



# St Edmund's Catholic Primary School Fortnightly Newsletter

Thursday 28 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

**PLEASE NOTE DATES IN RED –  
PARENT MEETINGS containing very  
important information**

Mon 15 Apr – Children Return to School

**Tues 16 Apr – St Bernadette's Feast Day –  
Yellow House Patron Saint**

**Tues 16 Apr – RSE Parents Workshop 9am in  
school hall**

**Wed 17 Apr – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2  
Parents Phonics Meeting 9am in school hall**

**Thurs 18 Apr – Year 5 Sayers Croft Parent  
Information Meeting 9am in school hall**

**Fri 19 Apr – Year 2 Parents End of Key Stage  
1 Assessment Meeting 9am in school hall**

**Sun 21 Apr – St George's Day Parade**

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

**Fri 26 Apr – Beginning of Term Mass led by  
Year 5 at 9.30am in church**

**Fri 26 Apr – PA School Discos in school hall**

**3.15-4.15pm Reception & Year 1**

**6-7.15pm Years 2 & 3**

**7.30-9pm Years 4 & 5**

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

**Thurs 2 May – Class RR Assembly at 9am in  
school hall**

Fri 3 May – RE Inset Day – School Closed

Mon 6 May – Bank Holiday – School Closed

**Tues 7 May – School Sibling Photo Day**

## Attendance

Congratulations to our **Reception Classes** for  
achieving the best attendance in the school for the  
past fortnight. Amazing!

## Parents Evenings

Thank you to all the parents for such good  
attendance at parents evening. If you missed your  
appointment, please contact your child's class  
teacher to see if we can make a follow-up  
appointment for after Easter.

Thank you to all the staff for their hard work over  
this past term working with and supporting your  
children.

## Year 5 – Greek Day



Year 5 enjoyed a Greek activity day last Friday. They read different Greek myths, performed Greek dances with Dansicality, made olive wreaths and competed in a their very own Olympics. They finished the day painting Greek pots and inventing their own mythical creatures.

## British Science Week The Big Plastic Count



Thank you to all the children and families who took part in the big plastic count. Your data will show the government they need to get serious about tackling the plastic waste crisis.

### Tesco Stronger Starts Scheme

We are delighted to let you know that our school has been successful in applying for a grant with the Tesco Stronger Starts Scheme.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> week of April until the end of June, you can get blue tokens in the smaller, local Tesco **Express** stores such as in Whitton High Street, St Margaret's, Twickenham London Road and King Street branches, Barnes, Hampton Hill and Kew Gardens.

Please make sure you ask for a blue counter when you do any shopping in these stores and pop it into our container. If we get the most votes we will be awarded a grant of £1,500 which will be awarded to our School Buddies and Anti Bullying Ambassadors to purchase resources for playtime. Please ask your friends and families to support us! Thank you.

### St Edmund's Celebrating 85 Years

To celebrate the 85th year of St Edmund's Catholic Primary School, some of the children are writing a newspaper for the St Edmund's community. To gather information about the history of the school, the children have created a questionnaire they would love lots of past or current pupils, parents and staff members to complete.

Please forward on the questionnaire link below to any relatives, friends, neighbours etc who also have a connection to St Edmund's - we would love to hear from as many people as possible! Thank you.

<https://forms.gle/aWy8DjgtuTNJmoDD7>

### Richmond Young Writers Festival



Richmond Arts were delighted to receive over 400 wonderful entries which were all thoroughly enjoyed by the judging panel. Two pupils from St Edmund's were finalists – the pupil pictured above, alongside the Mayor of Richmond and the author Anthony Horowitz, was a finalist with a piece called

'Starting Over' and the other St Edmund's finalist, Oliver S, had a piece was entitled 'The love and dedication for the game'. Congratulations to both.

### Whitton Library Story Writing Competition



Well done to the pupil pictured here who received an award for her poem in the Story Writing Competition at Whitton Library Great work – we are very proud of you!

### PA NEWS

#### St Patrick's Quiz Night

Thanks so much to everyone who attended our recent St Patrick's Quiz Night. As a result of your support we raised a huge £700. Thank you.

### Quiz Night



Just a few tables left. Booking link below:  
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stedmundspta/1077659?#>

### School Discos – Friday 26 April

We are delighted to share the details of our upcoming school discos for St Edmund's pupils in Reception to Year 5, taking place in the school hall. Please see below the timings for the different year groups and the link to enable you to book tickets.

Disco 1 | 3.15-4.15pm | Reception & Year 1  
Tickets cost £2

Disco 2 | 6pm - 7.15pm | Years 2 & 3  
Tickets cost £4

Disco 3 | 7.30pm-9pm | Years 4 & 5  
Tickets cost £4

Link for tickets

<https://buytickets.at/stedmundspta/1208088>

### Rugby Parking

The remaining games have been allocated as follows:

20 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Year 2
27 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Year 3
8 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 4
22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2024	Year 5

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

<https://volunteersignup.org/YR9TH>

### Easter Duck Race

The winners of the Easter Duck Race were announced in assembly this week.



Well done to our overall winner (pictured above) and to our second place winner Immia (1P) and third place winner Henry H (6W).

Thank you to those who purchased ducks for the race. We raised just over £500 for the school with your help.

### St George's Day Parade

We will be taking part in the parade on Whitton High Street for St George's Day on Sunday 21st April. If you would like to join in the parade you will need to meet at Nelson School at 11am. You will find members of the PA with the St Edmund's School banner ready to parade up the High Street. An adult **must** accompany any children taking part in the parade and the children should be wearing their St Edmund's PE shirt. If it is a hot day, please remember hats, water and sun lotion. We hope that lots of you can come and show your support and make our school proud.

### LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES

#### We're Going on a Bear Hunt comes to Kingston

In partnership with Wild in Art and Walker Books, Kingston First is thrilled to announce the Bear Trail, inspired by Michael Rosen's iconic children's book *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. A free public trail that promises an enchanting journey through art, adventure, and community engagement.

From 29 March to 7 June 2024, the Kingston Bear Hunt Trail will be open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, inviting residents, workers and visitors to explore Kingston's streets, and landmarks in search of these captivating bear sculptures. Each bear, uniquely designed by ten different artists will showcase never-before-seen artwork from 5 of the sculptures. The bears capture light-hearted and thought-provoking themes, including diversity, sustainability, climate change, biodiversity, and more.

#### Alice in Wonderland Themed Easter Family Trail

**When:** Saturday 30 March – Saturday 13 April

**Where:** Around Richmond Town Centre

**Cost:** FREE

**Prize:** A chocolate Easter treat and some spring seeds.

Hop into a world of wonder this Easter as you help Alice and her friends track down the White Rabbit on a free, fun family trail around Richmond and gain a sweet chocolate treat.

On the Saturdays throughout the Easter holidays (30<sup>th</sup> March, 6<sup>th</sup> April and 13<sup>th</sup> April) Alice, the Mad Hatter and the Queen of Hearts will be there in person to say hello and help you on your search for the elusive White Rabbit. For those keen mini gardeners, you can extend the trail by walking through Petersham Meadows and up to Petersham Nurseries to bag some spring seeds for some additional Easter holiday fun.





### CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

#### Travelling Stations of the Cross Feedback

Every child in KS2 should have now had the opportunity to take home the green bag and pray the stations with their family. Thank you to those who have sent in some feedback – we have had some lovely comments already. The children have also been asked for their feedback. Here are some of their comments:

"I enjoyed reading the book to my little brother."  
 "It was nice to share the Stations with my family."  
 "I enjoyed it because it helps me to pray."  
 "It was really nice because you got to spend time with Jesus."

If you would still like to send in your comments please email: [office@st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk)

#### Mini Vinnies

Our school Mini Vinnies group have created their own stations of the cross for the whole school to use during Holy Week. They have been laminated and displayed in the playground. It was lovely to see classes using them to pray outside and then again as a school in our final assembly this morning.

### Easter Passion – Year 4



Thank you to Year 4 children and staff for preparing and leading a beautiful Easter Passion service yesterday. It was a very moving service and helped everyone in their preparation for Easter, reminding us that Jesus loved us so much that he gave up his life for us.

### Washing of the Feet Assembly

This morning, Maundy Thursday, Mrs Moreland led the washing of the feet assembly. The children learnt about the events of Holy Week and particularly the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet.

### Holy Week and Easter in the Parish

Below are the times of the parish services over the Easter period.

#### Maundy Thursday (28/03/24):

*Holy Mass 7pm*

#### Good Friday (29/03/24):

*Children's Stations – 10am*

*Sacred Liturgy with veneration of the Holy Cross – 3pm*

*Stations of the Cross – 7pm*

#### Holy Saturday (30/03/24):

*Swieconka (Basket Blessing) – 12 midday*

*Easter Vigil Mass – 9pm until 11pm*

#### Easter Sunday (31/03/24):

*Holy Mass – 9.30am & 11.30am*

### St Bernadette of Lourdes Feast Day



St Bernadette's Feast day is on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April. The house captains will teach us more about her and her life at assembly on the Monday morning we return to school.

All children in St Bernadette's house can wear something yellow with their uniform on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April, for example yellow socks or a tie or a hair ribbon etc.

### 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.

The children invited a representative from the charity (Katie) to come and talk to the juniors to explain what they do and how they help different children and their families. Katie explained how they bought a bionic arm for one young boy as well as beds, a cooker and a fridge for another family in need.

Each child from Reception to Year 6 will 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.

### Reflection



*Lord, we thank You for the love  
You have poured out on us  
through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.  
May His resurrection be a source of inspiration  
and renewal for us all.  
Help us to grasp the depth of your love  
and the power of redemption.  
Amen.*

Wishing all our families  
a happy and holy Easter.

Mrs C Moreland  
Headteacher