



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 21st November 2025

This Weeks Spotlight!

Year 5/6

It has been an extra busy week in Year 5/6. We began the week with an introduction to places around the community in French. The children had the opportunity to discuss each place and use the verb for the action at each place. Following this, we discovered the chronology of the Ancient Greeks. The children explored the stories and poem of the Ancient Greeks and looked at the term 'marathon', which was taken from a Greek soldier running to tell the Athenians that they had won the battle / war - running 24/5 miles. Each aspect was discussed and then the children had to place each event in the correct chronological order. On Tuesday, we also had a visit from CAFOD, introducing the children to how they can help others around the world with gifts from CAFOD during the Advent season. For more information, please see www.worldgifts.cafod.org.uk

In science, the children have investigated voltage. They all made predictions of what would happen to the bulb as they added more and more cells to the circuit. Many children's predictions were correct. We have also celebrated our annual St Edmund of Abingdon Day in school. Father Kenny came to school and delivered a mass for us all to enjoy; Year 6 lead with the readings and bidding prayers.

In English, the children have been focusing on the reading phrase of our current unit. This week, the children have explored gathering information, retrieving information, scanning for information, as well as reading for gist. Our work with fractions in class has definitely paid off as we had many children wanting to show their understanding on the whiteboards during the lesson. Finally, we finish this week with a little bit of fun, as the children had to work on pairs to create a rap song all about expectations and waiting for Christmas during the Advent season - there were many laughs and chuckles.



Classroom News!

Year EYFS

This week in FSU the children have been learning about Advent and the importance of Advent wreaths in helping us to prepare for Christmas. The children enjoyed making their own Advent wreaths and we learnt that the wreath has three purple candles, one pink candle and a white candle which is lit on Christmas Day.

This week the children also learnt about St Edmund of Abingdon and we found out that he was a clever man who helped lots of people. In class, the children used collage materials to make their own St Edmund stained glass window. Reception also took part in this week's Mass with Father Kenny and I was very proud of how well they listened and behaved during the service.

In Maths, Reception have been learning about shapes with four sides. We explored the different shapes that can be found in four sided shapes and we went on a shape hunt to find real life examples of squares and rectangles. Nursery, have continued to compare amounts this week and use the vocabulary more than, fewer than and same to make comparisons between amounts. Nursery have also looked at 2D shapes this week and they explored flipping and rotating shapes to make them fit shape puzzles.

Well done FSU!

Year One & Two

Another great week in Year 1/2! The children have been working wonderfully and, of course, having lots of fun too.

In English, we have continued with The Three Little Pigs. The children wrote letters to Mummy Pig from various characters, and they came up with some really imaginative ideas. I was very impressed!

In Maths, we have been focusing on subtracting and finding the difference. The children have been using counting equipment and taking part in a range of practical carpet activities to help deepen their understanding.

In Come and See, we have been talking about preparations and how we prepare for our day, or for special events. The children have also started making their own Advent wreaths, which they are really enjoying.

This week, we also celebrated St Edmund of Abingdon Day with a lovely Mass in school.

Nativity practice is well underway! Children will be bringing their lines home this evening, so lots of practising at home, please, adults! All in all, another fabulous week!

Year Three & Four

What a busy and exciting week it has been! At the start of the week, we marked St Edmund's Day and spent time in PSHE thinking about why he is our class saint and the values he represents.

In maths, we focused on the 3, 6 and 9 times tables, exploring the clever connections between them. The children also enjoyed taking part in an online TT Rock Stars competition, which brought plenty of fun and motivation! In science, we continued our learning about the digestive system, finding out exactly what happens each time we eat. In spelling, we have been working on words with the suffixes -ly and -sion. Our RE lessons have been filled with creativity as we designed a beautiful class Advent calendar, soon to be displayed proudly. We continue our singing sessions preparing for the Young Voices concert in February and the Christmas carols also made an appearance as we get ready for some upcoming carolling.

It may have been frosty outside, but Year 3 and 4 have certainly been on fire with their learning this week!



**This week's house point winner are:
Stephenson, Anderson 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

Ignacy
Aidan
Sean Junior
Alex

Growing Together in God's Family

Caia
Maya
Elsie May
Max L

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are:

The winning class receives an extra playtime: Year Five and Six

Last week's overall attendance: 92.3%%

This week's overall attendance: 88.5%

52 children have achieved 100% attendance this week.

	This week's attendance	Pieces of pizza so far
FSU	88.6%	1
Year One & Two	84.4%	0
Year Three & Four	84.8%	0
Year Five & Six	94.1%	3

Well done

Hayley

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.

Important Events

Stand Up to Racism



Monday

Everyone to wear RED clothes.

Christmas Chocolate Day

Thursday

Christmas Chocolate Day

Children to wear own clothes and bring in chocolate.



Friday – INSET Day – Children are not in school.

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Dear parents and carers

On Wednesday, we celebrated the feast day of St. Edmund of Abingdon. St. Edmund is the patron saint of our school and he reminds us of the importance of learning and how all children should be encouraged by their parents and school to be the best that they can be. I would like to thank Father Kenny and Mrs Buckley for organising a lovely mass.



On Thursday, two children from Year Six joined me in receiving our 'Gold Sports Games Award'. The children enjoyed some sandwiches and chips and meeting Harry Coppell, a local lad who has achieved many gold medals in Pole Vaulting.

The staff have been very busy over the past two weeks after school. We have been receiving our 'Team Teach' training which supports us in our behaviour management. I wanted to thank the staff for attending out of school hours training and for ensuring that our school is a safe school where children are able to learn.

I am delighted that this week we have had a gazebo added to our playground. This will provide a shaded space in the summer and barrier to the wind in the winter for our youngest children during playtime and lunch time. I would like to thank Mrs Henderson for organising the build, Tawd Valley Lions and the Shepherd Street Trust for funding the building and Eden Play for building it. The gazebo has chalk boards inside for the children to draw on and it will also have beanbags for the children to relax on. We are delighted with the improvements to our playground.



The date sheet was sent out this week. Please continue to check the newsletter each week just in case there have been any changes. If there are any changes, I will highlight them in yellow.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Birmingham

Important Dates

Event	Date	Time	Place	Who	Children to wear
Show Racism the Red Card	24 th November	All day	School	All children	Children to wear red clothes.
Parents' Evening for KS1/KS2	25 ^h /27 th November	3.30-5.30	School	Parents	NA
Parents' Day for EYFS	26 th November	9.30 – 5.30	School	Parents	NA
Christmas Chocolate Day	27 th November	All day	School	All children and staff	All children to wear own clothes. All children to bring in chocolate which will be used for Christmas events.
INSET Day	28 th November	All day	NA	NA	NA
OLQP Carol Concert Rehearsal	5 th December	PM	St. Mary's Catholic Church	St. Edmund's Choir	TBC
Family Christmas Crafts	9th December	9.15 – 11.15	School	Parents and children	NA
KS2 Children singing in Concourse	9th December	1.00 – 3.00	Concourse	All KS2 children	Santa hat and tinsel around neck for scarf.
OLQP Carol Concert	9th December	6.00 start Children to be there for 5.30.	St. Mary's Catholic Church	St. Edmund's Choir	TBC
EYFS/KS1 Nativity	10 th December	2.00 pm	School	Whole School Community	NA
Winter Wonderland Dance Show	11 th December	TBC	Our Lady Queen of Peace	Dance Club	Outfit to be organised by Miss Fairhurst.
St. Edmund's Stars – McDonald's Lunch	15 th December	Lunchtime	McDonald's	Children who have been chosen.	Uniform
Christmas Crafts Cafe	16 th December	2.00 pm	School Hall	Parents and Children	Uniform
Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner	17th December	All day	School Hall	Children	Christmas jumper or brightly coloured clothes. Money raised to go to Alder Hey Hospital.
Supper with Santa	17 th December	3.30 pm – 4.45 Pm	School Hall	Children who have paid the fee.	
Christmas Parties	18 th December	During the school day.	Classrooms	Children	Partywear
Christmas Collective Worship	19 th December	9.15 am	School Hall	Whole School Community	Uniform
End of Year Celebration Assembly	19th December	1.30 pm Those parents who attend the collective worship can take their children home early.	School Hall	Whole School Community	Uniform



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

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.

