the time the children are absent for is 4 and a half days within a 10 week period, you will not be fined.**

**If you take your child out of school and their attendance is below 96% or they are absent for more than 4 and a half days within a 10 week period, you will be fined. If you are away for 3 days and then 2 days at a separate occasion within a 10 week period you will be fined. Most schools will fine even if a child's attendance is over 96%. We at, St. Edmund's, have made the decision not to fine if a child's attendance is 96% or above because we want to work with parents.**

## **School Lottery**

Please support the school by taking part in the school lottery. The money raised from the lottery will help to support the purchase of new computers, trips and special events.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-edmunds-catholic-primary-school>



## **Our Reading Celebration Wall 2024/5**

### **Gold Award (21/30 books)**

**Ria Zain Zak**

### **Silver Award (14/20 books)**

**Kai Coral Penelope David F Emanuel Max L Kamsi**

### **Bronze Award— (7/10 books)**

**Michael A Alicja Paddy Lexi-May David B**

**Matthew Isaac S Rueben C Hayley Daniel L**

**Ignacy Kate Sue Matthew Ben Hughie**

### **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.**

