



# St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2024

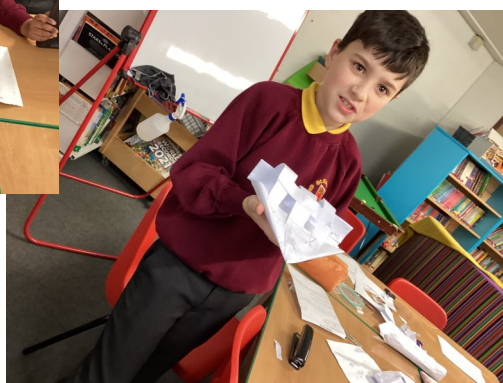
## This Weeks Spotlight!

### Year Five & Six

Another super busy week in Year 5/6, it was the end of our first week in our temporary classroom; well done to the children, as they have adjusted to the changes quickly. This week the children have come to the end of Good Night Mr Tom, which the children really enjoyed, we even had a few tears during the sad parts. Now, they are beginning to develop their ideas to write a WW2 'lost diary' of the main character William. In mathematics, we have had some more fabulous fractions. This week we have been developing our understanding of adjusting denominators to enable the children to sort, compare and order fractions.

We have come to the end of our Sources unit and the children will plan and enjoy their celebration part of the unit next week. They have enjoyed discussing the Gospel this week and they have investigated similarities and differences between the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John within the New Testament. In Geography, the children have had lots of fun finding out about the time zones around the world.

Using Greenwich Mean Time and the meridian lines around the globe, the children investigated the different time zones and discovered how and why we have different time zones.



### Classroom News!

#### EYFS

In EYFS this week we have continued to look at different celebrations from around the world. We have explored Carnival in Brazil and Holi in India. We made masks and spoke about the similarities and differences between them. In Literacy, we have started our new non-fiction text about plants. We have explored non-fiction books noticing the differences to a story. Then we labelled a plant as a class and spoke everything we knew about plants. In writing the children had the opportunity to label their own plant with all their knowledge. For Maths we have been exploring the numbers 6, 7, and 8; how they are made up, finding patterns and learning how to write them.

#### Year One & Two

This week we have been busy planning and writing our posters about 'rats'. The children have been using their newly learnt skills to write sentences that contain conjunctions and correct punctuation. In geography, we have looked at the physical and human features of Skelmersdale and Crosby Beach. In PE, we have been practising our throwing technique. Using a swinging under arm throw, aiming with our other arm and using a correct foot position. In science, we have been learning about the way animals change as they grow from babies to adults and in maths, we have started our new topic on multiplication. We have been learning about equal groups and even how to add them together through repeated addition. Well done Year 1&2!

#### Year Three & Four

This week in Year 3/4, we have become detectives exploring the missing case of Pongo and Missis' puppies! The children have been conducting their own investigation into who could possibly have stolen the puppies. They have then began writing their own character witness statements. In Geography, we have been looking at what landscapes can be found in the Lake District, as well as what animals we might find there. While in Music, we have begun learning some new chords on the ukulele. Well done team on another brilliant week!



**This week's house point winners is:  
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

Igor

Roza

Hayley

Kai

### Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award

Lexi

Elsie-May

Aiden

Emmie Rose

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### Attendance Award

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

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: 88.3%

This week's overall attendance: 92.2%

**What an improvement this week! Well done to our children and families!**

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

<b>FSU</b>	85.6%
<b>Year One &amp; Two</b>	88.6%
<b>Year Three &amp; Four</b>	95.2%
<b>Year Five &amp; Six</b>	<b>95.4%</b>

### 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

The building work has begun this week and the children have been excellent even though are not where they normally would be. The builders we have in at the moment are excellent, I have never worked with such clean and tidy builders. The classrooms have now been stripped out and next week they will begin to start putting things back. It will be amazing!

**Don't forget if you are interested in the cooking club please let either Mrs Hall or myself know.**

I am delighted to announce that Mr Lee James will become our parent governor, he attended his first meeting on Tuesday. We welcome Mr James to the governing body and we know that he will make a good addition to our team.

The Reading Plus in KS2 has been a success so far lots of children are now reading at home and we have been able to give out at least 20 certificates this week which is excellent. Please keep up the good work.

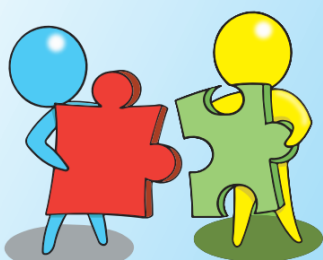
Attendance is over 90% this week, Mrs Hall is delighted so please ensure your children are in on time and in school learning.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Birmingham

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## 5 WEEK COOKING AND FAMILY FUN PROGRAMME



### PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO:

- Families with children aged 5-12
- Residents of Skelmersdale and UpHolland

### FREE GIFTS INCLUDE:

- Family swim voucher
- Recipe book

### TO BOOK CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL DIRECT:

- **Where:** St Edmunds primary school
- **Starting:** Monday 19th February
- **Time:** 3.15pm- 4.30pm



### Cooking Club

If you are interested in taking part in the programme please phone Mrs Wild or see Mrs Birmingham or Mrs Hall.

If you attend you will receive a

**FAMILY SWIM VOUCHER**

**RECEIPE BOOK**



# CHILDREN'S BOOK SWAP

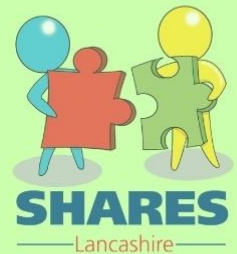


**FIRST SATURDAY  
OF EACH MONTH**



**10am until 2pm**

**@ The Concourse Market  
(downstairs)**



**10am - 2pm on February 3rd, March 2nd,  
April 6th, May 4th, June 1st**



**Drop off donations at the stall or just choose some pre-loved books to take home!**

**Thanks to the children at SHARES Lancashire schools for their donations.**

**If you would like to volunteer to support us please email  
[gemma@barton.co.uk](mailto:gemma@barton.co.uk)**



# Our Reading Celebration Wall 2023/24

## Gold Award (21/30 books)

## Silver Award (14/20 books)

**Zain Adin**

## Bronze Award— (7/10 books)

**Madison-Evie Zain Kai Ria Zak Aida**

**Lexi May Grace Aron David Max Hayley Emmanuel Katerina**

**Ksenia Benjamin Tia'Leigh Charley—Lea Isak Lilliana Michael Lili**

**Roza Poppy Michael Kaine Madison Maycie Lexi Daniel Danny**

### 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.**

