



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 22nd October 2026

This Weeks Spotlight!

Year Five & Six

What a busy and productive week we have had in Year 5/6! In Art, the children completed their artwork for a nationwide competition organised by the Rotary Club. The theme was "Friendship", and the pupils worked incredibly hard to create thoughtful and imaginative pieces. We are very proud of their creativity and the care they took in expressing what friendship means to them.

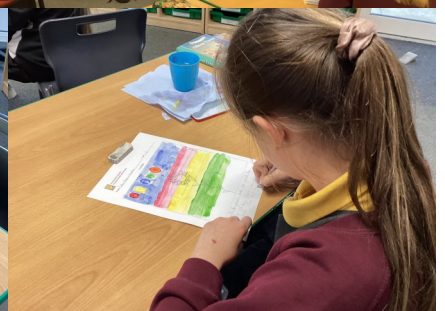
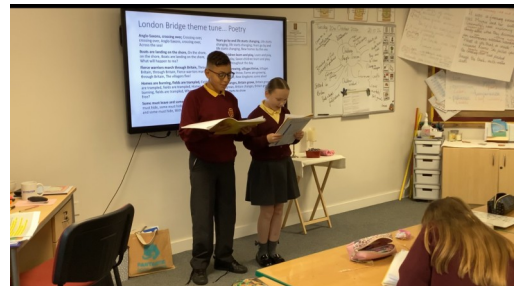
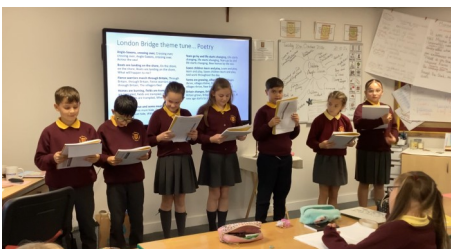
In Mathematics, we have successfully completed our unit on addition and subtraction. The children have worked diligently to develop their confidence and fluency with these key skills. We are now moving on to multiplication and division, where we will be building on our understanding of number and problem-solving.

In English, the children completed their independent narrative writing based on a young child and a mythical creature. We were delighted by the quality of the work produced, with many pupils demonstrating excellent imagination, rich vocabulary and engaging storytelling. We had some truly fabulous pieces of writing, and the children should be very proud of their efforts.

As we came to the end of our History topic on the Anglo-Saxons, the children celebrated their learning by writing a narrative poem inspired by everything they had discovered throughout the unit. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed this activity, and there were plenty of laughs and smiles as they shared their creative ideas with one another. It was a wonderful way to reflect on all the knowledge they have gained during the topic.

We were also delighted to see such a great turnout at our Halloween Disco. The children looked fantastic in their costumes and had a wonderful time dancing, socialising with friends and enjoying the evening's activities. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces, and everyone appeared to have lots of fun.

Well done to all of Year 5/6 for their hard work, enthusiasm and creativity this week. We look forward to another exciting week of learning ahead!



Classroom News!

EYFS This week in EYFS we have been looking at non-fiction books about homes. We looked at different things that make a home and read the book *A Place Called Home*. We looked at the different homes from around the world and the different materials they are made out of. In Maths, Receptions have continued to look at the number 1, 2 and 3. They have been finding and making the numbers in different ways. Nursery have also been exploring the number 1; what it looks like as a numeral and how to make it with playdough. This week in RE we have been talking about how we are welcomed into the church family. On Thursday we looked at baptism and we re-enacted this as a class. The children have worked very hard this term and have earned a well deserved rest!

Year One & Two This week, we have worked very hard in Maths as we completed our unit on addition and subtraction. We also enjoyed our final lesson on The Great Fire of London, sharing all the fascinating facts we have learned before moving on to our new topic after half term. In RE, we learnt about Pope Francis and *Laudato Si*, exploring how we can care for our world and show respect for God's creation. As we reach the end of the first half term, I would like to praise all of the children for their hard work, positive attitudes and excellent effort. Year 1/2 have made a fantastic start to the school year!

Year Three & Four This week all our hard work came together. First, we completed our Prehistory unit. Having explored the lives of children in the Stone Age and Iron Age and compared what life would have been like during these two periods, we then debated which time period we would rather have lived in and justified our choices. Some fantastic debate battles took place, with plenty of thoughtful arguments and persuasive reasoning!

We also completed our non-fiction London tour guide leaflets, packed full of fascinating facts about our capital city. The children have worked hard to inform their readers with their writing.

In maths, we introduced column addition and the children absolutely loved it! They embraced this new method with enthusiasm and enjoyed working through problems.

Have a well deserved week of rest everyone and recharge for more fun learning.

Dear Parents and Carers

I cannot believe that we have reached the end of the first half term already. What a fun-packed half term it has been! Thank you to all of our staff for their hard work in supporting the children with their learning and the many additional activities that have taken place this term.

I am sad to announce that Mrs Angela Wright, one of our governors, has decided to step down from her role. Angela has been a governor for 15 years and has played a significant part in supporting the school, helping it to develop and achieve many of the successes we enjoy today. We would like to thank Mrs Wright for her dedication, commitment and service to our school community.

I am delighted to welcome Mrs Egan, Mrs Sherry and Miss Cole, who will be joining our staff team after half term. Between them, they will be supporting our breakfast club, after-school club, classrooms and lunchtime provision. I am sure our school family will make them feel very welcome.

The boiler project is now nearing completion, and we hope that when we return after the break, the heating will be fully operational and ready to welcome us back. The plumbing company has also agreed to improve the heating in our calm room by removing the old-fashioned heating pipe and replacing it with a safer and more efficient radiator. We are very grateful for their support. The company has assured us that the new boilers will make a significant difference, not only in terms of energy efficiency but also in providing a warmer environment throughout the school.

School will return on Monday 2nd November.

We hope you all have a lovely autumn break and look forward to welcoming you back after half term.

Mrs Birmingham



Our Reading Celebration Wall 2026/7

Gold Award (21/30 books)

Silver Award (14/20 books)

Bronze Award— (7/10 books)

David F Enzo

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.

