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Dear Parents and Carers,

Although it has been a short week, it has certainly been a memorable and exciting one! We have just returned from a beautiful Leavers' Mass, where the whole school came together to celebrate and pray for our wonderful Year 4 children as they prepare for the next chapter of their journey. Yesterday also saw our annual Moving Up Day, and it was a real joy to visit classrooms across the school and see the children so engaged, settled and excited to meet their new class teaching teams. There has been a wonderful buzz of anticipation throughout St Edward's as the children begin looking ahead to the next stage of their learning journey, and it has been lovely to witness such enthusiasm and positivity.

We wish Year 4 all the very best as they move onto middle school. They really are a wonderful group of children. On behalf of all your friends at St Edward's Catholic First School, I wish that no matter where you are or whatever you are doing that love, and laughter will always light your days. We will greatly miss the families leaving our school. We thank them for their support and many kindnesses over the years.

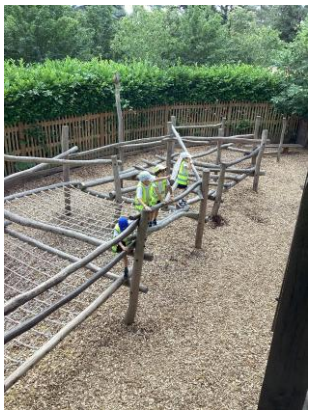
The Aguiar-Andrade Family, The Ali Baig Family, The Ankiewicz Family, The Atkinson Family, The Bold Family, The Burt Family, The Cross Martin Family, The Coker Family, The Cortese Family, The Dhillon Family, The Doorga Family, The Fluskey Garcia Family, The Gomm Family, The Hancey Family, The Harrison Family, The Jarantowicz Family, The King Family, The Korshia Family, The Mazhar-Abbasi Family, The McGarvey Family, The Miggin Family, The Mishriky Family, The Mogla Family, The Murray-Hignight Family, The Niblett Family, The Oakley Family, The O'Flaherty Family, The Pacheco Family, The Perez-Robertson Family, The Pollara Family, The Saweros Family, The Sony Paul Family, The Stelmach-Chavez Family, The Strickland Family, The Subczak Family, The Szczerbiak Family, The Szotkowski Family, The Temrowski Family, and The Wilczynski Family.

Also The Greig family, The Saroia family, The Abdelghany family and The Ruiz Guinazu Smit family.

Fledglings' Spa Experience

Our Fledglings made the most of the warm weather by transforming their outdoor area into a relaxing spa! The children enjoyed cooling off with refreshing water activities, taking time to unwind and have fun with their friends. There were lots of smiles, laughter and happy faces as they splashed, relaxed and enjoyed a well-deserved break from the heat. It was a wonderful way to stay cool while continuing to learn through play in our fantastic outdoor environment.

Year 1 Trip



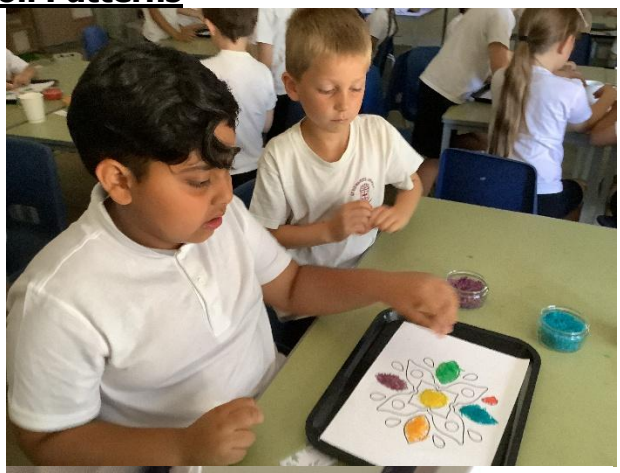
Our Year 1 children enjoyed an exciting trip to Adventure Play at Windsor Great Park. They had a fantastic time exploring the adventure playground, hidden within the beautiful woodland next to The Savill Garden.

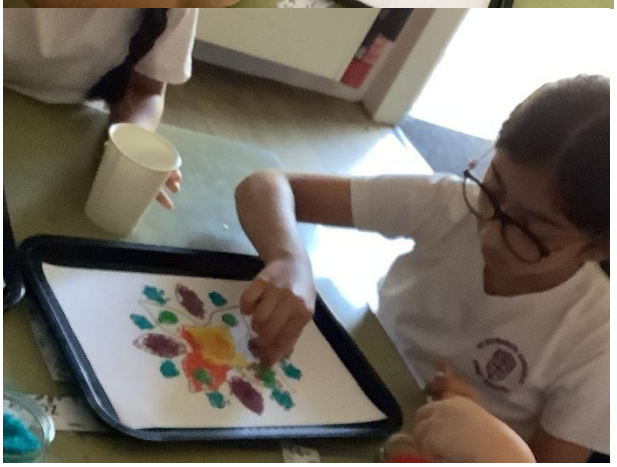
As they navigated the adventure play areas with their friends, the children built confidence, resilience and independence. They worked together brilliantly, encouraging and supporting one another through the more challenging sections.

The trip was a memorable experience for everyone, and we were incredibly proud of the teamwork, perseverance and positive attitudes shown by all of the children throughout the day.

A huge thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers who gave up their time to accompany us and support the children throughout the visit. Your help was invaluable, particularly on such a hot day, and we are incredibly grateful for your support in making the trip such a success.

Year 2 Rangoli Patterns





This week, Year 2 learn about Holi, the Hindu Festival of Colours. We found out that Holi celebrates spring, new beginnings, and reminds Hindus that good triumphs over evil.

We explored rangoli patterns and learned that they are colourful designs made to welcome happiness, good luck and visitors during special celebrations. We created our own rangoli designs using coloured rice, thinking carefully about the patterns, shapes and colours we chose.

Our artwork helped us understand how colour and creativity are an important part of Hindu celebrations such as Holi.

Thank you, Tesco!

We would like to say a huge thank you to Tesco for their generous donation of free fruit to our school. It was a wonderful surprise, and the children thoroughly enjoyed the healthy treat! We are always grateful for the support of our local community, and this thoughtful gesture was greatly appreciated by both the children and staff. Thank you, Tesco, for helping to keep our children smiling and healthy!

Ofsted Good Provider

NATIONAL WHOLE SCHOOL WELLBEING GOLD AWARD 2024

Attachment Aware Schools Award

Asthma Friendly School

Year 3 – Flower Art

Our Year 3 children have been exploring the work of the renowned artist Georgia O'Keeffe, creating a stunning collection of artwork inspired by her unique style. Using a range of different media and artistic techniques, the children experimented with colour, texture and composition to produce their own beautiful masterpieces. It has been wonderful to see their creativity flourish as they developed new skills and expressed their ideas through art. We are incredibly proud of the impressive work they have created.

First Holy Communion and Reconciliation Catechism

Families with children in Year Two who are moving into Year Three in September are reminded that preparations for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion begin with the new school year.

Registers are now open for catechism sessions at The Church of St Edward the Confessor, Alma Road, Windsor and will close September 9th 2026. Please contact fhc@catholicwindsor.org with a digital copy of your child's Baptism certificate for further details and to make your applications.

A Future TV Star?

We were delighted to hear some very exciting news from Taliyah, who proudly shared that she has recently been filmed as part of her gymnastics group for Britain's Got Talent! Taliyah took part in a number of filmed segments, and we couldn't be more excited for her.

We will all be keeping a close eye on our television screens when the new series airs – who knows, we may well have our very own TV superstar at St Edward's! Congratulations, Taliyah, on this fantastic achievement. We can't wait to cheer you on!

Year 4 – Peace Child Production

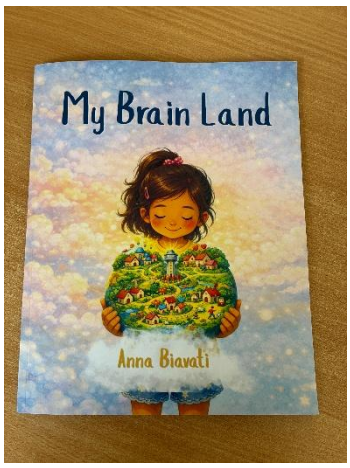
Our Year 4 children truly amazed us with their outstanding performance of Peace Child – without doubt one of the very best productions we have ever seen at St Edward's. Their confidence shone through in every scene, while the singing, dancing and even the rapping were all delivered with incredible enthusiasm, energy and talent. Every child should be immensely proud of what they achieved. A huge thank you must also go to the staff who worked so hard behind the scenes to make the production such a tremendous success. From rehearsals to costumes, music and staging, their dedication made this unforgettable performance possible. It is certainly a production that will live long in the memory – and if you listen carefully around school, you'll still hear children and staff happily humming the songs long after the final curtain came down!

We are incredibly fortunate to have a school community full of talented people with a wide range of skills and expertise. Whether you're a painter, carpenter, builder, electrician, gardener or have another practical trade or skill, we'd love to hear from you!

Like many schools, we are working hard to make every penny count as budgets continue to become increasingly stretched. If you are able to volunteer a little of your time or expertise to help with the occasional job around the school, it really could make a huge difference.

If you think you might be able to support us in any way, no matter how big or small, please do get in touch with the school office. We would be incredibly grateful for any help you are able to offer. Thank you for continuing to support our wonderful St Edward's community.

A Published Book Review – Well Done, Elena!



We were delighted to hear some wonderful news from Elena, one of our fantastic Reading Ambassadors. Elena proudly shared with her class that her review of a book has been published on the back cover of the book itself – what an incredible achievement!

We are so proud of Elena for sharing her love of reading and for having her thoughtful review recognised in such a special way. We hope this inspires even more of our children to discover the joy of reading and to share their own book recommendations. Congratulations, Elena – what a brilliant accomplishment!

Reflection

As another wonderful school year draws to a close, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to every member of our dedicated staff team, whose care, commitment and hard work ensure the very best for our children each and every day. I am incredibly proud to work alongside such talented and compassionate colleagues, who continually go above and beyond for our school community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognise that St Edward's First School is far more than the staff who teach in our classrooms. Our school would not be what it is without the many people who work tirelessly behind the scenes and alongside us every day. To our office team, finance team, lunchtime supervisors, kitchen team, cleaning team, site team, governors, The Friends of St Edward's, class representatives and our wider parent community – thank you. Your support, dedication and commitment help make St Edward's the special place it is.

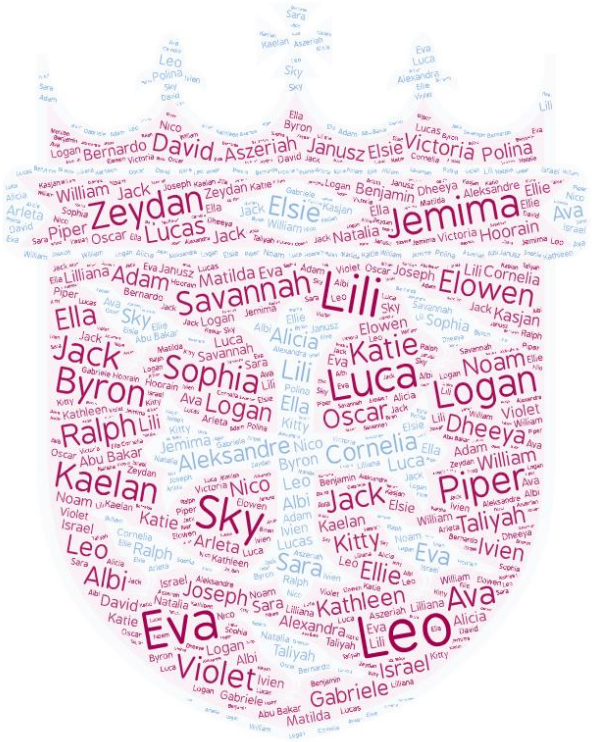
I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Father David, Deacon George and Deacon Stephen for the care and guidance they provide to our school community, to our dedicated catechists who faithfully prepared our Year 3 children for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, to Mrs Burke for her support of our Lourdes pilgrimage, and to

everyone in our parish community who continually supports and prays for our school. We are truly blessed to work in such close partnership.

Together, we create the caring, nurturing, and ambitious community that our children are so fortunate to be part of. Every role matters, every contribution is valued, and every one of you plays an important part in the success of our school.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this year. We look forward to another exciting and successful year ahead.

Loving God,
Today we thank You for each of our wonderful Year 4 children. Thank You for the friendships they have made, the memories they have created and all that they have achieved during their time at St Edward's.
As they begin the next stage of their journey, fill their hearts with confidence, courage and hope. Help them to embrace new opportunities, overcome challenges with resilience and always be kind to those they meet.
May they always remember that they are loved, valued and never alone, for You walk beside them wherever they go. Bless them with happiness, good health and every success in the years ahead, and may they always carry the values of St Edward's in their hearts.
Amen.



Finally, a gentle reminder that school closes to all pupils at **1:30pm today**. We wish all of our families a happy, restful and safe summer holiday.

God bless, see you all on Wednesday 2nd September,

Mr Keohane & the St Edward's First Team

Attachments
- Christ the King Parish Newsletter
- Summer Reading Challenge
- Pirate Park Reopening
- School's Direct (Back to School Uniform Shopping)

Dates for the Diary

September	
Tuesday 1st	**INSET DAY – School closed to pupils**
Wednesday 2nd	Pupils return to school

Our calendar reflects events as of 22nd July. 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.