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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have certainly seen a mixture of weather over the past few weeks, but we are all hoping that the sunshine will soon make a more permanent appearance as we move further into the summer term! Despite the unpredictable weather, school life continues to be busy, joyful and full of exciting opportunities for the children. Please enjoy reading about some of the wonderful experiences and upcoming events taking place across our school community.

### HCPT Pilgrimage to Lourdes



The children who took part in the HCPT Pilgrimage to Lourdes recently led a special assembly for the school, sharing their wonderful time during the trip. They spoke confidently about the many memorable moments they enjoyed during their time in Lourdes and explained why the pilgrimage is so special to so many people.

The children told the school about visiting the house of Saint Bernadette and learning more about her life and the story of Lourdes. They also shared memories of taking part in beautiful and reflective services alongside pilgrims from across the world.

One of the most meaningful moments for the children was lighting a candle on behalf of our school community. They explained how this was a time to think about and pray for their families, friends and everyone back at school.



## **The Crowning of Mary**

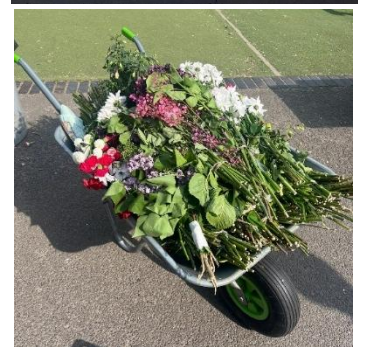


Our school community recently came together for a beautiful and prayerful Crowning of Mary celebration. It was a lovely opportunity for us all to pause, reflect and honour Mary, mother of Jesus during this special month of May.

During the celebration, we spent time together in quiet reflection and shared a Hail Mary before each child carefully placed flowers at Mary's feet. The display was made even more special thanks to the many kind donations of flowers from our families, for which we are extremely grateful.



After school, Miss McGuckian had the wonderful idea of creating flower bundles to share with our neighbours, spreading kindness and bringing joy to the wider community. It was a thoughtful way to continue the spirit of the celebration beyond the school gates and share the beauty of the day with others.



## **Diocesan School Building Fund**

You may remember that I previously sent letters regarding the Diocesan School Building Fund and asking for support with the school's contribution. This fund allows schools within the diocese to access financial support for essential building and maintenance work, and St Edward's Catholic First School has benefitted greatly from this over the years.

The spring invoice is now due and, as always, we are extremely grateful for any support families are able to offer through ScoPay. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

## **ME Awareness Blue Day**

The children are invited to wear a splash of blue with their uniform or PE Kit on Friday 15th May in recognition of ME Awareness Day. Blue socks, shoes, ribbons, ties, jumpers – any splash of blue to enhance their uniform is welcome. More details can be found at;

<https://www.mesupport.co.uk/awareness>



### **Year 4's Busy Buttons Workshop**

Year 4 were excited to take part in a special Busy Buttons workshop this term. We are incredibly grateful to Busy Buttons CORE Charity for offering this wonderful experience to our school free of charge.

During the workshops at St Agnes Church, the children worked with artists and educators to create a collaborative art installation based on this year's theme, "Mycelium: The Hidden Threads of Magic." They enjoyed exploring links between science and art while developing their creativity and teamwork skills.

The children's finished artwork will be displayed in the Children's Marquee at the Flower Show in Windsor Great Park on 6th June, giving them the exciting opportunity to showcase their work to a wider audience.



### **Careers Month – Y4 Visit – Dentistry**



As part of Careers Month, Year 4 enjoyed a fascinating visit from Dr Mungrah, who spoke to the children about dentistry and the importance of caring for our teeth. Using her dinosaur helper, she demonstrated the correct way to brush teeth and explained why good dental hygiene is so important.

The children learnt that teeth should be brushed before breakfast and before bed, and that toothpaste should not be rinsed away afterwards so it can continue protecting teeth from bacteria. The children asked thoughtful questions about becoming a dentist and the different aspects of the job. Each child also received a goodie bag containing a tooth brushing chart, toothpaste, a balloon, a pen and a sticker.



## Year 3's Trip to The Living Rainforest



Year 3 enjoyed an exciting trip to The Living Rainforest last Friday. The children had a wonderful time learning about the many different animals and plants living within the rainforest environment.

Highlights included seeing busy marmosets, an energetic armadillo, green iguanas, yellow-footed tortoises, colourful snakes and a very sleepy sloth called Cinnamon! The warm greenhouses gave the children a true tropical rainforest experience.

The children also enjoyed exploring the play area and sharing a picnic lunch together. We were extremely proud of their excellent behaviour throughout the day. Thank you to the parents who joined us — we hope you enjoyed the day, too.

### Break Time Snacks

Please could we remind parents that children should only bring fresh fruit or vegetable snacks for breaktimes. Items such as crisps, sweets and Fruit Winders are not suitable snacks for the school day.

We would also ask that children bring only plain water in a clear, named water bottle. We have recently had several instances of children bringing squash, fizzy drinks and novelty bottles, including Prime bottles, into school. Squash and fizzy drinks are not permitted as they can be harmful to children's teeth and can be very sticky when spilt.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation with this.



### **First Holy Communion Masses**

Many of our Year 3 children have been working hard over the past few months to prepare for their First Holy Communion. Their special First Holy Communion Masses will take place at St Edward's Church at 10am on the 9th and 16th May. We would love to see members of our school community there to support the children and their families on these very special occasions.

We will also be holding a special celebration Mass in church, led by Canon David, on 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 9:30am for the Year 3 children. This Mass will be open to Year 3 parents only.

### **Sports Day**

Our Sports Day will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and we are busy making preparations for what promises to be a fantastic day. We are hoping for good weather and will make a final decision closer to the time. If needed, our reserve Sports Day date will be Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Families are warmly invited to join us, via the KS2 gate, ready for the event to begin at approximately 9am. All children should come to school wearing their PE kit along with a plain T-shirt in their house colour:

- Matthew – Red
- Mark – Yellow
- Luke – Blue
- John – Green

Children will not need their school bags on the day — just a named water bottle and a sun hat if the weather is warm. Please also apply sun cream before school.

We will then hold our usual picnic lunch on the field after Sports Day.

All children must remain in school for registration following lunch and may then go home with their families after registration at 1:15pm.

If you are unable to attend the picnic, please try to arrange for your child to share lunch with another family, as the children much prefer this to spending the time with staff.

We will not have the 'usual' lunch menu on Sports Day; however, grab bag lunches will be available and must be ordered in advance. Please note that Cuckoo Club will not be open. The Friends will also be there on the day serving their usual delicious bacon rolls and selling pre-loved school uniform.

### **Changes of Lunch Time Menu**

School meal funding for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 is based on the number of meals served on Census Day - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May. More meals ordered mean more funding!

To support the school:

- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May: *Battered Fish & Chips* or *Veggie Fingers*
- Jacket Potatoes and Grab Bags will also be available.

Every packed lunch could cost the school up to £400, so please consider choosing a school meal on this day if possible.



## **School Uniform**

As we move into the warmer summer months, children are very welcome to come to school wearing our summer uniform. We would like to remind families of the importance of ensuring children attend school in the correct uniform each day.

School shoes should be worn at all times unless it is a designated PE day. We have also noticed an increase in children wearing jewellery, leggings and colourful tights, which are not part of our school uniform expectations.

A smart and consistent uniform helps children feel part of our school community and take pride in their appearance. We would be very grateful for your support in ensuring children come to school dressed appropriately each day.

Full details of our uniform expectations can be found here: [St Edward's Catholic First School Uniform Information](#)

## **Reflection**

As May is the month in which we especially remember Mary, Jesus' mother, the children have been taking part in a special devotion to Mary the Untier of Knots. Each child was given a ribbon on which they could write a worry or problem they would like help with. These ribbons now adorn the courtyard tree and gates as a visible reminder that we can bring our worries to God in prayer.



*Mary, Mother of God,  
you who lovingly untie the knots in our lives,  
we come before you with open hearts and quiet  
trust.  
We bring the knots in our friendships when things  
feel difficult,  
and the knots in our hearts when we feel unsure  
or overwhelmed.  
Help us to remember that we are never alone.  
Teach us to trust in God's love, even when life  
feels complicated.  
Guide us to make good choices, to say sorry when  
we need to,  
and to be open to forgiveness and new  
beginnings.  
Mary, Untier of Knots,  
wrap us in your love and lead us always closer to  
your Son, Jesus.  
Amen.*



God bless, see you all on Monday,

Mr Keohane & the St Edward's First Team

### Attachments

- Christ the King Parish Newsletter
- RE Newsletter Summer 2026
- Five to Thrive Parent Workshop 15.05.26
- Eton Arts Week Flyer

### Dates for the Diary

<b>May</b>	
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	First Holy Communion Mass at St Edward's Church (Alma Road) 10:00am
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATS Week starts (Middle School)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year Three Woodpeckers swimming 10:30am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	ME Awareness Day – wear something blue
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer Space & Time – Parents Assembly Hall 8.30am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Five to Thrive Parent Workshop 2:00pm to 3:00pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Icon of St Edward blessing – St Edward's Church – 6:30pm
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	First Holy Communion Mass at St Edward's Church (Alma Road) 10:00am
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Walk to School Week begins
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	RBWM Road Safety Workshops for pupils in school
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Summer DFE Census - Menu Change
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year Three Woodpeckers swimming 10:30am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sports' Day
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May Half-Term</b>	
<b>June</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Inset Day
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pupils return to school

Our calendar reflects events as of 8<sup>th</sup> May. 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](#).

