



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a particularly damp and wet week here at school, and I would like to begin by sharing a special thank you to some of our wonderful staff. Our lunchtime controllers and teaching assistants have done a fantastic job providing supervision during wet playtimes — no small task — and our hardworking cleaners have gone above and beyond to ensure our floors remain free of muddy footprints.

Despite the weather, the children have continued to work incredibly hard each day. This week, I would like to share a little insight into what they have been learning across the school.

Our School Mission



You may have noticed replicas of our beautiful stained glass window 'popping up' around the school. These serve as a reminder of our school mission statement: "We See Jesus in Everything We Do." While a few have already been displayed, our Faith Friends are currently considering the best locations for the remaining pieces. We hope that, as a school and parish community, we will continue to live out this shared mission together.

We have recently sent out communication regarding our questionnaire, and I would like to thank all those who have already taken the time to complete it. We are grateful for your feedback and will share the results, along with explanations, once the questionnaire has closed.

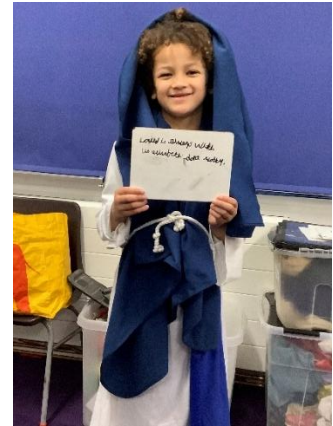


Year Four Visit to St Edward's Church



Year 4 recently visited St Edward's Catholic Church as part of their learning about places of worship and our wider faith community. The children were warmly welcomed by Deacon Stephen, who guided them around the church and explained the meaning behind its artefacts, artwork and symbolism. The visit helped to deepen the children's understanding of the church as a sacred place and strengthened their sense of belonging within our parish community.

Year Three Have Been Learning...



Year 3 have recently completed their RE unit on Christmas. During this unit, the children explored the key figures in the Nativity story, reflecting on their feelings and emotions, as well as the important roles they played in the birth of Jesus. Through discussion and thoughtful activities, the children developed a deeper understanding of the Christmas story and its meaning, showing empathy and insight as they considered events from different perspectives.

Year Two Have Been Learning...



Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed their science learning as they explored different materials and states of matter using a digital microscope. The children were fascinated to observe objects up close, noticing textures, patterns and details they had never seen before. This hands-on investigation encouraged curiosity, discussion and thoughtful questioning as they compared different materials. The classroom was buzzing with excitement throughout the session — and we are still not sure who was more excited, the children or the teachers!

Year One Have Been Learning...



Year 1 have been learning how to tell the time using practical equipment. The children have focused on telling the time to the hour and half past on an analogue clock, developing their understanding of the roles of the hour and minute hands. They have shown great enthusiasm while exploring clocks hands-on and building their confidence through practical activities.

Parents can support learning at home by looking at analogue clocks together and asking children to tell the time at different points in the day, particularly on the hour and half past.

Fledglings' Have Been Learning...



Our Fledglings are currently learning about people who help us. The children have been finding out about different public services and the important roles these people play in our community. As part of their learning, they worked together to complete jigsaw puzzles of different vehicles and discussed which helpful person each vehicle belongs to. The children are very excited about welcoming some special visitors into school soon, who will talk to them about their roles and how they help others every day.

Parking In and Around Our School

There has been a significant increase in the number of complaints to the school office regarding inconsiderate parking on Parsonage Lane, blocking the road in the car park, parking in the Middle School car park, and tailgating staff when the gates open in the mornings.

We ask all parents to please consider where they park and how they interact with other parents. We do not want our children to witness this type of behaviour. While we appreciate that parking in and around our school has been challenging for many years, dangerous parking can put the safety of our children at risk.

Parents should not be parking in our small school car park when dropping off or collecting children, unless they have a valid disabled badge or an arrangement agreed with the school.



Emailing into School

Please note that the office email auto-response is no longer in use. Please be assured that we will contact you if further information is required.

Thank you for your emails. All emails will be responded to in a timely manner; however, please note that messages are dealt with in priority order. While all communication is valued, sensitive and safeguarding matters will always take precedence. If you require an urgent response or need to speak to a member of staff promptly, please contact the school office directly on 01753 860607.

Reflection

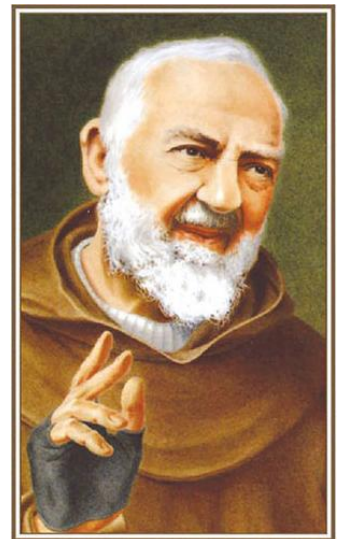
As we might expect at this time of year, we are seeing an increase in illness among both staff and children. It therefore feels appropriate for this week's reflection to be a healing prayer, attributed to St Padre Pio.

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for your great love and for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, who brings freedom, hope, and new life. I trust in your grace and healing power that sustain and restore me.

Touch me with your healing love—mind, body, soul, and spirit—and renew me according to your will. Fill me with your presence, peace, and joy, and draw me closer to you each day.

*Holy Spirit, empower me to live in a way that brings glory and honor to your name. I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.*



God bless, see you all on Monday,

Mr Keohane & the St Edward's First Team

Attachments

- Christ the King Parish Newsletter
- CycleTrust's St Edward's First Bike Bus Launch
- Young Artist's Summer Show 2026 (*kindly sent in to us by a Y3 parent*)
- Old Windsor Tigers FC (*kindly sent in to us by an ex pupil*)



Dates for the Diary

January	
Friday 30 th	Prayer Space & Time for parents - Assembly Hall 8.30-8.45am
February	
Thursday 5 th	Y4 Trip to Theatre Royal, Windsor
Thursday 12 th	Y3 Visiting St Edward's Church (church tour)
Friday 13 th	End of Spring 1 (3:15 finish time)
Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February Half Term	
Monday 23 rd	Start of Spring 2
Wednesday 25 th	Great Athletes - Lesley Owusu – visiting
Friday 27 th	Lenten Enterprise – Y1 – Bookmark sale
Friday 27 th	Prayer Space & Time for parents – Assembly Hall 8.30-8.45am
March	
Monday 2 nd	National Offer Day Middle School Places
Tuesday 3 rd	Height and Weight – EYFS – RBWM School Nurses on site
Tuesday 3 rd	Y3 – Junior Music Festival Rehearsal
Friday 6 th	World Book Day – all book-related costumes welcome!
Friday 6 th	Lenten Enterprise – Year 3 – Plant Sale
Monday 9 th	National Science Week
Thursday 12 th	Y2 visiting St Edward's Church Tour
Thursday 12 th	Lent Penitential – KS2 Children Only – 14:00
Friday 13 th	Lenten Enterprise – Year 4 – Mother Days Café
Wednesday 18 th	Adoration of the Holy Sacrament – Children Only – 13:30
Friday 20 th	Lenten Enterprise – Year 2 – Prayer stone sale
Friday 20 th	World Poetry Day – School House Competition
Friday 20 th	Prayer Space & Time for parents – Assembly Hall 8.30-8.45am
Tuesday 24 th	Parent Consultation Evening (16:00-19:00)
Thursday 26 th	Parent Consultation Evening (16:00-19:00)
Thursday 26 th	Lenten Enterprise – EYFS – Pretzels sale
Friday 27 th	End of Term Mass – Children Only – 9:00
Friday 27 th	End of Spring 2 (1:30 finish time)
Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April Easter Holidays	

Our calendar reflects events as of 23rd January. 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](#).

