



# St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

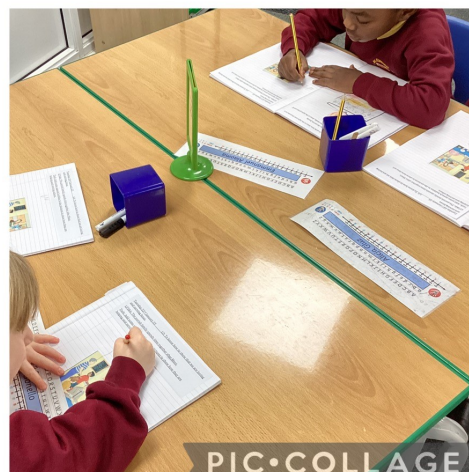
Friday 24th January 2025

## This Weeks Spotlight!

### Year One & Two

In English, Year 1&2 have been busy this week planning their new 'Zog' stories. We have practised saying the story out loud to our friends and then created a new character to add into our own version. We even wrote some lovely dragon shape poems on Monday, using some rhyming words to make them even

better. In maths, we have been enjoying our shape topic. We have learnt the properties of 2D shapes and found lines of symmetry on them. We have also started to look at 3D shapes, learning about faces and edges. In RE, we completed our 'special people' topic and on Thursday we enjoyed our rejoice celebration, enjoying brownies and a chat with our friends. In geography, we researched and created a continents fact file. Learning the location of each continent on a world map and then finding some facts about them. In PE, we are having fun in our gymnastics. Practising lots of balancing and



movement skills and in science, we have been looking in depth at the season of summer, it reminded us how much we miss the warmer weather! Well done for another fantastic week Year 1&2!

## Classroom News!

### EYFS

This week in EYFS we have started a new text all about penguins. To begin with we had to investigate what type of animal it was, exploring vocabulary like; beak, feathers, wings and flippers. We then labelled a picture of an adult penguin and a chick. Throughout the week we have looked at non-fiction books and compared them to a story. Non-fiction tells the truth! In Maths we have explored mass and capacity. We have worked with the balance scales and spoke about heavier, lighter and balanced. We have also used cups to fill containers and estimated how many cups it would take to fill. This week we have also continued our geography theme in our foundation; looking at different places where animals live and the seasons. We went on a winter journey stick walk around the school grounds finding signs of winter. There wasn't much we could attach to our stick and we found it to be very cold and wet.

### Year Three & Four

Year 3 & 4 have worked particularly hard in maths this week, we are developing our fluency with times table and making connections to deepen our understanding. This week we focused on the connections between 2s, 4s and 8 times tables and how we can double factors and halve factors to find the product. In English we looked at features of a diary and created a diary entry for one of our Iron Man characters. In Science we introduced our new topic LIGHT and had fun investigating how light helps us see and how dark is the absence of light. In Geography we tried out Digimaps, a brilliant online maps for school programme, and found the 4 digit grid reference for various points. It was great to end the week with a visit to the church to celebrate the Pilgrimage of Hope Jubilee 2025 together.

### Year Five & Six

Year 5/6 have been investigating the continent of South America this week. The children identified a range of countries, as well as their capital cities using an atlas (many had fun trying to pronounce the names). They also used an eight-point compass to identify the direction from the location of Brasilia. The children also used the map to locate the four - digit grid references.

In English the children have been generating a toolkit for a science fiction text. They used a variety of sci-fi narratives that we have read through the week, to look for evidence of all the features of the text. The toolkit should be used to help write a science fiction narrative. In mathematics, the children are now using their knowledge of fractions to add and subtract them, as well as cancel them down to the lowest term.



**This week's house point winner is:  
Nightingale  
Well done!**

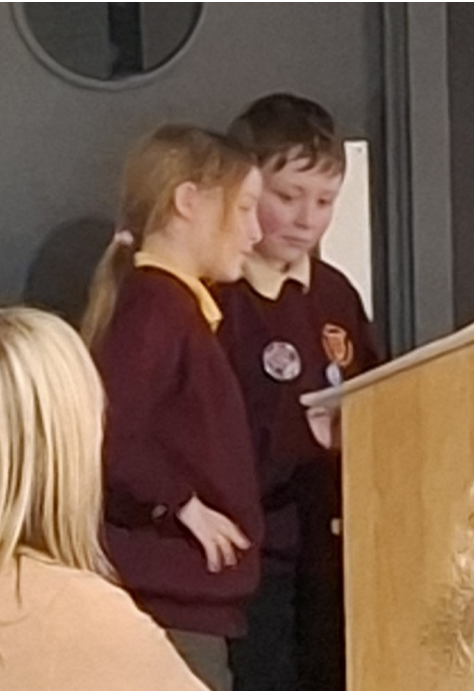




## Special Events!

### Pupil Parliament

Our Pupil Parliament representatives Kinga and Daniel visited West Lancashire college this week and met with other schools to discuss the future of holiday clubs. Children were asked to discuss ideas with their peers ahead of the meeting and bring along those suggestions to SHARES. They then worked with other representatives to create a shortlist of sports and craft ideas before designing a poster to promote the Easter holiday club. The best poster (voted for by all members of Pupil Parliament) will be created and used to advertise this.



### KS2 Family Art Workshop

On Wednesday, we hosted a family art workshop for our KS2 children. The morning was very enjoyable and the families produced some excellent artwork. Thank you to Mrs Henderson for arranging the session. We hope to host regular sessions for our families.



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### 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

Hayley

Darcy

Rory

Coral

#### Growing Together in God's Family Award

Harlem

Simie

Max

Aiden

#### Attendance Award

**This weeks winners are: FSU and Year One and Two**

The winning class receives an extra playtime

Last week's overall attendance: 88.5%

This week's overall attendance: 83.6%

**43 pupil have had 100% attendance and been on time this week.**

**Attendance has been very poor this week because of the illness' we have had in school. There has been high temperatures and we also have chicken pox. The advice from health is to make sure the children continue to wash their hands and if they use a tissue to make sure they put it in the bin.**

|                              | This week's attendance | Cups of Hot Chocolate so far |
|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>FSU</b>                   | 86.3%                  | 2                            |
| <b>Year One &amp; Two</b>    | 86.3%                  | 3                            |
| <b>Year Three &amp; Four</b> | 84.3%                  | 5                            |
| <b>Year Five &amp; Six</b>   | 83.9%                  | 2                            |

**Alex**

**have won the individual attendance award**

**Well Done for being in school every day and on time.**

### 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 90% each week, will gain a hot chocolate ticket and if they are the first two classes to collect five tickets they will win hot chocolate and a movie for the class.

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, we began thinking about the Jubilee Year - Pilgram of Hope, this is a special year when we look at ourselves, our relationship with each other and the world. The children attended mass at St. Richard's, their behaviour was excellent and Father commented on their beautiful singing. Well done children once again you have made me proud.

**Just a gentle reminder that Forest School and Swimming are part of our curriculum and just like English and Maths, children cannot choose when they want to do them. They are statutory subjects and the government expect all children to take part. Both activities are extremely important in terms of health, well-being and safety.**

**We are also reminding parents that if your child is off from school and you do not phone school to tell where they are on that day then this is recorded as an 'unauthorised' absence. If a child has 10 (5 days) of these within one year we have a duty to fine, therefore it is essential that you phone the school and let us know where they are. If you do not have phone, then please let the office know. This is the same procedure in all schools across the country in relation to attendance.**

On Monday 27th January, we will be having a break the rules day, a letter has been sent from the student telling you all about it.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and please stay safe.

Mrs Birmingham

## School Lottery

Please support the school by taking part in the school lottery. The money raised from the lottery will help to support the purchase of new computers, trips and special events.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-edmunds-catholic-primary-school>

## Pupil Corner

**If your child/children have achieved something at home, please send an email to me with a photograph.**

**[head@st-edmunds.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@st-edmunds.lancs.sch.uk)**



# **Our Reading Celebration Wall 2024/5**

## **Gold Award (21/30 books)**

### **Silver Award (14/20 books)**

**Kai Ria Zain Zak Coral**

### **Bronze Award— (7/10 books)**

**Michael A Alicja Kamsi Paddy Lexi-May David B Penelope  
Matthew Emanuel Isaac S Max L Rueben C Hayley Daniel**

### **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.**

