



# St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 31st January 2025

## This Weeks Spotlight!

### Year Three & Four

I am thrilled with the effort from Year 3 & 4 this week. In English, we created a diary for a character from The Iron Man, focusing on thoughts and feelings plus adverbs and adverbials. It was a lot to think about but the children managed to produce some lovely diary entries independently. In maths, we continue to make connections and this week we noticed how the 6 times table is the 3 times table doubled and the 9 times table is the 3 times table tripled! The Going for Gold display is up on the wall with 36 key multiplications to help us master our tables - each week we focus on 2 facts.

In geography, the atlases came out and we identified different countries within Europe and in French we have been using expressions to convey how we feel. In PE, the coach has been showing us different travels, balances and jumps and we have been working our core muscles to be strong and controlled. Above all, reading has been fantastic this week. So many more students using Reading Plus and Collins Hub regularly and children coming in excited to tell me about the book they have finished or how they have levelled-up on Reading Plus. Well done, you have absolutely earned the Friday afternoon hot chocolate and movie .

Photographs on the next page.



## Year Three and Four Spotlight



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## Classroom News!

### EYFS

This week in EYFS we have been exploring Lunar New Year. The children enjoyed learning about where it is celebrated and how it is celebrated. We listened to the story of the Great Race which is the tale behind the animals of the zodiac, and we looked at which animal was our year. Also, we tasted Asian food which was really tasty and had a Lunar New Year celebration on Friday using the decorations we made. In Literacy this week we have continued to look at our non-fiction book about penguins and as a class wrote fact about penguins to create our own fact files. In Maths, Reception have started their new topic of 6,7 and 8. This week they have worked on what they look like and how they are made. In Nursery, the children have continued to look at the number 4, what it looks like and how it is made.

### Year One & Two

Year 1&2 have had a lovely week. We have been busy learning more about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes in maths and recognising patterns. In English, we have been planning our own independent version of our 'Zog' stories and writing some 'monster' acrostic poems. In RE, we have started to explore our new topic. Thinking about the importance of special meals that we share with our family and friends. In geography, we have been learning the names of the five oceans and in science we have been looking at the season of Autumn. What the weather is like and what special events occur. Well done Year 1&2 for another great week!

### Year Five & Six

Year 5/6 have an extraordinarily busy week this week. Many of the Year 5 children have passed level 1 or Level 2 of the bicycle and road safety course. The tutors commented on their exceptional behaviour and their abilities - well done year 5. All the children have been also to forest school, where they made pancakes, completed artwork and climbed the trees - a lot of fun was had - some more than others (the boys covered in mud ☺).

In English, the children have been developing their written work this week, as they have been focusing on noun phrases and how to use them for extra detail in their writing. We have also been getting ready for the swimming gala next week. The children have been working hard to swim at their fastest speeds and work as a team during the relay. Fingers crossed for Tuesday evening for those children that have been selected.

In Geography, the children have been using atlas to locate the climate zones around the world and they have discussed why specific climate zones are different due to the weather.



**This week's house point winner is:  
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

Michael  
Aida  
Emmie-Rose  
Ria

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

Kate  
Willow  
Michael S  
Ignacy

#### Attendance Award

**This weeks winners are: Year 5 and 6**

The winning class receives an extra playtime

Last week's overall attendance: 83.6%

This week's overall attendance: 75.6%

39 children have been in school every day and on time. Well done children you will be in the attendance draw.

**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>		2
<b>Year One &amp; Two</b>		3
<b>Year Three &amp; Four</b>		5
<b>Year Five &amp; Six</b>		2

**Emmie-Rose**  
**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

We have had a fantastic week in school, there has been lots of things happening which the children have enjoyed. I would like to give a special mention to our Year Five children who have been taking part in Bikeability. The children were taken onto the road and taught how to ride their bikes safely. The instructors who taught the children mentioned to both Mrs Buckley and Mrs Nickson how impressed they were with the children in terms of being lovely children who were excellent listeners. They felt that they had been one of the best groups they had taught. Well done Year Five.

The work on the roof is coming along nicely, it will hopefully be finished by the end of February.

It has been brought to our attention that parents are unhappy with the quality of the school uniform and the service provided by our uniform company. Mrs Wild is in the process of investigating other uniform providers in terms of quality but also ease of buying the products. Any changes will be made in time for the beginning of the new school year.

On Monday 27th January, we had a break the rules day, it was a very successful day and we managed raise £67 for the school fund. We thank you for your support.

We have had a lots of illness over the last couple of weeks including high temperatures and chicken pox. Please remind your children to keep washing their hands and if using a tissue to put in the bin. We also just wanted to remind parents that if your child has chickenpox and needs a pain killer paracetamol (Calpol) is the best because ibuprofen can cause irritation. Please refer to advice from NHS direct which can be found on the next page.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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)**

## Advice from NHS Direct concerning Chickenpox

### Do

- ✓ drink plenty of fluid (try ice lollies if your child is not drinking) to avoid dehydration
- ✓ take [paracetamol](#) to help with pain and discomfort
- ✓ cut your child's fingernails and put socks on their hands at night to stop them scratching
- ✓ use cooling creams or gels from a pharmacy
- ✓ speak to a pharmacist about using [antihistamine medicine](#) to help itching
- ✓ bathe in cool water and pat the skin dry (do not rub)
- ✓ dress in loose clothes

### Don't

- ✗ do not use [ibuprofen](#) unless advised to do so by a doctor, as it may cause serious skin infections
- ✗ do not give aspirin to children under 16
- ✗ do not go near newborn babies, or anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system, as chickenpox can be dangerous for them
- ✗ do not scratch the spots, as scratching can cause scarring

### Speak to a GP if:

- you're not sure it's chickenpox
- you're concerned about your child

Tell the receptionist you think it might be chickenpox before going in to a GP surgery.

### Get advice from 111 now if:

- the skin around the chickenpox blisters is hot, painful and red, but redness may be harder to see on brown or black skin
- your child has chickenpox and is [dehydrated](#)
- chickenpox symptoms suddenly get worse
- you're pregnant and have not had chickenpox before, or you're not sure, and you've been near someone with chickenpox
- you have a weakened immune system and have been near someone with chickenpox
- you think your newborn baby has chickenpox

Some people may be able to take medicine to prevent complications. It needs to be started within 24 hours of the spots appearing.

111 will tell you what to do. They can arrange a phone call from a nurse or doctor if you need one.

Go to [111.nhs.uk](https://111.nhs.uk) or call [111](https://111.nhs.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 L  
Ignacy**

### 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.**

