



## ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC FIRST SCHOOL

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*'We See Jesus in Everything We Do'*

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Dear Parents & Carers,

As we begin the season of Advent and the countdown to Christmas, there is a wonderful sense of excitement growing throughout the school. Walking through the corridors, the sound of Christmas carols fills the air and truly lifts the spirits. Although this is always one of our busiest times of the year, it is also one of the most joyful, and it is a delight to see the children embracing the festive season with such enthusiasm.

### **Prayer Postbox**



We are very pleased to introduce a new prayer postbox in our school courtyard. Together with our statue of St Edward, it marks another step in developing the space into a more prayerful and sacred area.

As Advent begins, our prayer theme is Advent Promises—prayers of hope, light, and joyful anticipation of Christ's coming. These reflections help us prepare our hearts and focus on God's promises of peace and joy.

Everyone is warmly invited to post a prayer. These will be read by our Faith Friends during our Monday Celebration of the Word assemblies. We hope you will join us in sharing prayers alongside the children.

### **School Photographs**

You should have received an email from Tempest Photographers with your child's images and information on how to place an order. Now that the deadline has passed, we hope all ordered photos will be delivered to school on or around 15<sup>th</sup> December.

If you need any assistance, please contact Tempest directly on 01736 751555 (option 5).



## **Year 2 Nativity**



A huge well done to all the children in Year 2 – and to the staff – for their wonderful performance of Whoops-a-Daisy Angel this week. The children acted and sang beautifully, and we are incredibly proud of their hard work and confidence on stage.

Thank you to all the families who came along to support them; your presence made the experience even more special.

We now wish the very best of luck to our Fledglings, who will be sharing their own nativity next week. We cannot wait to see their performance!

## **Illustrator, Becky Young Visit**



Last week, we were delighted to welcome local illustrator Becky Young to our school. Becky visited to share her recently published book *Baby Angel*, written by her late mother Isobel, a much-loved member of our parish.

She spoke to the children about the origins of the story and her own journey as an illustrator.

The children were captivated – and even had the opportunity to create their own beautiful watercolour illustrations inspired by her work.

We are very grateful to Becky for such an inspiring and creative session.



## **Starlings' Christmas Tree at the Garrison Church**



A big thank you to our Starlings class for representing our school so beautifully at the Christmas Tree Festival in Holy Trinity Parish & Garrison Church. This year's theme was angels, and the children created a wonderful variety of decorations that perfectly captured the theme—and linked so well with their own nativity.

Thank you also to the families who visited the festival and supported our school's contribution. We are very proud of the children's creativity and hard work.

### **Ten:Ten Parent Resources**

We continue to use Ten:Ten resources to enrich our Catholic life and mission throughout the school, particularly in 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.

Access the resources here:

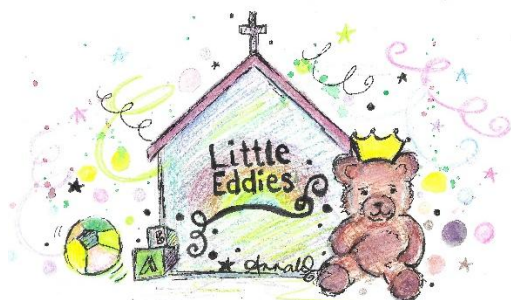
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### **Little Eddies Mother & Toddler Group**



As noted in the parish newsletter, the Little Eddies Mother and Toddler Group is still in need of volunteers. Sadly, no volunteers have yet come forward.

We are now exploring the possibility of moving the group from the Parish Centre to our school assembly hall to help keep this much-loved group running. To do this, we need additional support.

If you are available once a week and would be willing to help, please contact the school office or email [youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org)



## **Windsor Festival at St. George's Chapel**



Last week, our Key Stage Two children (years 3 & 4) took part in the Windsor Festival, singing beautifully inside the magnificent St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle. They were true role models for our school, demonstrating outstanding behaviour that was praised by many who attended.

We were incredibly proud of each and every one of them. Well done, KS2, for representing our school with such talent, maturity, and joy.

## **Starting School in September 2026**

Children born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 will start Reception in September 2026. The RBWM Admissions Portal is now open for online applications:

[https://myportaladmissions.rbwm.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](https://myportaladmissions.rbwm.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en)

We are happy to receive completed Supplementary Information Forms at any time, but they must be returned to the school office by 15th January 2026.

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.stedwardscatholicfirstschool.co.uk/admissions>

Please do recommend our school to any families looking for Reception places.

## **Walking Bus**

Thank you to everyone who expressed interest in the School Walking Bus initiative. Unfortunately, we do not currently have enough families to reinstate the service.

We will review this again next year and hope to see greater interest from our school community.



## **Football Trials**



We were recently contacted by Osborne Heath Estate Agents, who very generously offered to provide our school with brand-new football kits. Their kindness sparked an exciting idea – to create our very own school football team, especially as we have so much footballing talent here at St Edward's.

With the support of Mark, who runs our AMA Soccer after-school club, we held a series of trials, and we are delighted to announce the formation of St Edward's First FC! A huge thank you to Osborne Heath for the kits, and to Mark for helping bring this brilliant new opportunity to life. We cannot wait to see what our team achieves.

## **House Competition**



A huge well done to St John, who won our recent house competition! Children from Years 2–4 took part in an exciting times tables challenge, showing fantastic effort, determination, and teamwork. St John came out on top, and the House Cup is now proudly decorated with green ribbons. Well done to everyone who took part – your hard work made the competition a great success. We wonder who will claim the cup in our spring term challenge!

## **Scholastic Book Fair**

A big thank you to everyone who purchased books at our recent Scholastic Book Fair. Your support helps us earn new books for the school and fosters a love of reading across our community.

We would also like to thank the staff and our wonderful child volunteers who helped run the fair so smoothly—their enthusiasm and commitment made the event a great success. Together, we raised £1304.05, of which we will receive a percentage that will enable us to purchase a fantastic range of books for our library.



## **Gardening Club Sale – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 3pm**

We are currently fundraising to replace the large pane of glass that was vandalised in our greenhouse. We are also hoping to purchase wood to build raised planting beds – or to buy ready-made ones – so the children can continue enjoying their much-loved gardening activities.

We have a range of outdoor shrubs available at great prices, as well as indoor succulents that make lovely gifts. Mrs Lansley and Mrs Reston have also been foraging, and we are pleased to share that one of our most popular items—the holly bunches—are back at a very reasonable price.

For our allotment enthusiasts, we also have mature cauliflower plants grown by the children themselves.

Please support us in any way you can. We truly believe this is a wonderful club for the children.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Lansley & Mrs Reston

## **Reflection**

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November, the season of Advent began with the lighting of the first candle – the candle of hope. This candle symbolises the hope we have in Christ and our desire to spend eternity with Him. During this first week of Advent, we wait for Jesus with hope in our hearts.



*Heavenly Father,  
As we light the first candle of Advent, we welcome the hope of Your promise. May this light remind us of Your presence in our lives and ignite a steadfast trust in Your love. Guide us in this season of waiting, filling our hearts with anticipation and peace, as we look toward the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.*

God bless, and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mr Keohane & the St Edward's First Team

## **Attachments**

- Alexander Devine - Giving Tree Gift Return
- Lions Club of Windsor's Santa Sleigh
- Windsor Living Advent Calendar 2025
- Windsor Christmas Market



## Dates for the Diary

<b>December</b>	
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Prospective Parents' Visit (for Reception Sept 2026)
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Fledglings Nativity (2:30pm) EYFS - Reception parents invited
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Gardening Club Plant Sale from 3.00pm
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 1 Christmas Carols in the Courtyard (5pm)
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	KS2 Carol Service at St Edward's Church – Y3 & Y4 Parents invited (6pm)
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Pantomime into School
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch for pupils
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	End of Term Mass at school – pupils & staff only
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	End of Autumn 2 (1:30 finish time)
<b>Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026 - Christmas Holidays</b>	

## School Dates Calendar – Spring Term

<b>January</b>	
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	School Closed to pupils – Teacher Training Inset Day
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	All pupils back to school

Our calendar reflects events as of 5<sup>th</sup> December. 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](#).

