



St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2023

This Weeks Spotlight!

Year One & Two

What an exciting week Year 1&2 have had! We have been so busy practising for our Nativity performance. The children have shown great patience, determination and resilience learning all of the songs and their lines and they are almost ready for the dress rehearsal and parents' performances next week. This is when they will get to show all of the school and their families what they have been working so hard on. In English, we started to read our new book, 'The Jolly Christmas Postman'. We have really enjoyed learning about all the fairy tale characters that the Postman visits and delivers letters to. The children even drew some lovely story maps from the beginning of the book to explain who he came to visit and what letters he left. Maths has been very interesting this week, as the children have been practising their number bonds to 10 and 20. We have been looking for patterns to help us remember them and to use in our addition work. As part of our 'preparations' topic in RE, we learnt about the Advent wreath, what it represents and how it is used throughout December in church. Well done Year 1&2, get lots of rest this weekend ready for our Nativity next week!



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Classroom News!

EYFS

This week has been super busy for EYFS! We have been practicing our Nativity with Year 1 and 2. The children are absolutely fantastic and they can't wait to show you all their hard work next week. In English, we have continued reading our book *The Snowman*. The children independently sequenced the story and then we watched *The Snowman* film. In Maths, we have been looking at 4-sided shapes. The children explored how to make squares and rectangles then went on a hunt around the classroom to identify 4-sided shapes. This week the children added their candles to their advent wreaths, we lit the class advent wreath. We then spoke about how advent is a count down to Christmas day and Jesus' birthday.

Year Three & Four

This week in Year 3/4, we've been writing a diary entry from the point of view of a Victorian Miner. The children have explored the different thoughts, feelings and actions of a miner, while also considering the different dangers a miner might face - the outcomes have been brilliant! In Maths, we've been adding and subtracting numbers up to 4-digits. The children have really embraced the challenges set this week and have flourished in the sessions. While in History, we've been exploring the consequences of the Skelmersdale Mining Disaster. The children worked in pairs to create their own breaking news bulletin about the crisis. Well done team on another brilliant week!

Year Five & Six

Year 5/6 have been working extremely hard this week, especially in Mathematics. The children have been investigating prime numbers, squared numbers and cubed numbers. They have used concrete objects, such as counters and cubes to help develop their understanding of 2 and 3 dimensional numbers (shapes). In English, the children have had a lot of fun creating their own hero and a mythical creature for their own ancient Greek myth narrative. They have also developed their characters by using a lot of synonyms to add detail and description. In PHSE, the children have been discussing peer pressure and making the right choice even when it is hard to do in front of their peers. We made beautiful angels for our hall display - 'A Choir of Angels'.



**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

Danny

Ksenia

Max

Ignacy

Care, Consideration and Courtesy Award

Mac

Michael

Mary

Ava-Grace

Attendance Award

This weeks winners are: Year Five and Six

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: 90.1%

This week's overall attendance: 85.8%

Most classes have made improvements in relation to their attendance, well done children.

47 children have achieved 100% attendance this week.

FSU	80%
Year One & Two	84.2%
Year Three & Four	85.6%
Year Five & Six	91.1%

Announcement: Family Attendance Draw

At the end of each term, we are going to have an **attendance draw**. For every full week a child is in school they will receive a ticket which will be entered into the end of term attendance draw. Therefore the more full weeks your child is in school the greater chance you have at winning the draw. The prize will be a £25 voucher for Asda.

Dear Parents and Carers

What a great week we have had! Our youngest children have been practising their nativity play, the acting and the singing is beautiful. We are really looking forward to performing it to you.

Mrs Buckley and myself attended the Diocesan Advent Service. We took Adin from Year 5/6 with us because she had won the Christmas Card Competition. It was a lovely occasion and it was a pleasure to watch her be presented with her award. Well done Adin.

Laylah from Year 3/4 won the COP28 drawing competition. Her work has been presented at an art exhibition at the Houses of Parliament. Please make sure you look at Twitter where you will see it in situ. Well done Laylah.

We have two weeks left at school and it is jam packed with lots of Christmas things to do. Please make sure you have read the events page so you know what is coming up. We will send Parentmail messages out to remind you.

We have our dance club performing the Christmas Wonderland Show on Thursday, we wish the children, Mrs Nickson and Mrs Mitchell luck with the performance.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Birmingham



Attendance Incentive

This week we will be encouraging our children to attend school every day on time (8.45 am). If your child is in before 8.55 am, they will receive a raffle ticket, this will be put into a raffle which will be drawn on Friday,

There will be two winners from each class.

It is important that your children still attend school during this time, lessons are still continuing and if they are off they will miss learning.

Our visit to St. Paul's Church to see the Christmas Tree Festival.

We walked the children to St. Pauls, they viewed the Christmas Tree Festival, they draw pictures and decorated biscuits which they then ate. It was a lovely occasion and certainly got us in the Christmas spirit. The organiser of the event sent me an email about our visit and the children, **'Thank you so much for bringing such a wonderful group of children to visit our Christmas Tree Festival.**

They were so polite and a pleasure to have in church, they represented their school and families in a lovely manner – they should be proud!'

Well done children for being respectful and well-behaved, you have made us proud too.



Pantomime

I am delighted to announce that we have organised a pantomime to come and perform Aladdin in school.

The pantomime will be performing on Monday 15th December 2024 at 2.00 pm.

Crow Orchard Primary School will be joining us to watch the pantomime.

After Christmas we will be asking for a £5 donation towards the show.



Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day Wednesday 13th December 2023

We will be having a Christmas dinner on Wednesday 13th December. School will fund this for all children.

On the same day, we are asking children to come into school in their Christmas Jumpers or brightly coloured own clothes this will be so we can raise money for

Alder Hey Hospital. The School Council has chosen this charity.

We would ask each child to bring in a donation up to £2.00.



Christmas Raffle

Christmas raffle tickets will be sent out today. We have a range of prizes from tickets for Knowsley Safari Park to chocolate hampers.

The cost of the tickets is £1.00 per strip.

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 21st December

EYFS/Reception Production

The ABC Nativity

The children in EYFS and Reception are performing their nativity, the show will take place on

Tuesday 12th December 2023

At

2.30 pm

in the school hall

All family members are welcome



Christmas Dates



Date	Event	Description	Groups
12 th December 2023 @2.30 pm	EYFS/KS1 Nativity		Parents and all family members
13 th December 2023	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day	To raise money for Alder Hey	All children and staff
14 th December 2023	OLQP – Winter Wonderland Show	Dance club to dance in OLQP show	Dance Club
18 th December 2023 @ 2.30 pm	Christmas Crafts Café	Parents can come into school and buy products that the children have made and have a tea/coffee and mince pie.	Children Parents
19 th December	OLQP – Pantomime-Dress Rehearsal	To watch children from OLQP in Pantomime	Year Five children
20 th December	MacDonald Treat	Children who have won St. Edmund's Stars to go to MacDonald's.	HT/HH and 8 children.
20 th December @3.25 pm till 4.45 pm	Supper with Santa	Children to stay for supper, have a hotdog and present from Santa.	Children
21 st December 9.10 am—10.00 am	Celebration Assembly	Awards, Attendance and Raffle	Children Parents
21 st December	Class Christmas Parties	Children to have a party with their class friends.	Children
22 nd December 9.10 am—9.40 am	Christmas Collective Worship	The story of Christmas	Children Parents



Our Reading Celebration Wall 2023/24

Gold Award (21/30 books)

Silver Award (14/20 books)

Bronze Award— (7/10 books)

Madison-Evie Zain Kai Ria Zak Aida

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.

