



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27th February 2026

This Weeks Spotlight!

Year One & Two

What a busy first week back it has been in Year 1 and 2!

In Maths, we have continued learning about addition and subtraction within and across 10. This has been quite tricky at times, but the children have really persevered and tried their very best. We are so proud of their resilience and positive attitudes towards their learning.

In English, we have continued reading *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*. This week, the children wrote a diary entry in the role of Plop, using lots of past tense. I have seen some beautiful writing that included expanded noun phrases and even some wonderful alliteration!

In Science, we carried out an experiment to explore how easily germs can spread and why good hygiene and handwashing are so important. The children dipped their hands in glitter and then shook hands with a partner. They could clearly see the two different colours of glitter representing the “germs” spreading. They had great fun with this activity, and I apologise if anyone came home covered in glitter — I know I certainly did!



We also had a very important visit from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service this week, where we learned all about fire safety. The children loved taking part in a role-play activity, dressing up and using some of the equipment.



Well done to all the children for such a fantastic start to the term!

Classroom News!

EYFS In FSU, the children have been working like busy bees in all areas of learning. We have been talking about the seasons and discussing the weather. The Reception children have been looking at a poem, 'Rain, Rain'. We focused on rhyming words and identifying the end rhyming.

During RE, we have shared their ideas of going to church and what they have learnt about mass. We looked at the 'St. Edmund's Way'. We discussed being respectful etc, with children's examples.

Year Three & Four Year 3 & 4 have begun their new topic on explanation texts in English. They've been exploring key vocabulary and identifying the important layout features of this non-fiction genre. In Maths, we are focusing on fractions, developing our understanding of numerators and denominators and how they combine to make one whole. Each morning, we have been revisiting the basics of handwriting to ensure correct letter formation and consistent presentation. We are also working incredibly hard rehearsing for our Easter Play.

Year Five & Six Year 5/6 have been developing their written word this week. They have completed their final narrative for the Wizard of Oz and they are fabulous. The children recounted events in the forest where they meet the Lion from Dorothy's perspective. They are really looking forward to our new English unit of Romeo and Juliet.

In Geography the children have explored the Everglades. They have discovered the biome and vegetation belt and created a wonderful mind map to record all their finding. They also investigated settlements and discovered who are the 'Gladesmen'. We looked at who and what lives in the Everglades and how they survive, if they still live there now and what resources they use during the year. In maths, we have completed our fantastic fractions, and we will now begin exploring decimal numbers up to 3 places.



This week's house point winners are:

**Anderson
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

Grace

Kinga

Emmie-Rose

Alex

Growing Together in God's Family

Aiden

Mamma

Isabella

Eva

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are: FSU

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance:

This week's overall attendance: 85.8%

61 children have achieved 100% attendance this week.

	This week's attendance	Cinema tickets so far
FSU	100%	1
Year One & Two	76.8%	0
Year Three & Four	81%	0
Year Five & Six	92.2%	5

Well done

Zain

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 pieces golden tickets they will receive a movie and hot chocolate experience for the class.

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school. It is lovely to have the children back at school after having a week off. The children are learning lots of wonderful things. We only have a very short half term so we are going to be very busy with our preparations for Easter. This week the children have been writing their Lenten Promises, some of them have said they will be helping their parents to do jobs in the home. Hopefully they will be a help to you all.

We have begun our special handwriting lessons in class, we hope that all children will make good progress in their skills. Please encourage your children to explain what they have been doing.

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Tuesday, please see message below.

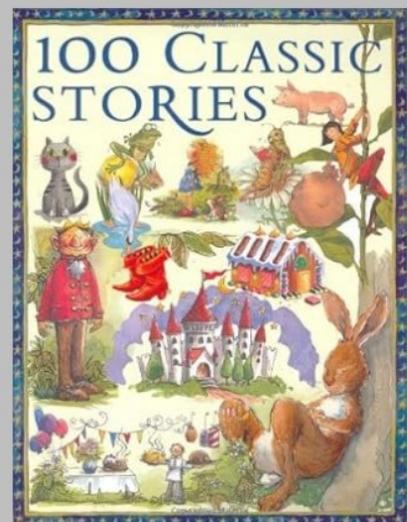
Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Birmingham

Don't Forget

**World Book Day – Tuesday 3rd March
2026**

Children are encouraged to dress up as characters from classic novels, nursery rhymes or stories.



Skelmersdale FUSS



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Free **U**niform**S** for **S**chool

Recycled high-quality primary school uniforms completely FREE for EVERYONE

Please donate your outgrown primary uniforms in our donation drums in school and we will give them away to local families

Request online under the 'What do you need?' heading on our website

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Our secondary school hub is at Trinity Methodist/URC Church, High Street, Skelmersdale WN8 8AT, Wednesdays 10-12pm



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We would like to thank the ladies from Skem FUSS who came in on Wednesday and helped support our school community with new and preloved uniform, it was a great success. If anyone missed the event and is in need of some uniform please go to the website www.skelmersdalefuss.co.uk and contact them directly with what you need.

St Edmunds are hoping to hold another event in the summer.
Please donate any old/unneeded uniform to the Skem FUSS 'bin' in the foyer near the office.



Our Reading Celebration Wall 2025/6

Gold Award (21/30 books)

Ria

Silver Award (14/20 books)

**Grace David F Zak Igor Aron Harlem Kamsi
Zain Darcy Enzo Kai Marty Tianna Anaya**

Kinga

Bronze Award— (7/10 books)

**Lylah Skyler Sue Harper B Paddy Mc Caroline-Catherine
Matthew Penelope Ava-Jo Benjamin Elouise**

Edward

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.

