St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2026

This Weeks Spotlight!

EYFS

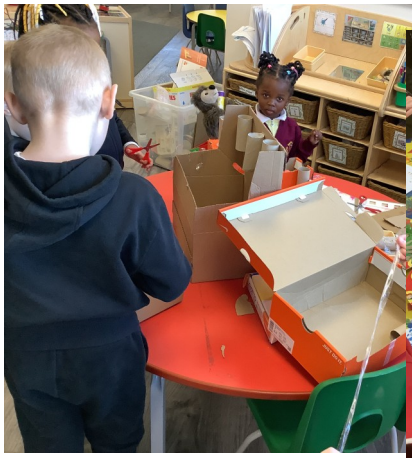
What a busy and exciting week we have had in EYFS! The children have been learning lots of new things. We have been exploring a non-fiction text; What can you see in Autumn. The children have enjoyed talking about the changes we can see happening around us during this season, sharing their ideas about falling leaves, changing colours, conkers and the weather. We have been developing our vocabulary and learning how non-fiction books help us to find out information about the world around us.

In Maths, Reception have been exploring one more and one less. The children have been practising finding one more or one less than a given number using practical resources and counting activities. They have sung the nursery rhyme 3 Little Speckled frogs to help support this. Helping the frogs jump on and off the log showing one more and one less. In Nursery we have been focusing on the number two, recognising it, counting two objects and exploring different ways of representing this number. The children have also been sorting different representations of one and two.

We have started our new RE topic, Prophecy and Promise. The children have been learning about Mary and thinking about the special message that the Angel Gabriel brought to her. We have been talking about how Mary might have felt when she received this wonderful news and beginning to explore the story of the Annunciation. The children used pictures of Mary and the Angel Gabriel to sequence what happened. We have been learning all about the importance of good hygiene and keeping ourselves healthy. The children have taken part in two exciting experiments. to discover why washing our hands is so important and how germs can spread. We have also talked about recognising when we are feeling poorly and the importance of telling a grown-up if we feel unwell.

Our creative area has been very busy! The children have been using their imagination and a range of junk-modelling materials to design and make cosy homes for hedgehogs. We have been thinking about what hedgehogs might need to stay safe and warm during the colder months. To celebrate Bonfire Night, the children got creative making their own colourful firework pictures. We explored the bright colours, patterns and exciting shapes we might see lighting up the night sky. The children loved experimenting with different creative techniques to make their own firework displays!

Thanks









Classroom News!

Year One & Two

This week in Year 1/2, we have been developing our understanding of place value in Maths using Base 10 equipment to help us represent numbers. In RE, we were excited to begin our new topic, Prophecy and Promise. The children had lots of fun learning about when an angel visited Mary! In English, we were introduced to the story of Supertato and enjoyed exploring the characters and events in the book. We also took part in a food tasting experience, using our senses to describe different foods and build exciting vocabulary for our writing.

Year Three & Four

In English, we have started a new unit based on The Green Children, exploring the illustrations, asking questions and making predictions about the story. In Maths, we have been practising column addition and subtraction with exchanging. We have also been busy completing assessments this week and building stamina and resilience when tackling Year 3 and 4 expected reading comprehension questions. In Science, our new topic is Light, and in RE, we will be exploring our new topic of Prophecy and Promise. A great effort from everyone this week – well done!

Year Five & Six

It has been a busy and exciting week in Year 5/6 as the children have settled back into school and begun exploring our new learning for the term! In maths, we have begun exploring multiples. The children have been looking for number patterns, identifying multiples of different numbers and sorting them into Venn diagrams. We have been developing our mathematical reasoning skills and explaining the patterns we discover.

In English, we have started our new topic on legends. The children have been investigating a range of traditional legends from across the UK, discussing their features and exploring the fascinating characters, settings and events that make these stories so memorable. Our music focus this term is jazz! The children will be exploring this exciting musical genre, discovering its distinctive sounds and styles and learning about some of the famous musicians who have helped shape the world of jazz.

In history, the children became detectives! They put their observation skills to the test as they examined and identified a range of historical artefacts. They thought carefully about what the objects might tell us about the past and began using evidence to make suggestions and draw conclusions. Well done, Year 5/6, for such a fantastic start to the term! We are looking forward to another exciting week of learning and discovery.



This week's house point winners are:
Stephenson and 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 they are 'Growing together in God's Family'.

St. Edmund's Standard Award	Growing Together in God's Family
Maya	**Max**
Enzo	**Eva**
Oliver	**Harlem**
Jaxon	**Roman**

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are: Year One & Two

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: 86.9%

This week's overall attendance: 64.10%

	This week's attendance	Pieces of Pizza
FSU	66%	0
Year One & Two	92.1%	2
Year Three & Four	77.5%	0
Year Five & Six	89.1%	3

Well done

Grace

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 94% each week, will gain a golden ticket and if they are the first two classes to collect five pizza slices, will receive a pizza party experience for the class.

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Autumn Important Events 206-2027 – Dates and times can change, so please check on regular basis.

Event	Date	Time	Place	Who	Children to wear
Christmas Chocolate Day	**16th November**	**All day**	**School**	**All children and staff**	**All children to wear own clothes. All children to bring in**
St Edmund of Abingdon Feast Day Mass	**17th November**	**11.00**	**School Hall**	**Everyone is welcome**	**NA**
Anti-Bullying Day	**23rd November**	**All day**	**School**	**All children**	**Children to wear odd socks.**
Parents' Evening for KS1/KS2	**24th/25th November**	**3.30-5.30**	**School**	**Parents**	**NA**
Parents' Day for EYFS	**24th November**	**9.30 – 5.30**	**School**	**Parents**	**NA**
INSET Day	**27TH Novem-**	**All day**	**NA**	**NA**	**NA**
Christmas Bottle	**30th Novem-**	**All day**	**School**	**All children**	**All children to wear**
OLQP Carol Con-	**4th December**	**PM**	**St. Mary's**	**St. Edmund's**	**TBC**
Family Christmas	**7th December**	**9.15 – 11.15**	**School**	**Parents and**	**NA**
KS2 Children	**TBC**	**TBC**	**Concourse**	**All KS2 chil-**	**Santa hat and tinsel**
OLQP Carol Con-	**8th December**	**6.00 start**	**St. Mary's**	**St. Edmund's**	**TBC**
KS2 Advent Mass	**9th December**	**9.30 am**	**St. Rich-**	**KS2 children**	**Uniform**
EYFS/KS1 Nativi-	**9th December**	**2.00 pm**	**School**	**Whole School**	**NA**
Winter Wonder-	**10th December**	**TBC**	**Our Lady**	**Dance Club**	**Outfit to be organ-**
St. Edmund's	**14th December**	**Lunchtime**	**McDon-**	**Children who**	**Uniform**
Christmas Crafts	**15th December**	**2.00 pm**	**School**	**Parents and**	**Uniform**
Christmas Jump-	**16th Decem-**	**All day**	**School**	**Children**	**Christmas jumper or brightly coloured clothes. Money**
Supper with San-	**16th December**	**3.30 pm – 4.45**	**School**	**Children who**	
Christmas Parties	**17th December**	**During the**	**Class-**	**Children**	**Partywear**
Christmas Collective Worship	**18th December**	**9.15 am**	**School Hall**	**Whole School Community**	**Uniform**
End of Year Cele-	**18th Decem-**	**1.30 pm**	**School**	**Whole School**	**Uniform**

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you had a restful break and enjoyed spending time with your families.

The school Christmas calendar, which you can put on your fridge, was sent out this evening. Just a reminder that events, dates and times may change, so please continue to check the newsletter regularly for updates. Any changes will be highlighted in yellow. It will be a very busy time, but an enjoyable one.

Our new boiler installation is nearly complete, and the heating has certainly improved. There is just a little more snagging work to be done before it is officially handed over to the school. The toilet refurbishment project is scheduled to take place around Easter time, but I will share further details closer to the date.

Don't forget about our reading challenge. Let us know where your children read. We have already had some children send photographs into school, and it would be great to see even more.

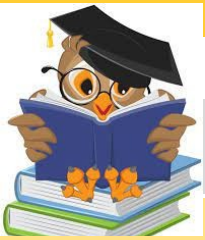
Don't forget that we offer a free Breakfast Club every morning from 8:25 a.m. All children are welcome, and there is no need to book.

Have a lovely weekend and, if you are attending a Bonfire Night celebration, please stay safe and enjoy yourselves.

Mrs Birmingham

Pupil Corner

If your child has done something outside of school which we could celebrate please email to: head@st-edmunds.lancs.sch.uk



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.

