



# St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 9th January 2026

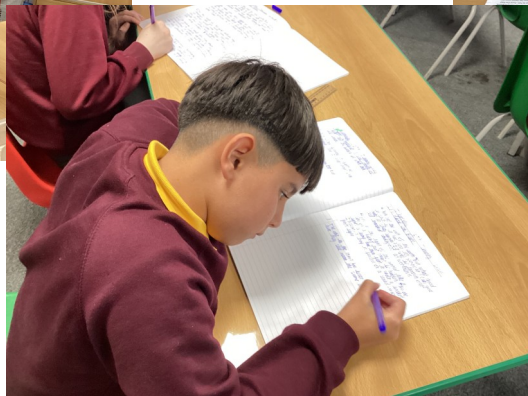
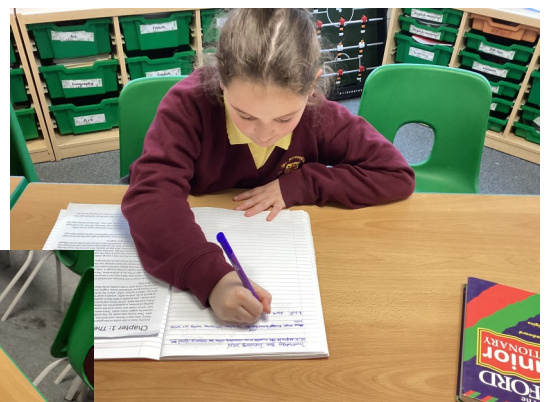
## This Weeks Spotlight!

### Year Five/Six

Year 5/6 have begun this new year with a lot of energy and excitement about their attendance award for the Autumn term. The children were able to bring in some comfortable pj's and they celebrated their attendance with a movie and hot chocolate. This really went down a treat, especially as it was a very cold day and the children were treated to cream and marshmallows on their hot chocolate as well as chocolate chip cookies.

In mathematics, the children have begun our next unit of learning which involves multiplications and division. They have been using a grid method to multiply up to 4-digits to 2-digits and we will move onto using these skills to solve problems during the week. Some of the calculations have been very challenging this week but the children demonstrated resilience and hard work. In English, the children have been exploring classic fiction texts this week - we have had discussions about our favourite classic fiction novels and which movies they have seen that have been based upon a novel. One book we will be focusing on for the majority of this unit and many of the children have seen some adaption of the book - The Wizard of Oz.

Our Geography topic for this half term is Everglades. The children will be exploring the coastline, wetlands and marshlands of the Florida coastline and discovering about the environment, the physical features of the landscape, as well as the climate conditions in the area. In RE, we have explored books and how we use these as sources of information. Our local Church unit of sources will help the children explore the world of books and the special book that we use in school, The Bible.



## Classroom News!

### Year EYFS

This week in FSU we welcomed some new pupils to our class and all of the children have shown 'Growing Together in God's Family' values and made our new starters feel very welcome! FSU have also enjoyed the colder weather this week and they had lots of fun freezing some pinecones and other natural materials and investigating how ice melts.

In literacy this week, the children were given the challenge of finding the Queen's missing hat! The children went on a hat hunt around the classroom and described the hats they found in full sentences and using descriptive language. In maths, Nursery have been learning to recognise the colours red and blue, and they have been finding objects to match the colours in the classroom. Reception have been learning about the number zero and practising subitising the numbers 1-5.

### Year One & Two

Happy New Year! It has been lovely to welcome all the children back after the holidays, and I have really enjoyed listening to all the fun they got up to. It sounds like everyone had a lovely, well-deserved break.

We have had a fantastic first week back, and the children have settled in happily. We have started lots of new and exciting topics across the curriculum.

In English, the children have become fact-finders and are researching and learning lots of information about birds. We have been learning new vocabulary such as carnivore, vertebrate, nocturnal, talons, and species. Later in the term the children will be reading the novel, *The Owl who was afraid of the dark*. I hope the children are coming home and sharing all their fabulous bird facts with you.

In Maths, we are learning all about shapes. The children have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes and comparing their differences and similarities.

In Geography this term, we are learning about Skelmersdale and Port Douglas in Australia. This week, the children looked at a world map and labelled the continents and seas. They had a great time learning the continents song.

In Science this term, our topic is animals, including humans. Thank you for your continued support. Enjoy your weekend!

### Year Three & Four

Year 3 and 4 have had a super, jam-packed first week back after Christmas! In English, we are enjoying our new topic on issues and dilemmas, exploring fun poetry, using drama to step into characters' thoughts and feelings, and raising thoughtful questions about their actions. In maths, we are delving deeper into multiplication and division by multiplying three numbers and choosing efficient methods. Geography is our new topic this term, and we have begun learning about the Lake District by recalling the countries of the UK, their capitals, and using our four-figure grid reference skills to locate them on a map. PE was lots of fun as we started creating a routine using Egyptian shapes, linking back to our History learning from last term.



**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

Skyler

Rory

Zak

Isaac

### Growing Together in God's Family

Paddy and Isaac

Matthew

Jeremiah

Aaliyah

### Attendance Award

**This weeks winners are: Year Five/Six**

The winning class receives an extra playtime.

Last week's overall attendance: N/A

This week's overall attendance: 90.6%

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

	This week's attendance	Cinema tickets so far
<b>FSU</b>	94.3%	1
<b>Year One &amp; Two</b>	83.3%	0
<b>Year Three &amp; Four</b>	86.8%	0
<b>Year Five &amp; Six</b>	97.4%	1

Well done

Paisley-Mae

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 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

Welcome back to school. We hope you had a lovely a Christmas and we wish you a Happy New Year. The children have settled back into school well and have begun their new topics. We have some new families who have joined our school this week. I would like to welcome them to the St. Edmund's family and I know we as a school community will welcome them and support them during their time here at St. Edmund's.

One of our families are running in the Chester Marathon to raise money. They are going to raise money for ABUG (Autism, Beaudon, Understanding, Kindness) is a local charity in Wigan that supports families with Autistic children, SEN/Extra needs and for the children of St. Edmund's. We are very grateful to family for their kindness. The link for donating is below:

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If you are able to donate, we will be very grateful.

It is only a very short term this time, I will have our Easter event dates shortly. We look forward to a busy and productive term.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

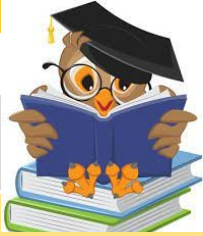
Mrs Birmingham

**Monday 12th January 2025**

**M&M Productions will be presenting the pantomime**

**Cinderella**

**The cost of the production is £1318.00. School is happy to subsidise some of the fee, but we would ask parents to donate £5 per child to help. This donation can be made through Parentmail.**



## **Our Reading Celebration Wall 2025/6**

### **Gold Award (21/30 books)**

### **Silver Award (14/20 books)**

### **Bronze Award— (7/10 books)**

**Anaya Zak Igor Ria Darcy Lylah Kai**  
**Skyler Marty Zain Enzo Sue**  
**Grace Kamsi Aron Harlem David F**

### **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.**

