



# St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8th November 2024

## This Weeks Spotlight!

### EYFS

We have had a busy week in EYFS! In Literacy we have continued to look at our non-fiction text *What Can You See in Autumn?* As a class we added more ideas to our spider diagram about autumn, using all the new vocabulary we have learned. Then we started to make our own fact file about autumn, using the pictures from the book we were able to create sentences remembering capital letters and full stops.

In Maths Reception have been looking at one more using the story of the Gingerbread man; using counters to add one more each time a new character ran after him. We also looked at one less and sang the song *5 Little Speckled frogs*. On Friday we looked at the composition of numbers up to 3, using farm animals and fields to explore this. Nursery have been exploring the number 2; what it looks like, showing it on fingers and sorting items into 2 and not 2.

Also, this week, we have been speaking about what we can do to help the poor. As a class we had a discussion about sharing what we have and then we wrote a reverse Christmas list of all the things we could donate to charity to help others at Christmas. We have come to the end of our RE topic about *Welcome*. We had a chance to reflect on what it is to welcome someone into a family, school and church community. We also re-enacted a baptism, acting out the parts of the priest, mum, dad and godparents.



## Classroom News!

**Year One & Two** This week we visited a crime scene! We discovered that Evil Pea has been up to no good again in our school kitchen and has been upsetting all Mrs Jordan's fruits and vegetables. In maths, we have been finding parts, learning about subtraction and fact families. In RE, we have been looking at the role Godparents play in supporting a child's spiritual development and religious upbringing and in history, we have been looking at how long we have been alive and using a timeline to show key events in our life. Well done Year 1&2 for another great week!

**Year Three & Four** This week in Year 3 and 4, we've been busy with lots of exciting activities! In Maths, we've been practicing column addition and subtraction, and our recall of 2, 5, 10, and 4 times table facts is becoming much quicker. We also discovered what a square number is and explored its properties. In English, we focused on expanding our vocabulary and created our own glossary of new words. Some of our Year 4 pupils also read their Paddington stories to the children in Years 1 & 2. In History, we studied sources about Boudicca written by Roman historians and discussed how their biases might have influenced their accounts. Finally, in PE, we started learning football skills, focusing on using the whole foot to control and pass the ball with accuracy. It's been a week full of learning and fun!

**Year Five & Six** Year 5/6 have been very creative this week in class. The children have been discovering more about legends and they have been introduced to The Legend of Gelert. From the text, the children have produced a range of predictions based upon the information stated and implied in the text - some of their ideas were very imaginative and we could definitely write a new paragraph for the legend.

In Mathematics, the children have been using known facts to help with their addition and subtraction skills. They have also been completing some check-ins on Reading Plus. Those children who regularly complete the reading activities are making wonderful progress. Our French skills are also developing, as the children have been rehearsing how to explain what they look like.



**This week's house point winner is:  
Stephenson  
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

Simie  
Emmanuel  
Bobby  
Ava-Grace

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

Elouise  
Willow  
Ava-Jo  
Isabelle

#### Attendance Award

**This weeks winners are: Year Three and Four**

The winning class receives an extra playtime

Last week's overall attendance: 90.4%

This week's overall attendance: 88%

**55 children have achieved 100% attendance this week.**

**Congratulations to Year Three and Four, they have won the pizza party.**

**Excellent attendance last term Year Three and Four.**

	This week's attendance	Pieces of pizza so far
<b>FSU</b>	88.6%	1
<b>Year One &amp; Two</b>	82.6%	0
<b>Year Three &amp; Four</b>	99%	4
<b>Year Five &amp; Six</b>	87.4%	0

#### Igancy

**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 92% each week, will gain a piece of pretend pizza and if they are the first class to collect five pieces of pizza they will win a pizza party for the class.

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we have had Mrs Bridges from the English Hub in school to check our phonics curriculum and make sure everything is going well. She was very happy with what she saw and commented on how well our children behaved in school, how calm it was and how much they were learning.



Thank you to all our families for supporting the poppy appeal, it is important that we remember those who have died in past wars and those members of the armed forces who continue to lose their lives today. We will be having a whole school Remembrance collective worship on Monday morning, we would encourage the children to wear their poppies.

**Just a gentle reminder, I have noticed that some of the boys are having lines shaved into their hair, this is not school uniform policy. I would suggest that if they do want lines in their hair that they do so in the summer holidays when the lines can grow out.**

I hope you have a lovely week.

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](mailto:head@st-edmunds.lancs.sch.uk)**



# 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.**

