



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 3rd October 2025

This Weeks Spotlight!

Year One & Two

What a wonderfully busy and exciting week we've had in Year 1!

We began the week by celebrating St. Edmund's Mission Statement Day. Together, we explored our mission statement, discussing what it really means to us in our everyday lives. The children thought carefully about how they can show kindness, patience and respect both in and out of the classroom. To finish, the children decorated their own stars to represent themselves. We talked about how each star is unique, just like each of us, but when we come together, we shine even brighter as a class family.

In English, we have been continuing our journey with the story *The Way Home for Wilf*. The children have been working hard on sequencing the events in the correct order and using key vocabulary from the text to help retell the story. We also discussed the emotions Wilf might have felt at different points on his journey, thinking about how we would feel in his place. The children ended the week by writing a diary entry in role as Wilf.

Science saw us turning into real scientists for the day! We carried out an investigation to find the best material to make an umbrella. The children made predictions before testing, then carefully observed what happened when water was poured onto each material. They recorded their results and came to a conclusion about which material was the most waterproof. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the experiment, there were lots of thoughtful conversations and some excellent teamwork.

In Maths, our focus has been on comparing numbers. To help us, we met some very greedy crocodiles! The children learned how to use the symbols for greater than, less than, and equal to. We practised with numbers, objects, and even had some fun challenges where the crocodile had to choose between two sets of snacks. The children are becoming confident with recognising the symbols and remembering that the crocodile always wants the bigger number!

In History, we were introduced to Learie Constantine, a famous cricketer and inspiring figure who made a difference both on and off the cricket field. The children enjoyed learning a little about his life and achievements, and we also began to explore the game of cricket. The class is very excited at the idea of trying out a mini game of cricket themselves next week it should be lots of fun!

PE this week has been filled with energy and smiles. We have been learning about different ways of moving, using our bodies to travel in a variety of directions, speeds, and levels. The children also had the chance to use a range of equipment to practise their balance, coordination, and control. It was fantastic to see them working together, encouraging each other, and developing their confidence.

Overall, this has been a week full of creativity, exploration, and enjoyment. I am incredibly proud of how the children have engaged in all of their learning, showing great determination and a real enthusiasm for new challenges.

They are working hard, supporting one another, and most importantly, having fun as they learn and grow.



Photographs from Year One and Two



School Lottery

Since 2nd November 2024 we have raised £526.80 by members of staff and parents completing the weekly School Lottery.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff and parents for completing the weekly lottery.

If you are interested in taking part in the lottery, please use the link below:

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-edmunds-catholic-primary-school?utm_campaign=cause-page-social-share&utm_source=cause-page&utm_medium=social&utm_content=Hyperlink

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, I have included a list of events happening in school over the next couple of weeks. Please take the time to look at the events list so that you are prepared for them.

We have been discussing our Mission Statement of 'Growing Together in God's Family'. As part of the Mission Statement aims, we talk about 'Like Jesus with an open and generous heart, we show kindness, patience and respect.' We would like to ask parents to encourage their children to use nice words when talking to each other. When we talk to the children we do explain to them that they do not have to be everyone's best friend but they do need to be 'civil' to each other and show kindness, respect and patience. It is important that all children understand this and are able to demonstrate this in school, so that school can be a happy place.

If you are concerned about your child or need clarification on how school are encouraging children to be 'kind, show respect and patience' please do not hesitate to pop in and see me, so that I can put your mind at rest. We have a very robust recording system in school and any negative behaviours are recorded and brought to my attention very quickly so that we can be deal with them in a very timely manner.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Birmingham

Dates coming up!

Dates	Activities	Who	Where
14th October 2025 9.00 am –11.00 am	Halloween Crafts Lancashire Adult Learning	All children— Need to inform Mrs Henderson you are attending	School Hall
17th October 2025	Christmas Bottle Day Children bring in a bottle in exchange for wearing own clothes.	All children	School
21st October 2025	School Photographs	All childre	School Hall
24th October 2025 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm	Fancy Dress Disco	All children	School Hall

Classroom News!

Year One & Two

This week in FSU we have been learning about Autumn and the signs of Autumn we see around us during the season. We had lots of fun when we went on a scavenger hunt to find leaves, acorns and conkers and the children enjoyed using magnifying glasses to look closely at the items they found. As part of our Home Sweet Home topic, FSU looked at maps of the local area and they were able to identify some local landmarks. The children also drew some super maps of the local area and they were able to talk about what they had drawn.

Reception have continued to make brilliant progress in phonics and this week we learnt the sounds ck,u,e,r. The children have also been practising reading CVC words and they are becoming more confident when blending and segmenting sounds. In maths, Reception have been looking at simple AB patterns and enjoyed making repeated patterns using musical instruments and objects. Nursery have continued to work on identifying colours and have explored matching and finding pairs of objects. **Well done FSU, keep up the good work!**

Year Three & Four

In Year 3 and 4 this week, we've been rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 in Maths, and in English we finished our modelled magazine article on Loch Ness, ready for our independent writes full of fascinating facts next week! Our grammar focus has been using when and until to improve sentences. In PSHE, we joined the whole school in thinking about our mission statement, choosing "reaching our full potential" and creating magnificent wings to remind us we can fly high when we try our best. Reading routines are also well underway – well done to everyone regularly using Collins Hub or Reading Plus!

Year Five & Six

This week Year 5/6, the children have been exploring Ibn Batutta in History. They have discovered about the man himself as well as his journeys across the Silk Road trading goods and how he travelled for many many years across Arabia. He is very significant during the early Islamic period due to his travel but also his recorded travels, which the children used as a source of evidence. In RE, the children have created an acrostic poem about all the things that they have learnt during our loving unit.

In English, the children are gathering all their information to develop and plan their own fictional narrative, which will be set in a magical emporium of their own. They have been collecting a wide range of vocabulary and ideas to make their writing very exciting. Our mathematics this week has involved lots of mental strategies. The children have been exploring many ways to add and subtract mentally.



This week's house point winner is:
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

Zak
Maya
Rueben
Penelope

Growing Together in God's Family

Alexia
Grace
Archie
Simie

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are: Year 5 & 6

The winning class receives an extra playtime:

Last week's overall attendance: 90.8%

This week's overall attendance: 86.5%

86.5% children have achieved 100% attendance this week.

	This week's attendance	Pieces of pizza so far
FSU	71.7%	2
Year One & Two	83.7%	1
Year Three & Four	83.8%	3
Year Five & Six	93.8%	3

Well done

Mamma

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.



Our Reading Celebration Wall 2025/6

Gold Award (21/30 books)

Silver Award (14/20 books)

Bronze Award— (7/10 books)

Anaya

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.



We have done it again!!!



We are delighted to announce that we, St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

With a total of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to:
Mrs Nickson who has helped us to achieve this award.

We look forward to applying once again in 2026!

