



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th December 2024

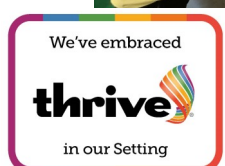
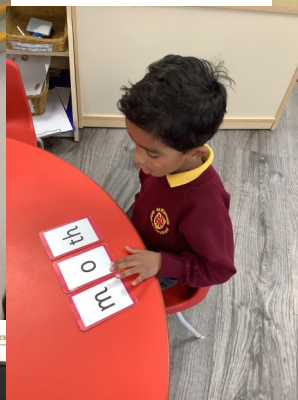
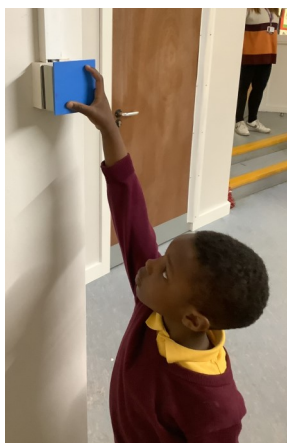
This Weeks Spotlight!

EYFS

What a busy week we have had in EYFS! We are well under way with our Nativity rehearsals. The children are doing some fantastic singing and acting. We can't wait to show you what we have been working on. We have also been looking at the Christmas story this week and using vocabulary like; nativity, scene and advent. The children re-told the Christmas story and explored the characters in our class nativity. We then discussed how we are in advent and how this is the build up to Jesus's birth day. We also need to prepare for this time and be hopeful for the future.

In Literacy we have been looking at nursery rhymes again and using the rhyme; Here we go round the mulberry bush to write our own rhyme. The children spoke about different Christmas themed items we could go around, and we decided to go with a Christmas tree. We then thought of the different actions around the tree and put it to the rhyme and performed it. Also, in Reception the children have been doing fantastically with their phonics. They are blending words to read now and trying really hard to remember their tricky words.

In Maths, this week's theme has been squares and circles. The children have investigated the shape by folding paper versions to see what the shape is made up of. Then we used cubes to measure the sides of the shapes. We found out that a square has 4 sides the same length and a rectangle has 2 short sides and 2 long sides. We then went for a shape hunt through the school to find rectangles and squares in the environment.



Photographs from other School Events



Christmas Crafts
made by our KS1
Christmas Crafts
Club.

Family Christmas Crafts Session



Classroom News!

Year One & Two Year 1&2 have had a great week writing our own Supertato stories. We firstly, wrote a new version with different fruits and vegetables getting trapped by the Evil Pea and then we designed our own superhero to rescue them. In maths, we have been looking deeply at tens and ones. What makes up a number and how many of each are in 2-digit numbers. In History, we have been looking at teddy bears throughout the last 100 years and arranging them on a timeline. In RE, we have been learning about the time Mary visited Elizabeth before Jesus' birth and in PE, we finished our unit on hopping, skipping and side stepping. Well done Year 1&2!

Year Three & Four We have worked hard this week on some tricky column subtraction but we are making good progress. There has been lots of effort from home on the 8 times tables and its great to see the children excited about seeing their score improve each week. In English, we have been looking at expanded noun phrases and expanding our vocabulary at the same time to create mouth watering menus. Ask the children to describe their dinner tonight using an expanded noun phrase and see the wonderful words they can now use. There are so many fun activities taking place throughout the countdown to Christmas too. We have been rehearsing our songs ready for the carolling in Burscough and Skelmersdale next week. We have created a super class collage of the shepherds for the nativity. We have been laughing at the naughty elf each morning as he turns my class upside down with his antics and we have been busy little elves ourselves getting crafts ready to sell for the upcoming Christmas cafe. We hope you love them as much as we have loved making them. Have a lovely weekend.

Year Five & Six This week Year 5/6 have come to the end of their Advent unit. They have identified many things that they are waiting for, especially Christmas, and they are beginning to develop an understanding of why Christians wait in hope for the return of Jesus Christ. In Mathematics, the children have begun to explore fractions. As a result, the children have become very aware of the need to know and be able to recall quickly their times tables.

In History, the children have investigated how the Vikings defended their homes and villages during their time in Briton. The children explored burghs and discussed why they were used to defend fortresses. In English, the children have now completed their own Welsh legend, where they developed a narrative based upon the legend of the Welsh town named Beddgelert. The children selected their own characters and their loyal companion.



**This week's house point winner is:
Nightingale and 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

Jeremiah

Paddy

Sue

Marty

Growing Together in God's Family Award

Aida

Rory

Mac

Lylah

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are: Year Three and Four

The winning class receives an extra playtime

Last week's overall attendance: 91.7%

This week's overall attendance: 83.5%

We have had a lot of children who have been unwell this week. Please remind your children to wash their hands if they have used a tissue or have sneezed into their hands. This will just help with germ control.

49 children have achieved 100% attendance this week.

	This week's attendance	Cups of Hot Chocolate so far
FSU	77.1%	0
Year One & Two	91.6%	2
Year Three & Four	94.3%	3
Year Five & Six	72.6%	2

Caia and Lincoln

has 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

Thank you to all the parents who supported our Christmas Chocolate day. We have got lots of chocolate, this will now be used during the Christmas Crafts Fair as part of our Chocolate Tombola. Our Christmas Crafts fair will include an opportunity to buy raffle tickets, items which the children have made, the chocolate tombola and refreshments. This will take place on Tuesday 17th December at 2.00 pm. It should be an excellent occasion.

We do have a visit from Santa planned for Wednesday 18th December during Supper with Santa, so please do not forget to buy your tickets.

This week Mrs Mitchell and myself were invited to join a number of schools from around the area at a special launch day. We have been chosen to take part in a special Communication and Language project funded by the EEF. We are sure that this project will help all of our children in school to be the best that they can be.

On Wednesday, a lot of our children and parents took part in the Family Christmas Craft Sessions. It was an excellent occasion and the families really enjoyed creating things together. We will be running an event of this type after Christmas, all families are welcome to attend. Thank you to Mrs Henderson for planning the occasion.

There are only two weeks left in school and we have some lovely events on. Please keep checking your emails for further information.

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>

The next draw will be for a £25,000 jackpot.

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

Monday 9th December 2024

KS2 Choir singing at Tesco in Burscough

Tuesday 10th December 2024

**All KS2 children are singing at the
Concourse**

All children are to wear their school uniform but can bring a Christmas hat and a piece of tinsel to wear.

This week's events.

Thursday 12th December 2024

**A starry night in Bethlehem
2.30 pm**

All our EYFS and KS1 children's families are welcome to come and the children perform their nativity play. Those parents who come to the production will be able to take their children home early, this includes any KS2 siblings.

Raffle tickets will be sold at the event.

£1.00 per strip

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Autumn Important Events

Event	Date	Time	Place	Who	Children to wear
KS2 Choir carol singing in Tesco	9 th December	1.30 – 3.00	Tesco Bur-scough	KS2 Choir	Santa Hat and tinsel around neck for scarf.
KS2 Children singing in Concourse	10 th December	1.00 – 3.00	Concourse	All KS2 children	Santa Hat and tinsel around neck for scarf.
EYFS/KS1 Nativity	12 th December	2.30 pm	School	Whole School Community	NA
Winter Wonderland Dance Show	16 th December	TBC	Our Lady Queen of Peace	Dance Club	Outfit to be organised by Mrs Nickson and Mrs Mitchell.
Christmas Crafts Cafe	17 th December	2.00 pm	School Hall	Parents and Children	Uniform
Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner	18 th December	All day	School Hall	Children	Christmas Jumper or brightly coloured clothes. Money raised to go to Alder Hey Hospital.
Supper with Santa	18 th December	3.30 pm – 4.45 Pm	School Hall	Children who have paid the fee.	
End of Year Celebration Assembly	19 th December	9.15 am	School Hall	Whole School Community	Partywear
Christmas Parties	19 th December	During the school day.	Classrooms	Children	
Christmas Collective Worship	20 th December	2.00 pm Those parents who attend the collective worship can take their children home early.	School Hall	Whole School Community	Uniform

Please keep checking in case dates change.



Our Reading Celebration Wall 2024/5

Gold Award (21/30 books)

Silver Award (14/20 books)

Bronze Award— (7/10 books)

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.

