



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

As we begin this new half term and take a moment to reflect on the one just passed, I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to all our parents and carers for your continued support, kindness, and encouragement. I feel truly blessed to be part of such a caring and understanding community, supported by a team of dedicated and compassionate staff.

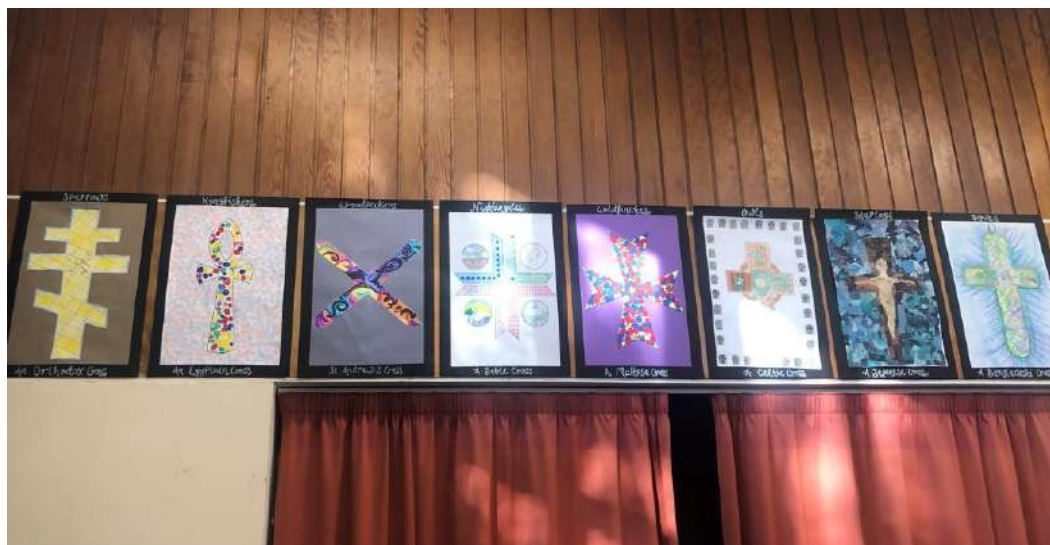
Together, we make St Edward's First a very special place where our children can learn, grow in faith, build friendships, and find joy in all that they do.

Crosses from Around the World

The cross is perhaps the most universally recognised symbol of our shared faith. Across the world, this sacred sign has been beautifully adapted and decorated to reflect the stories and traditions of diverse communities.

Across the school, each class explored different cultures and Christian traditions, before creating their own collaborative artwork representing Crosses from Around the World. These stunning creations are now proudly displayed in our lunch hall – please do come and marvel at the children's creativity and effort!

Our plan is to build upon this project each year so that, over time, we will represent crosses from all around the world.



Ten:Ten Parent Resources

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We use Ten:Ten resources to enrich our Catholic faith and mission throughout the school, particularly during our Celebration of the Word and Collective Worship assemblies.

Parents are warmly invited to explore the Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter, which offers prayers and reflections to share at home with your children.

You can access the resources here:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

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<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal>

Uniform Expectations

A few gentle reminders about our winter [uniform](#):

- All children should now be in winter uniform.
- Grey or Black tights or socks should be worn – please, no white socks or tights.
- Collared shirts must be worn with a school tie.
- Trainers are for PE sessions only and are not part of our daily school uniform.
- Every child should have a warm coat for break and lunchtimes, as we do go outside even if it is drizzling.

Thank you for helping us maintain our high standards – we are very proud of how smart our children look.

If you need support with uniform, please remember that The Friends manage a very well-stocked pre-loved uniform collection. You can find details on their [website](#).

Communication with School

Please note that all official school communication will continue to come through Teachers2Parents Mail and our school newsletters.

Recently, some WhatsApp messages circulated on class groups claiming to be from school staff, which caused unnecessary confusion. To avoid this, please rely only on direct school communications for accurate information.

As a gentle reminder, we also ask that parents wait until all children in a class have been dismissed before approaching teachers. This allows staff to ensure every child is safely handed over before discussing lost items, messages, or other queries. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping our end-of-day routines run smoothly.



After School Dismissal

A few important reminders to help keep our school community safe and respectful at the end of the day: We kindly ask that children do not use the climbing frames after school. Once children are in parental care at pick-up time, our school insurance no longer covers the use of this equipment. Please also take extra care in the car park. Some of our families have disabled access, and it can be worrying to see children running across while vehicles are moving. We ask everyone to use the designated paths and to wait until you are outside the school gates before riding bikes or scooters. As a reminder, we are a dog-free school – please do not bring dogs beyond the courtyard gates.

Finally, we would like to remind parents and carers that mobile phone use is not permitted while on school premises. We kindly request that you keep phones put away until you are outside the school gates, so that our site remains a calm and focused environment for our children.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support in keeping our school a safe and welcoming place for everyone.

Inter-house Competition

Our first inter-house competition of the school year is now underway! This term's focus is Times Tables Rockstars, as mastering times tables is a vital lifelong skill. The competition began for Years 3 and 4 today and will run until 6pm on Sunday 23rd November. The winning house will enjoy extra playtime, and there will also be a special prize for the child with the most correct answers.

Good luck to all our pupils — rock those times tables! We will be exploring a competition for Key Stage 1 in the next couple of weeks.



Messages from The Friends



Lions of Windsor Swimathon

A huge well done to our incredible swimmers who represented St Edward's at the Lions of Windsor Swimathon!

We are so proud of each and every one of you – your smiles, determination, and team spirit were wonderful to see.

Congratulations to:

Liliana, Sebastian, Kitty, Noah, Matilda, Penelope, Arleta, Sebastian W, Kaelan, Natalia, Victoria, Polina, Mariana, and Katherine!

Donations remain open until 17th November, and every contribution helps support our school.

You can sponsor the team [here](#).



Happy Bag Collection

A big thank you to everyone who supported our recent Happy Bag collection. We raised an amazing £325.80 for the school!

Your generosity continues to make such a positive difference. Thank you!



It is with sadness that I announce Mrs Juric will be leaving St Edward's First School at the end of November. Over the past nine years, she has been an invaluable member of our school community, contributing greatly to the life and learning of our pupils.

Having recently completed her studies, Mrs Juric will be moving on to pursue new challenges and further develop her professional interests. We thank her sincerely for her dedication and commitment, wish her every success in the future, and hope she will stay in touch.

Reflection

Last weekend, on 1st November, we celebrated All Saints' Day – a special time to honour all the saints, known and unknown, who dedicated their lives to God.

Let us be inspired by their examples of faith, courage, and compassion as we continue our own journey to live out the Gospel in our daily lives.

God we are surrounded by a cloud,
Faithful witnesses who have gone before.
Those who have loved
where we would have hated.
Those who have healed
where we would have hurt.
Those who have spoken out
when we remained silent.
God may we walk in their footsteps,
Learning courage from their sacrifice,
Gaining strength from their faithfulness.
May we learn to give
so that others may receive.
May we learn to love
so that others may be set free.
May we learn to die to self
so that others might live.
God may we join that cloud of faithful
witnesses,
Treading paths of loving obedience,
Leaving footprints for others to walk in.
God may we too lead kingdom lives,
And walk into your ways.
Amen.



God bless, see you all on Monday,

Mr Keohane & the St Edward's First Team

Attachments

Wilson Jones Lunch Menu November 25

Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter – November

FIVE TO THRIVE Workshop Poster

Maidenhead Lions – Christmas Gift Market 8th November



Dates for the Diary

November	
Monday 10 th	Anti-Bullying Week begins
Tuesday 11 th	Prospective Parents' Visit (for Reception Sept 2026)
Wednesday 12 th	Individual School Photos
Thursday 13 th	Sibling School Photos
Friday 14 th	Odd Socks Day (Anti-Bullying Week)
Friday 14 th	Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Session (2:30-3:15pm)
Thursday 20 th	FIVE TO THRIVE Training Workshop for Parents & Carers (2-3pm)
Tuesday 25 th	Scholastic Book Fair Starts
Tuesday 25 th	Windsor Castle Concerts Yr 3 & 4 children
Friday 28 th	Becky Young visiting to share her 'Baby Angel' story
December	
Tuesday 2 nd	Scholastic Book Fair Ends
Tuesday 2 nd	Year 2 Nativity (10am) Yr 2 parents invited
Thursday 4 th	Year 2 Nativity (6pm) Yr 2 parents invited
Tuesday 9 th	Prospective Parents' Visit (for Reception Sept 2026)
Wednesday 10 th	Fledglings Nativity (2:30pm) EYFS - Reception parents invited
Monday 15 th	Year 1 Christmas Carols in the Courtyard (5pm)
Wednesday 17 th	KS2 Carol Service at St Edward's Church – Y3 & Y4 Parents invited (6pm)
Thursday 18 th	Pantomime into School
Thursday 18 th	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 19 th	End of Term Mass at St Edward's Church (9:30am)
Friday 19 th	End of Autumn 2 (1:30 finish time)
Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026 - Christmas Holidays	

School Dates Calendar – Spring Term

January	
Monday 5 th	School Closed to pupils – Teacher Training Inset Day
Tuesday 6 th	All pupils back to school

Our calendar reflects events as of 7th November. We try not to change events but sometimes we have no choice. Thank you for your understanding with this. We regularly update our school calendar on [our school website](#).

