



# St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

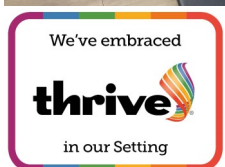
Friday 17th January 2025

## This Weeks Spotlight! - EYFS

Lots has been happening in EYFS this week. We continued to look at our story the Storm Whale in Winter and created a story map with actions to help us retell the story. We then looked at the different weather in the book. We described the snowstorm and wrote sentences as a class, using our phonics to help us sound out the words. Towards the end of the week, we started to think about ideas for our own story about a sea animal. Our class story was called the Turtle in Summer. We used all we knew about the Storm Whale in Winter to help us write our own class story. There were lots of fantastic ideas!

In Maths, Nursery have continued to look at the number 3. They have been reading the Three Little Pigs to help them with counting. They then used their knowledge of the number 3 to feed the wolf three items. In Reception we continued to look at numbers to 5. We have explored one more and one less, composition of the numbers and subitising. During our lessons we have been using both hands to show how they can make the numbers in different ways. Then we used hoops and beanbags to show how numbers were made.

In Geography, we have had the big maps, atlases and globe out in class to explore different places and how they are used. We found our school on Google Earth and then looked at what was around us. In PE we started gymnastics! This week we explored how our bodies can move as different animals.



## Classroom News!

**Year One & Two** Year 1&2 have had a lovely week. We thoroughly enjoyed watching the pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' on Monday afternoon. In English, we have written a book review on Zog. Explaining what our favourite parts are and why we like it. In maths, we have started our new topic on shape and this week we have been recognising different 2D and 3D shapes. In Geography, we have learnt the names of the seven continents and their locations. In science, we have been learning about the season of Spring and in RE, we have been learning about gathering together for Mass and recognising Jesus as the most important person for the parish family. Well done Year 1&2!

**Year Three & Four** In English, the children have delved deeper into the story of The Iron Man and written character descriptions with inference around thoughts and feelings. In Maths, we are making connections between times tables and division. We practised sharing and grouping which can be quite confusing, so we got out the counters and this helped us to see the difference between the two. Forest school was great, the children did some cross-curricular activities with science and looked at different seeds from the season and consolidated prior learning on different types of seed dispersal. The children presented their findings to the rest of the class. Finally, we are enjoying our new PE theme - gymnastics and we were glad to get back in the swimming pool and make a splash!

**Year Five & Six** This week Year 5/6 have been exploring lines of longitude and latitude, and they have discovered how this links to the time zones around the world. We had some fun calculating the time zones using atlases. In Mathematics, the children have been converting mixed numbers to improper fractions and vice versa; our times table knowledge really helped to support the children with this skill.

In English, we have been reading a variety of science fiction texts, the children are really enjoying them, and we have been discussing the plot and the theme of each text. We have also been building our skills to write an expanded noun phrases in grammar.



**This week's house point winner is:  
Nightingale  
Well done!**





## Special Events!

### Parent Craft Sessions for KS1 led by Lancashire Adult Learning



### Pantomime—Sleeping Beauty



### 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**

Maya

Ronin

Lila-Rae

Lylah

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

Hughie

Reuben

Igor

Kinga

#### **Attendance Award**

**This weeks winners are: Year 3 and 4**

The winning class receives an extra playtime

Last week's overall attendance: 84.8%

This week's overall attendance: 88.5%

	This week's attendance	Cups of Hot Chocolate so far
<b>FSU</b>	83%	1
<b>Year One &amp; Two</b>	89.5%	2
<b>Year Three &amp; Four</b>	93%	5
<b>Year Five &amp; Six</b>	85%	2

#### Alijca

**have 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 90% each week, will gain a hot chocolate ticket and if they are the first two classes to collect five tickets they will win hot chocolate and a movie for the class.

Dear Parents and Carers

We had a excellent time on Monday when the Pantomime came to visit. We welcomed Crow Orchard who came to watch it with us. The show was fantastic and the children certainly enjoyed it. We have booked Cinderella for next year. The children are certainly beginning to understand how to react to a Pantomime, when to cheer and when to boo.

Just a gentle reminder that Forest School and Swimming are part of our curriculum and just like English and Maths, children cannot choose when they want to do them. They are statutory subjects and the government expect all children to take part. Both activities are extremely important in terms of health, well-being and safety.

We are also reminding parents that if your child is off from school and you do not phone school to tell where they are on that day then this is recorded as an 'unauthorised' absence. If a child has 10 (5 days) of these within one year we have a duty to fine, therefore it is essential that you phone the school and let us know were they are. If you do not have phone, then please let the office know. This is the same procedure in all schools across the country in relation to attendance.

On Monday 27th January, we will be having a break the rules day, a letter has been sent from the student telling you all about it.

Well done to all children who have been reading at home and have made it onto our reading wall. Excellent. Being able to read unlocks everything.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and please stay safe.

Mrs Birmingham

## 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>

## Pupil Corner

**If your child/children have achieved something at home, please send an email to me with a photograph.**

**[head@st-edmunds.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@st-edmunds.lancs.sch.uk)**



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

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

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

**Kai Ria Zain Zak Coral**

**Bronze Award— (7/10 books)**

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

**Matthew Emanuel Isaac S Max L Rueben C Hayley**

## **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.**

