



# St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 7th February 2025

## This Weeks Spotlight!

### Year Five & Six

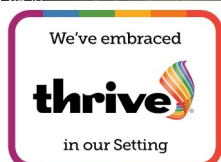
Year 5/6 has had a fun filled and tiring week! We had the swimming gala, where a range of children from our class represented the school and they were very successful! We had plenty of medals and the boys also came second in the relay - a fabulous effort.

We also had forest school this week, where the children had an opportunity to build a fire and then proceeded to make vegetable noodles on the fire. The children also made slate arrowheads with resources found in the forest school. To finish their session the children planed some new saplings to help to continue our forest school to flourish.

In English, the children have been exploring figurative language, and we had developed our understanding of metaphors, personification and similes. We have also had an opportunity to read a range of exciting science fiction poems and settings.

In Mathematics, we came to the end of our fraction unit and the children really enjoyed it. The children can now use fractions to add and subtract, as well as convert from a mixed

number to an improper fraction.





### Year Three and Four Attendance Reward

The children have won the award for achieving over 90% for their weekly attendance 5 times since Christmas. They watched Iron Giant and had hot chocolate and cookies.

**Well done to Year 3 and 4.**

We are continuing the competition on, so another class has still got a chance to win.





# Swimming Gala—Third Place



Well done to our Key Stage Two Swimming Team. The children did really well. St. Edmund's achieved four Silver medals, two Bronze medals and a 4th place. Overall the children achieved third place which meant all the children gained a Bronze medal each.

**An excellent achievement.**

Thank you to Mrs Nickson who organised the event and worked with the children to make them 'Gala ready'.

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## Classroom News!

### EYFS

In EYFS this week we had been looking at the nursery rhyme; Five Little Ducks Went Swimming One Day. We have been counting the ducks and using our knowledge to take one away each time. We have used props to retell the rhyme and act it out. Also, we looked at rhyming words and played a game of Slimey Rhymes to help us match the words. In Maths, Reception has been looking at one more and one less and the composition of the numbers to 9. We have used lots of rhymes to help us take away and add one more, we used our ten-frames to show this. In Nursery, we have continued to look at the number four and how we can make it. This week we have also spoke about how we can be friend with others even if they are different, just like the Blue Chameleon in the book we read. Finally, we have been looking at a map of the UK and the different countries it has. We have also been speaking about where we live, our address and how we get to school.

### Year One & Two

Year 1&2 have been busy this week writing their own versions of a familiar story. They planned new characters and changed certain features of the story to make it their own. In PE, we have enjoyed a session on throwing and catching, preparing us for our cricket lessons and in gymnastics we have been performing different travels and balances. In maths, we have been checking our understanding of tens and ones and matching number sentences and representations. In geography, we have learnt about the UK, its countries and the oceans that surround us. In science, we have learnt about the season of winter and in computing, we enjoyed playing some mathematics games. Well done Year 1&2 for another fantastic week!

### Year Three & Four

This week in English we began to innovate on The Iron Man by creating our own mysterious creatures and the chaos they brought to the town. We practiced different sentence starters to keep our writing interesting & explored lots more adverbs. In maths, we began to look at measure and in science we explored materials to see which reflected light and which didn't. As it was Child Mental Health week, we took some time out to share what we like about each other and reminded ourselves we are a terrific group of kids.



**This week's house point winner is:  
All houses  
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

Reuben

Anaya

Blake

Aron

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

Kai

Eva

Ava-Grace

Max

#### Attendance Award

**This weeks winners are: Year 3 and 4**

The winning class receives an extra playtime

Last week's overall attendance: 75.6%

This week's overall attendance: 83.5%

44 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>	76.3%	2
<b>Year One &amp; Two</b>	81.6%	3
<b>Year Three &amp; Four</b>	87.6%	5
<b>Year Five &amp; Six</b>	87.4%	2

**Bella**

**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

Well done to our Key Stage Two children who took part in the swimming gala. They did an excellent job and made us very proud. Our children swim really well because of the extra funding we put into our swimming offer. Swimming is an excellent sport for fitness, health and safety and leads onto other sports and water activities.

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.

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.

**School will finish for half-term on Friday 14th February for one week, we will return to school on Monday 24th February.**

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)**

# Chicken Pox Advice

## 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](tel:111).





# **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 David F Kate Sue**

### **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.**

