



St Edmund's Catholic Primary School Fortnightly Newsletter

Friday 15 March 2024



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St Edmund's Primary School & Nursery Whitton



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'Together we learn and grow through worship and celebration'

Diary – Forthcoming Events

Sat 16 Mar – St Patrick's Themed Family Quiz & Bingo 4-7pm in school hall

Tues 26 Mar – Reception – Year 6 Virtual Parents Evening 4-7pm

Wed 27 Mar – Nursery Parents Meetings 9-5.30pm

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Wed 27 Mar – Easter Passion led by Year 4 11am in church

Thurs 28 Mar – Last day of Spring Term – Early Finish at 1.30pm

Mon 15 Apr – Children Return to School

Tues 23 Apr – Year 3 Visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum

Mon 29 & Tues 30 Apr – Year 5 School Journey to Sayers Croft

Fri 3 May – RE Inset Day – School Closed

Mon 6 May – Bank Holiday – School Closed

Attendance

Congratulations to **Year 2** for achieving the best attendance in the school for the past fortnight with 98.16%. Amazing!

96%-100% attendance	Your child has the best chance of success!
90-95% attendance	Your child has missed at least 2 weeks of learning, that could be 10 literacy lessons and 10 maths lessons.
85%-89% attendance	Your child has missed at least 4 weeks of learning, that could be 20 literacy lessons and 20 maths lessons.

At St Edmund's we aim for each of our children to have an attendance percentage of 95%+. If you need help to get your child into school, please let Mrs Moreland know.

World Book Day

What an amazing turnout of characters from different books! Well done to everyone who made such great efforts. There were lots of house points awarded for the best and most creative costumes.

We had a wonderful fun filled day culminating in a whole school assembly so we could show off our character outfits and celebrate reading as a whole school community.



Reading

After an amazing world book day, I have been asked by the teachers to REMIND parents that we need you to read with your children **EVERY NIGHT**. Some parents are not taking this responsibility seriously which is impacting progress in this area.

Messages on Google Classroom should be checked regularly to help you help your child – they contain important class updates.

British Science Week

At St Edmunds we have enjoyed celebrating the 30th Anniversary of British Science Week with the theme of 'Time'.

The week started with Mrs Moreland launching our whole school participation of 'The Big Plastic Count' during assembly, explaining how plastic degrades so slowly over 'time' that reducing plastic waste is an urgent target for our planet.

Over the school classes have linked the 'Time' theme to their science topics in exciting ways. Year 6 have hidden butterflies across the school to show adaptation over 'time' to environments and Year 5 made slime to show irreversible changes. Year 4 have explored how electricity use has changed over time, Year 2 worked hard on their 'Time' posters and Year 3 debated what life would be like without clocks!

We have also looked at what changes outside over time, and Year 1 have repeated their previous 'Autumn school walk' to show changes with spring coming whilst Reception have been planting seeds and observing their growth.



During Science Week this week, Year 4 delved into the fascinating evolution of electricity and its transformative impact on our lives. Yesterday, the children created their own electrical circuits experiencing how electricity works first hand.

Year 6 - Breadmaking



This week Year 6 used their conversion of measurement skills to successfully make bread dough. They all had great fun. We hope the families enjoyed baking and eating the bread the children brought home.

Year 6 – Orleans House Gallery



Over the past couple of weeks, Year 6 visited Orleans House Gallery for a 'Drawing with Wire' workshop which was inspired by their current exhibition. The Play Works exhibition explores the world of play and imagination, allowing children to be free to choose how and what they play and explore. The art workshop allowed the children to be free to create a wire sculpture either based off a feeling or inspired by something they saw when immersing themselves in the exhibition.



On Thursday, Year 1 went on a wonderful trip to the Lookout Centre in Bracknell. They enjoyed trying to open the treasure chest, making paper creations that could fly in the wind, water play and building houses (great team work). The show gave them an introduction to the stars and planets and hopefully they can all look for the North Star and Jupiter when there is a cloudless night.

Here are some comments from the children:

*I loved building dens outside with my friends.
I loved putting tiles on the roof in the building site.
I loved trying to make the paper airplane fly really high.*



Year 4 – Science Museum Visit



Year 4 had the 'shock' of their lives this week as they witnessed real lightning being made at the Science Museum in London. A fabulous introduction to their Electricity topic. The children explored the immersive Wonderlab taking part in physics experiments and observing chemical reactions.

Year 1 – Visit to The Look Out Centre



St Mark's Choir Festival

What an amazing event - the St Mark's Choir Festival has returned, the first time since Covid! It was a truly beautiful evening.

Children from surrounding primary schools and St Mark's Catholic School came together to share their voices in a fabulous evening of song.

We don't audition for our choir; St Edmund's is all about the passion and the love which was in abundance and sounded amazing – we were all incredibly proud!

Thank you to Mr J and Mrs Hambling for keeping the children in tune and a special congratulations to our Year 6 who sang in groups, **Weronika** and **Emilia** who stole the show with their solos.

Bob Chilcott's A Little Jazz Mass



St Richard Reynolds Catholic College and the Sing Out! Choir joined forces with students from local schools, including our very own St Edmund's pupils pictured above, to present a performance of Bob Chilcott's A Little Jazz Mass, and other sacred works, at St Mary's Church, Twickenham yesterday evening.

They reported back that it was an amazing experience and we were incredibly proud of them for holding their own with other primary schools, the secondary school and the adult choir. Congratulations girls!

Toot Concert

What a musical week we have had! The children in Year 3 and some in Year 4 performed for their parents this afternoon.

They have learnt so much in such a short time – good job everyone! We hope the parents enjoyed this musical interlude.

Charity Sponsorship

We have two parents who would really appreciate your sponsorship for their upcoming charity events. The details are below if you can support in any way. Thank you.



One of our parents, Yensy Aguilar, will be running the London Landmarks Half Marathon on Sunday 7th April and raising money for Healing Venezuela. [Please click here for the link](#) for more information.



Another parent, Leopoldo Tebano, is participating in a walk to help raise awareness for Autism Initiatives. [Please click here](#) for more details.

SEND OPPORTUNITIES Action Attainment

Action Attainment is a social enterprise that supports neuro diverse young people with speech, language and sensory needs to achieve active lives. It provides support and training to both children and parents, and works with school communities to promote inclusion. One of their programmes, "On the Ball" is a sport-based programme of fun and learning. It supports parents and their neuro-diverse children, aged 5+, who may have hidden sensory and communication needs. Their website can be accessed via this link - [Action Attainment website](#)

On the Ball is run in partnership between Action-Attainment CIC and Brentford FC Community Sports Trust. Action Attainment are running 2 online introductory workshops for parents to find out more about On the Ball on Monday 18th March 12 to 2pm and Tuesday 19th March 7 to 9pm. For further information, please contact Tom via email: tom@action-attainment.com or phone: 07517379158.

Below is a link to a video clip, with one of our pupils and his friends, which has been put together to raise awareness for the On the Ball programme and the importance of sport in every child's life.

The video (see link below) is a finalist in the Smiley Charity Film Awards. We wish them every success in the upcoming awards ceremony – how exciting!

[On The Ball | Smiley Charity Film Awards](#)

Riverbank Trust Hope in Community



Riverbank is a Christian charity supporting single mothers of all faiths and none. In the face of bereavement,

relationship breakdown or any other cause of single motherhood, Riverbank's calling is to 'be there' for Mum, to come alongside her, to support her, to equip her, and to bring hope in community.

You can self-refer or we as a school are happy to help you refer for this support. Having met the women who run the charity I think it is an amazing support. <https://riverbanktrust.org/>

PA NEWS

Save the Dates

Please save the dates below and more details will follow shortly.

Saturday 20 April – rescheduled quiz night

Friday 26 April - school discos

Saturday 15 June - School Summer Fair

We're looking for sponsors for our summer fair celebrating our 85th year. If you know of any companies we can speak to, Natalie would love to hear from you - natalieholm84@gmail.com

Also, we are looking for any local sporting heroes for a very special event coming up in July. If anyone has any connections we could use, please let Natalie know - natalieholm84@gmail.com

Rugby Parking

The remaining games have been allocated as follows:

20 th April 2024	Year 2
27 th April 2024	Year 3
8 th June 2024	Year 4
22 nd June 2024	Year 5

If you can help out, please click on the sign-up sheet link below.

<https://volunteersignup.org/YR9TH>

Open Day

Saturday 23 March - 10am to 3pm

Come and try a range of inclusive and disability specific sports and exercise, including football, dance, rugby, cycling and multi-sports...

FREE EVENT

The RISE event is open to individuals of all ages and ability levels. If individuals have specific support needs we ask that they attend with a carer or PA. If a participant is under 16 then a parent or carer needs to remain onsite.

Please check the website or contact us for a full programme.

Hampton Sports & Fitness Centre
Hampton High, Hanworth Road,
Hampton, TW12 3HB

Getting there:
Train: Hampton Station
Bus: 101 and 1270 stop outside the centre
Parking: Car and cycle parking onsite

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MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING



Whilst Children's Mental Health Week might be over, Place2Be have support available all year round. Visit their Parenting Smart website for tips on how to support children's mental health and wellbeing.

[Please click here for more information.](#)

Wellbeing Writing Board



Above are some examples of the wonderful writing the children produced during Children's Mental Health Week.

Easter Duck Race



[Join the race by buying your duck here](#)

Winners will be announced in school assembly on Tuesday 26 March.

SPORTING NEWS Netball Tournament



Last week, seven children from Years 5 and 6 represented St Edmund's at a netball tournament at Barn Elms. The children were excited to have the opportunity to play against so many schools, and played fantastically in all positions. They won a number of their matches, and developed their communication skills and set plays throughout the day. Well done to you all!

Girls Football Match



Yesterday, St Edmund's girls football team played a match at home against Archdeacon Cambridge. The first half was very competitive as Archdeacon pressed us well however we managed to score 3 goals. In the second half, our team were passing very well, like Mr Rose told us to, and we scored 6 goals. Our goalkeeper was amazing at the back, making great saves. With strong defence and amazing attacking, we won the match 9-0.

LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES The Creative Wellbeing Project for Expecting Mums

Fully grant-funded by The National Lottery Community Fund, The Creative Wellbeing Project for Expecting Mums is a 5-week, 1.5-hour-per-session, online course using art therapy and creative activity to nurture and replenish maternal wellbeing. Ten participants per course including posted art kit.

Dates:

- Wednesdays: March 13 to April 10, 2024, 10.30am-12pm
- Thursdays: March 14 to April 11, 2024, 7pm-8.30pm

Email hello@collective-arts.org for enrolment details

FUEL: Holiday Activity and Food programme - Easter bookings open

FUEL provides free activities and food for children and young people who are in reception up to Year 11 and who are receiving benefit related free school meals (this is different to the universal free school meals that all children now receive at primary school).

Young people who are eligible should have a 17 digit FUEL code that will have been given to them by their school. You can use this to show that they are eligible when booking a club.

If you have your code, you can book a club now via our website:

<https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/community-information/information-and-advice/fuel-holiday-activities-and-food-programme>

If you think your child may be eligible but you do not have your FUEL code, email the FUEL team at: fuel@achievingforchildren.org.uk

Limited discretionary places are available, please visit our website, via the link above, for further details.

Measles Update

Due to low uptake of the very safe and free MMR vaccine over the years, there has been a resurgence of the measles virus in the UK and Ireland. Since October 2023, there have been 581 cases of Measles in England alone, with 363 of them being in January and February 2024.

Measles is extremely infectious, can spread very easily and some children can develop serious complications from a measles infection. Nine out of ten children can catch measles from an infected classmate. Please check your child's vaccination status.

A poster with a red border. At the top, a large red gear-like shape contains the text "Measles cases are rising" in white. To the right of the gear is the NHS logo and the text "Hounslow and Richmond Community Healthcare". Below the gear, the text "Is your child fully protected?" is written in red. Underneath that, in black, it says "Your child needs two doses of the MMR vaccine to be fully vaccinated against measles, mumps and rubella." At the bottom, in red, it says "To book an appointment, call 020 8487 1730".

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CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Donations for Whitton Foodbank

Thank you to the Young Carers, the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and the Buddies for running a food drive to collect donations for the Whitton Food Bank. The children have been learning about Catholic Social Teaching and understanding that we are called to look after our community and show how we promote this through participating in shared projects like this.



As you can see from the photos, our school community gave very generously. The children walked to the Whitton Foodbank to take the donated items. The staff at the foodbank were delighted to meet our pupils and receive the donations. Thank you so much to everyone for all your help with this.

Catholic Children's Society Lenten Boxes



The Mini Vinnies have chosen to support the Westminster Catholic Children's Society for our Lenten Charity appeal this year. Each child from Reception to Year 6 should bring home a purple collection box. Please set these up at home and donate whatever spare change you can. This wonderful charity helps vulnerable children and their families all over the Westminster Diocese. Please return these boxes after the Easter holidays. Thank you.

Travelling Stations of the Cross



KS2 children have continued to enjoy taking the travelling Stations of the Cross home and praying them during Lent with their families. We would appreciate you sharing any feedback you may have about this by emailing: response@st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk

It is lovely to hear that the children are also noticing the different stations of the cross in church.

Year of Prayer

As you know Pope Francis has asked for 2024 to be a year of prayer, with special emphasis on the **Our Father**. Mr Nash led a whole school assembly for all the children on this. It would be lovely if families could pray this prayer together - maybe singing or signing it too!

We also wanted to ask families if they could help us to say it in other languages. If you can help with this please let Mr Nash or Mrs Moreland know via the office and we will follow up with you – thank you.

Confessions

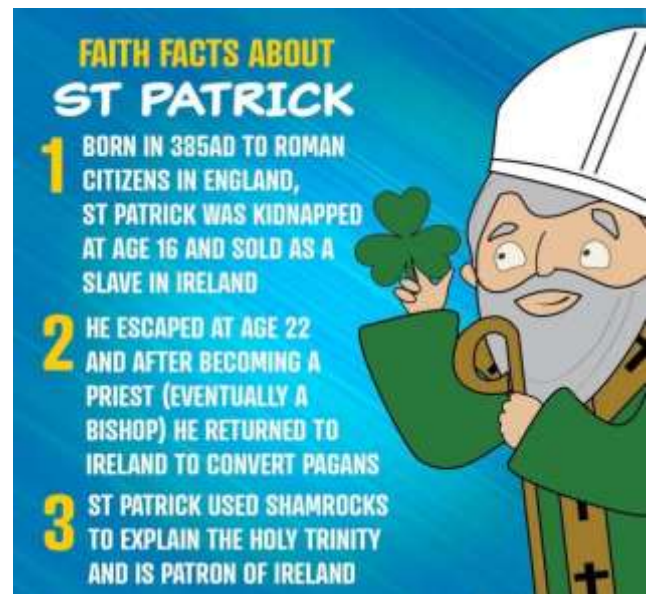
Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 had the opportunity to attend confession with Father Jonathan in these last few weeks of Lent.



Feast Days

We celebrate two significant feast days this coming week:

St Patrick - 17th March Patron Saint of Ireland



An Irish Blessing



St Joseph - 19th March



St Joseph was the husband of Mary and the foster father to Jesus. He is the patron saint of workers, travellers and fathers among other things.

St Joseph's Prayer

*Watch over me and care for me
just as you cared for the child Jesus
and by your help may I come to know your Son
and so grow in strength and wisdom
and the favour of God.
Amen.*

Class Assembly

We thank Class 1P for their lovely assembly on animals. It was a reminder to us all how wonderful God's creation is and how many different types of animals there are. May we care for all God's creatures great and small.

Reflection



Mrs C Moreland
Headteacher