



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 22nd May 2026

This Weeks Spotlight!

Year Three and Four

Year 3 and 4 have come to the end of their English unit on travel brochures. We have explored what makes an effective brochure, including persuasive language, clear subheadings and engaging descriptions. The children carefully “boxed up” their ideas and organised them into plans before producing some well written independent writing. Many wrote about Mousehole in Cornwall or Windermere in Cumbria, while a few confident writers chose their own destinations. It has been wonderful to see those children who are taking pride in their presentation and their handwriting, showing progression in their writing.

This week in RE it has been Faith Week, In year 3 and 4 the focus was on Islam, where the children have learned lots of interesting facts and shown great respect in their discussions. We also had our final Forest School session this week, where the children made the most of their outdoor learning and developed new skills.

DT has kept us all busy, researching, designing and constructing lighthouses. This week listed the design criteria checklist and sketched ideas. We were introduced to TinkerCAD, an interactive computer programme, where the children designing electrical circuits for their lighthouse models before bringing their ideas to life by creating prototypes with recycled materials from home.

A super productive week from all of the children. earning them a movie afternoon on Friday and a well deserved half term break!



Classroom News!

EYFS

This week, Reception have continued to explore the story of The Jolly Postman and have been using actions to help them orally retell the story. We also enjoyed a special visit from a police officer, who spoke to the children about how the police help us in our community. The children thought carefully about questions they wanted to ask and wrote them in speech bubbles.

As part of Faith Week, the children have been learning about Hinduism and discovered that Diwali is an important Hindu festival, also known as the Festival of Light. They learnt the story of Rama and Sita and how diya lamps guided them back home. The children also found out that Hindus celebrate Diwali with diya lamps and fireworks, and they enjoyed making their own diya lamps.

All of the children enjoyed planting some strawberry plants this week and were very interested in looking at the roots and learning about what plants need to grow. In Pre-school, the children have continued to explore the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and have made bear headbands and used collage materials to decorate their own bears. Well done FSU for a super week — have a wonderful half term!

Year One & Two

In Literacy, the children have been enjoying Beatrix Potter's 'Wind in the Willows' and have enjoyed creating their recount of the story, focus on sequencing the main events. They have also written a letter from Ratty to Mr. Badger.

In maths, the children did very well with their end of unit assessment—multiplication.

In RE, the children have been learning about Hinduism, focusing on Hindu shrines, Hindu gods and worship at home.

In Art, they have created some lovely (to scale) drawings of small and large flowers whilst using pastels to create tone and shade.

Year Five & Six

This week, Year 5/6 have been busy with lots of exciting learning across the curriculum! In DT, we have been introducing our new project: designing, making and evaluating our own zoo-themed plush toys. The children have been exploring ideas inspired by Maxine Clark, the founder of Build-A-Bear, and thinking carefully about how to create products that are both appealing and well-made. We have brought our plushies to life at the end of the week and they are fantastic!

In Maths, we have been focusing on position and direction. Pupils have been practising how to plot coordinates, describe movement, and understand turns and angles. They have shown great enthusiasm and are developing confidence in using mathematical language accurately. During PE lessons, we have been playing bench ball, which has helped us develop our invading and defending skills. The children have been working on teamwork, communication, and strategic thinking as they try to outplay their opponents. It has been fantastic to see such positive participation and sportsmanship. Well done to everyone for a brilliant week of learning—keep up the hard work!



This week's house point winners are:
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

Harper

Mamma

Michael

Marty

Growing Together in God's Family

Eva

Paddy

Willow

Benjamin

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are: FSU

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: 92.1%

This week's overall attendance: 88.3%

62 children have achieved 100% attendance this week.

	This week's attendance	Bench tickets so far
FSU	95.6%	4
Year One & Two	84.7%	0
Year Three & Four	85%	1
Year Five & Six	90.3%	2

Well done

Aiden

For winning our weekly attendance award. You have won a £5 voucher.

Attendance Rewards

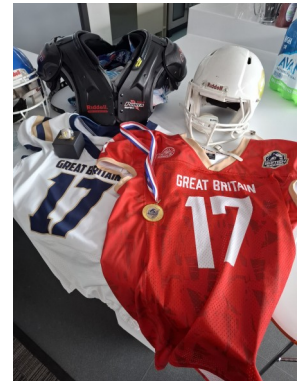
Attendance Draw—If your child has been in school every day and on time during the week, their name will be entered into a weekly attendance draw and they could win a £5 voucher for Asda.

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 picnic benches they will receive a summer picnic experience for the class.

Dear Parents and Carers

Our community shop was open by Mrs Henderson this week. The community shop has many house hold items such as washing powder, shampoo and deodorant. Parents are able to take items and if possible leave a small donation but if not, they are free. Come and join us every Thursday after school at 3.30 pm. The entrance is near the EYFS classroom, just follow the signs.

Our school representative visited Pupil Parliament at the Zone. They welcomed Team GB American Football Captain Alex. Alex devised some circuit training for the children and spoke to them about keeping healthy- physically, emotionally and mentally. The children were able to take part in some Q and A sessions and think of what good ideas they could take back to school. It was an excellent experience for him.



I hope you have a lovely break next week and I keep my fingers crossed that the weather is lovely.

Mrs Birmingham

School Re-opens
Monday 1st June
2026



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MONDAY 20TH JULY – FRIDAY 31ST JULY

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MONDAY 3RD AUGUST – FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST

COBBS BROW PRIMARY SCHOOL, SKELMERSDALE, WN8 6SU

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Our Reading Celebration Wall 2025/6

Gold Award (21/30 books)

Ria Harlem Zak David F Grace Kamsi

Silver Award (14/20 books)

**Igor Aron Zain Darcy Enzo Kai Marty Tianna Anaya
Kinga Aida Harper B Paddy Mc Alice**

Bronze Award— (7/10 books)

**Lylah Skyler Sue Harper B Caroline-Catherine
Matthew Penelope Ava-Jo Benjamin Elouise
Edward Clayton**

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.

