



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, what a term this has been! Although it has been a relatively short term, Christmas does seem to be an awfully long time ago and we are all, children and staff, ready for a break. The Easter holiday is very welcome!

This morning, we were delighted to welcome Father David into school to celebrate a lovely end of term Mass with the children. It was a special way to come together as a school community and reflect on the season.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Parents' Evenings this week. They were both very well attended, and teachers were pleased and proud to share the children's achievements and progress with you all. Thank you for taking the time to come along and support your children's learning – it really does make a difference.

A reminder that school closes at 1:30pm today. Please ensure that all children are collected promptly.

Adoration of the Holy Sacrament



Canon David visited our school last week, bringing the Blessed Sacrament with him, and every year group was given time to take part in a short period of adoration. I had the privilege of attending each session. The children were truly outstanding – calm, focused, reverent, and respectful throughout. It was a wonderful experience to witness, and I felt incredibly proud of them, something I shared with Canon David. He warmly reassured me that such pride was well placed, and he also made thoughtful reference to our school mission statement, affirming the strength of our Catholic ethos.



Magic Maths After School Club



We are delighted to announce a brand new after school club that will be available to the children. Recently, all classes had the exciting opportunity to take part in a taster session led by Professor Poopenshtinken, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended!

This new club is designed to show children just how much fun can be had with numbers. Through a range of really fun and challenging games, tricks and activities, the sessions aim to boost children's engagement and enjoyment in maths in a relaxed and supportive environment.

The club will run on Wednesdays and is a fantastic opportunity for the children to build confidence, develop problem-solving skills and see maths in a whole new light.

Further information, including how to sign up, can be found on our school website:

<https://www.stedwardsatholicfirstschool.co.uk/page/?title=After+School+Enrichment+Clubs&pid=47>

Little Eddies Mother & Toddler Group



We are hopeful of reinstating the parish's Little Eddies Mother and Toddler Group, moving it from the Parish Centre to our school hall.

If you are available to help once a week, please contact the school office.

We would also be grateful if you could spread the word to anyone who may be interested in attending.

School Uniform

Please do refer to our uniform policy over the holiday and ensure that your child is wearing uniform that conforms with our school regulations from the start of next term:

<https://www.stedwardscatholicfirstschool.co.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=51>

Logos have been creeping back in and there is an abundance of leggings - not joggers - being worn on PE days. We would also request that hair ornamentation is kept to an absolute minimum – there are lots of hair bows and slides that are decorative rather than functional and also seem to be getting bigger and glitzier! Please save these for the weekends. School shoes rather than trainers too, please.

The children may wear summer uniform from the start of next term – let's all hope that the weather obliges and changes too!

A big thank you to The Friends for selling uniform at both Parents' Evenings this week!

3D Printing After School Club



We are excited to begin highlighting some of the fantastic clubs we offer in school, as we know many families may not be fully aware of the wide range of opportunities available. One club we are particularly proud of is our 3D Printing Club. This innovative and engaging club gives children the chance to explore design and technology in a fun, hands-on way. Children learn how to create their own digital designs before bringing them to life using a 3D printer. It's wonderful to see their ideas turn into real objects right before their eyes!

A big thank you to Iryna, who has kindly shared some snapshots of the designing and printing process. These give a great insight into the creativity and skill involved at each stage. So far, our talented children have created an impressive range of items, including foxes, wolves, keyrings, robots and even Donald Duck! The club has been a fantastic way for children to develop problem-solving skills, creativity and confidence while having lots of fun.

We look forward to sharing more about our other clubs in the coming weeks!



Food Technology



This half term, the children have been enjoying a fantastic focus on food technology across the school, developing their cooking skills and learning more about preparing healthy, delicious foods. Each year group has taken part in their own exciting project. Year 1 have been busy making refreshing smoothies, exploring different fruits and flavours. Year 2 have created their own pizzas (as seen in the photographs above), carefully choosing toppings and learning about food preparation. Year 3 have made seasonal tarts, linking their learning to the time of year and fresh ingredients. Meanwhile, Year 4 have baked biscuits, practising measuring, mixing and baking techniques.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed these hands-on experiences, building confidence in the kitchen while learning important life skills — and the results looked delicious! Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to this via ScoPay, this wouldn't have been achieved without your generous donations. If you have yet to contribute, you are very much encouraged to over the holiday.

House Competition



A huge well done to St Matthew, who won our recent house competition! Children across the school were invited to write a poem about their house saint after completing some research. We had some beautiful poems shared in a variety of ways. St Matthew won the competition for the most number of entries. The House Captains couldn't choose a winner as all were impressive and therefore all who entered in St Matthew received a special sticker.

School Lunches

There is a new menu for the summer term attached to this letter which will include the Grab Bag option to enable the children to eat their lunch in the grounds if the weather is fine. Please remember you can order your child's lunch in advance via ScoPay.

<https://www.stedwardsatholicfirstschool.co.uk/page/?title=Lunches&pid=24>



Easter Bonnets

The children are invited to create an Easter Bonnet (KS1) or an Easter Garden (KS2) over the holiday and bring them to school with them on Friday 17th April. The Friends will be running an Easter Bonnet Parade for the whole school on the afternoon of the 17th April. We look forward to seeing all their marvellous creations! A prize will be awarded per year group.

A Gentle Reminder About Toys in School



We have recently noticed an increasing number of children bringing small toys, particularly resin animals, into school. While these items are very special to the children, they can sometimes become lost, damaged or cause unnecessary upset between some children.

To help avoid this, we kindly ask that all toys are kept safely at home unless specifically requested for a school activity.

Congratulations!



We were delighted to hear some wonderful news about Dheeya's recent success. Over the weekend, Dheeya took part in the Woodley Music Festival, performing in the piano category. We are thrilled to share that she won Gold in her group, along with receiving brilliant feedback from the judges—an outstanding achievement!

We are incredibly proud of Dheeya and all her hard work and dedication.

If any other children have successes outside of school that they would like to share with us, please do let us know. We always love hearing about the wonderful achievements of our children.

Handwriting Support

We are now part of the Letter-join handwriting scheme and any of the children wishing to practise their handwriting at home can now log in to the Letter-join website on iPads and tablets as well as desktop and laptop computers. There you will find the same, easy-to-use handwriting resources as we use at school.

Tablet login

Username: ej34362

Swipe code: A capital 'L' shape starting at top left.

PC login

Username: ej34362

Account Password: home



Reflection

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, an important day in the Christian calendar that marks the beginning of Holy Week. It commemorates the moment when Jesus entered Jerusalem, greeted by crowds who waved palm branches and laid them on the ground in his path as a sign of respect and celebration.

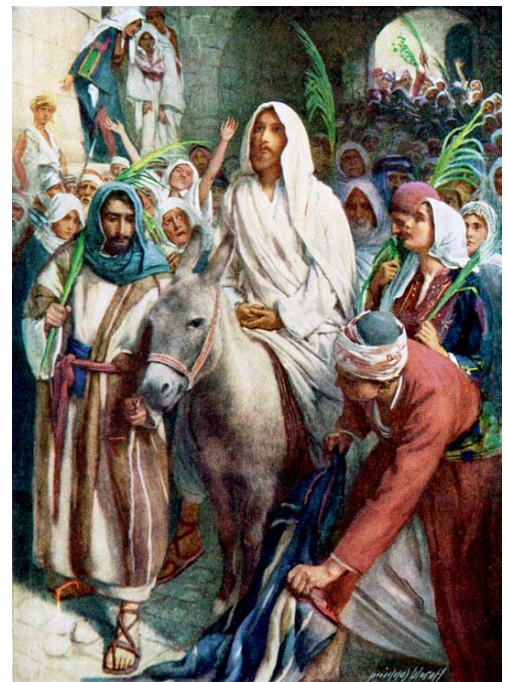
The day is significant because it reflects both joy and contrast. While it begins with celebration and recognition of Jesus as a king, it also leads into the events of the week that follow — culminating in his crucifixion on Good Friday and resurrection on Easter Sunday. Palm Sunday therefore reminds believers of themes like humility, sacrifice, and the changing nature of human loyalty.

*Heavenly Father,
as we remember this sacred day when Jesus entered
Jerusalem,
we welcome Him into our hearts with praise and
humility.*

*Like the crowds who laid down palms before Him,
help us to lay down our burdens, our pride, and our
fears,
so that we may follow Him more faithfully.*

*As we begin this Holy Week,
prepare our hearts to understand the depth of Your
sacrifice
and the greatness of Your love.
May we not only celebrate You with our words today,
but honour You with our lives every day.*

*Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Amen.*



All that remains is for me to thank you all for your continued support and to wish you all a blessed and holy Easter break. I look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 14th April for the start of the summer term.

God bless,

Mr Keohane & the St Edward's First Team

Attachments

- Christ the King Parish Newsletter
- Norden Farm Quest Family Fest
- Summer Lunch Menu
- St John's Beaumont Easter Holiday Activity Camp



ST EDWARD'S Catholic Church

Alma Road, Windsor, SL4

ST MARK'S Catholic Church

Dedworth Road, Windsor, SL4 4LE



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICE 2026

Saturday

28 March
18:00

St Edward's

Sunday Palm Sunday

29 March
09:30
11:00

St Mark's
St Edward's

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Last Supper

2 April
19:00

St Edward's

Watching at Altar of Repose (ending with Night Prayer)

20:00 - 22:30

St Edward's

Good Friday

Office of Readings

Children's Good Friday Service

Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

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3 April
09:15
10:30
15:00
15:00

St Edward's
St Edward's
St Edward's
St Mark's

Holy Saturday

Office of Readings

Blessing of Easter Food

Easter Vigil

4 April
09:15
16:00
20:00

St Edward's
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Easter Day

Mass

Mass

5 April
09:30
11:00

St Mark's
St Edward's

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Dates for the Diary

April	
Monday 13th	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 14 th	Start of Summer Term
Thursday 16 th	Year One visiting St Edward's Church Tour
Thursday 16 th	St Bernadette Feast Day – Woodpeckers
Friday 17 th	Pupil Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Garden
Tuesday 21 st	Year Four Bikeability Level 1 run by RBWM
Wednesday 22 nd	Friends Happy Bag Collection
Thursday 23 rd	St George's Day
Thursday 23 rd	Year Three Woodpeckers swimming
Thursday 23 rd	Year Two Trip - Ufton Court
Friday 24 th	Prayer Space & Time – Parents Assembly Hall 8.30am
Thursday 30 th	Year Three Woodpeckers swimming 10:30
May	
Friday 1 st	The Crowning of Mary (flower donations appreciated)
Friday 1 st	Year Three Trip – Living Rainforest
Sunday 3 rd	Family Mass St Mark's 9.30am St Edward's 11:00
Monday 4th	Bank Holiday – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 5 th	Careers Week Starts (volunteers to share encouraged)
Thursday 7 th	Year Three Woodpeckers swimming
Tuesday 12 th	KS2 SATS Week starts (Middle School)
Saturday 9 th	First Holy Communion at St Edward's Church (Alma Road) 10:00
Wednesday 13 th	Adoration of the Holy Sacrament - 1:30pm
Thursday 14 th	Year Three Woodpeckers swimming
Friday 15 th	Prayer Space & Time – Parents Assembly Hall 8.30am
Friday 15 th	Five to Thrive Parent Workshop 14:00 to 15:00
Saturday 16 th	First Holy Communion at St Edward's Church (Alma Road) 10:00
Monday 18 th	Walk to School Week begins
Wednesday 20 th	RBWM Road Safety Workshops
Thursday 21 st	Summer DFE Census - Menu Change
Thursday 21 st	Year Three Woodpeckers swimming
Friday 22 nd	Sports' Day
Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May Half-Term	
June	
Monday 1st	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 2 nd	Pupils return to school
Tuesday 2 nd	Multiplication Tables Check Year Four
Wednesday 3 rd	First Holy Communion Celebration – St Edward's Church 9:30am
Thursday 4 th	Year Three Doves swimming
Friday 5 th	Reserve Sports' Day
Friday 5 th	St Boniface Feast Day – Kingfishers Class Saint
Sunday 7 th	Family Mass St Mark's 9.30am St Edward's 11am
Monday 8 th	Year One Phonics Screening Check
Tuesday 9 th	Year One Phonics Screening Check



Wednesday 10 th	Year One Phonics Screening Check
Wednesday 10 th	Class and Leavers' Photographs
Thursday 11 th	Year One Phonics Screening Check
Thursday 11 th	Year Three Doves Swimming
Friday 12 th	Year One Phonics Screening Check
Thursday 18 th	Year One Trip - Oxford Science Centre
Thursday 18 th	Year Three Doves swimming
Thursday 25 th	Year Three Doves swimming
Friday 26 th	Prayer Space & Time – Parents Assembly Hall 8.30am – 8.45am
July	
Thursday 2 nd	Year Three Doves swimming
Sunday 5 th July	Family Mass St Mark's 9.30am St Edward's 11am
Monday 6 th	EYFS Induction Sessions
Tuesday 7 th	EYFS Induction Sessions
Thursday 9 th	New Parent Induction Event – 18:00
Tuesday 14 th	Year Four Production – 10:00am
Wednesday 15 th	Friends Happy Bag Collection
Thursday 16 th	Year Four Production – 18:00
Friday 17 th	End of Year reports home to parents
Tuesday 21 st	'Moving Up' Morning 09:30 – 11:30
Wednesday 22 nd	Leavers' Mass at St Edward's Church - 09:30
Wednesday 22 nd	Last Day of Term (13:30 finish)
September	
Tuesday 1st	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
Wednesday 2 nd	Pupils return to school

Our calendar reflects events as of 27th March. 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](#).

