



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2026

This Weeks Spotlight!

Year Three & Four

We have had a jam packed week in Year 3 and 4!

In Maths, we are continuing our unit on Place Value, looking at finding 1, 10 and 100 more or less than a given number and have begun using number lines up to 10,000. We have also begun our Monday Maths Reasoning and Problem-Solving sessions, helping us to develop the skills and confidence needed to tackle more complicated-style questions.

In English, we are continuing to enjoy A Bear Called Paddington. We have explored lots of new vocabulary from the book and our grammar focus has been on subordinate conjunctions – when, before and until – as well as the punctuation we need to use with them. We even had a little Paddington-themed taste test! We tried marmalade and grapefruit for the first time before acting out the scene where Mrs Bird brings Paddington breakfast in bed. It was a fun way to bring the story to life and really helped us to imagine Paddington's experiences.

In RE, we have been exploring The Creation and discovered that scriptures can sometimes be written as poetry, using repeated patterns and descriptive language. We then got creative and crafted elements of Creation using clay while listening to beautiful music. We took some quiet time to reflect on the gift of Creation and think about some of our favourite things in the world around us.

In PE, we have been practising our fielding skills, focusing on throwing and catching with precision. We also had our first swimming lesson of the year and it went swimmingly! The coaches were very impressed with our super listening and excellent behaviour, which was a fantastic way to begin our swimming journey.



Classroom News!

EYFS We have had a busy week in EYFS this week. We had a surprise waiting for us in the class on Monday, a bucket of Dinosaurs and some wellies. We had to investigate who has left them and then on Friday our new book arrived with the books character called Harry. We have also enjoyed looking at different dinosaurs and talking about what we know about them. In maths Reception has started to look at comparing, matching and sorting into sets. Our Pre-school children have been working on their colours and going on a colour hunt in the classroom. This week on RE we have been practicing making the sign of the cross and using a rhyme to remember how to do this. We made crosses from lollipop sticks to remind us of what it means.

Year One & Two Year 1/2 have had another fantastic week in school! We have been working hard in English as we continue to explore the story Harry the Happy Mouse. The children have thoroughly enjoyed being introduced to the new characters and discussing their roles within the story. In Maths, we have continued our learning on place value, with a particular focus on using number lines this week. Mr Hallam has been extremely impressed by the enthusiasm, effort, and positive attitude shown by all pupils. Keep up the excellent work, Year 1/2!

Year Five & Six Here is a quick look at our fantastic learning this week. In Maths, we have been thinking big! The children explored the powers of 10 and used number lines to place and order numbers all the way up to 10,000,000. English

Our readers turned into detectives this week, as they have been diving deep into text analysis by exploring the effectiveness of the author's choice of words. Instead of just looking at the plot of a story, they have analysed how specific vocabulary helps us understand a character's true personality, motives, and feelings on a much deeper level.

In Science, we became thermal scientists! After exploring how different materials act as insulators, the children designed a lunch bag engineered to keep food perfectly cool. In RE, we have stepped back in time to explore an essential piece of scripture. The children have been learning about Moses on Mount Sinai and the introduction of the Ten Commandments. We have had some excellent, thoughtful discussions about how these laws were meant to guide people and what they teach us about values today.



This week's house point winners are:
Anderson
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 they are 'Growing together in God's Family'.

St. Edmund's Standard Award

Mia

Kamsi

Ria

Maya

Growing Together in God's Family

Ava-Jo

Miracle

Rory

Grace

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are: Year One and Two
The winning class receives an extra playtime.
Last week's overall attendance: 93.8%
This week's overall attendance: 88.5%

	This week's attendance	Pieces of Pizza
FSU	78%	1
Year One & Two	92.9%	1
Year Three & Four	84.5%	0
Year Five & Six	91.8%	1

Well done

Enzo

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 golden ticket and if they are the first two classes to collect five pizza slices, will receive a pizza party experience for the class.

Dear Parents and Carers

Another week has passed with the children learning lots of wonderful things.

We have introduced a new Religious Education curriculum that focuses on developing both the children's knowledge of religion and their spirituality. This is achieved through more creative approaches, including art and music. The children have been telling me how much they are enjoying their learning. Please ask your child about their new RE lessons.

On Tuesday, I took a group of Year 5 and Year 6 children to a football competition against several other schools. The children played ten games with only short breaks in between. I was very proud of the way they participated and of their positive attitude throughout the event. The second part of the competition takes place next week, so we wish the children the very best and will let you know how they get on.

This academic year is our Year of Reading. Four children from Years 3 and 4 joined me at a special reading event at West Lancashire College. We will be launching a reading challenge over the next two weeks, so please keep an eye out for further details.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Birmingham

Community Shop

Please remember that we have our community shop, which is open after school every Thursday for parents to purchase items for a small donation.

There is a wide variety of items available, including kitchenware, food, clothing, and much more. There are all sorts of bargains, so please come along and have a look.

All donations are used to purchase more items for the shop.

If you are unable to visit the shop, please contact Mrs Henderson at the following email address:

stedmundscommunityshop@outlook.com

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Tuesday 22nd September 2026

at 9.15

We will be joining together as a school community to raise money for the charity MacMillan. Children will be encouraged to bring in cakes which will be sold at the coffee morning to raise money.

Our whole school community, parents, aunties, uncles, grandmas and grandads are encouraged to come to school and have a cup of tea or coffee and share a piece of cake. If you are unable to come to school for the event, please feel free to send some money into school with your child so that they can purchase a drink and a biscuit.

All monies raised will be given to MacMillan.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club begins at 8.00 for those parents who are paying.

For primary children the cost is £3.00.

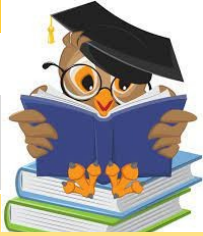
For nursery children the cost is £4.50.

Breakfast Club is free for primary children from 8.25.

Friday special: Pancakes

Paid breakfast club needs to be booked through the Parentmail App.

Those wanting free breakfast can turn up on the day, there is no need to book.



Our Reading Celebration Wall 2026/7

Gold Award (21/30 books)

Silver Award (14/20 books)

Bronze Award— (7/10 books)

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.

