



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC FIRST SCHOOL

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'We See Jesus in Everything We Do'

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome Back

We warmly welcome back all our families to a new academic year, and extend a special greeting to those joining us for the first time – whether in Fledglings, Reception, or further up the school. It's been wonderful to see the children returning this week, full of smiles and ready to learn. We're especially excited to welcome all of our new Reception children next week for their very first day at 'big school'! We hope you all had a restful break and made some special memories with your families.

On behalf of all our staff, teaching and non-teaching, thank you for the thoughtful gifts and cards at the end of last term. They were truly appreciated. The teachers have been busy setting the calendar and preparing classrooms, and it's been lovely to see the children already settling in so well. Staff have commented on the fantastic start they've made – working hard, being kind, and showing a real enthusiasm for the year ahead.

We appreciate that there have been, and will potentially be, a number of changes throughout this year. We understand that change is sometimes difficult and can be disconcerting. However, please be aware that any changes are always made with the children at the centre of all we do.

TenTen Parent Resources

Please take a look at the TenTen Parent Resources. They publish online newsletters which allow parents and children to engage with the prayers and the teaching provided through the Collective Worship programme.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Username: st-edwards-first-sl4

Password: mince-pie

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal>

Whole School Mass

On Friday 19th September we will hold our first whole school Mass at St Edward's Church (Alma Road) with Fr David and the people of our parish. The Year 4 children will lead our Mass and you are all warmly invited to join us at 9:30am in Church.

Uniform

Our school uniform helps create a sense of pride and belonging, and we appreciate your support in following the school policy, which is available on our [school website](#).

Just a reminder: earrings should be small, plain studs (not sparkly) and must be removed for PE. Nail varnish isn't allowed, and hair accessories should be simple and functional.

From Monday 29th September, all children must wear our winter uniform, unless the weather is still unseasonably warm, in which case we will advise.

Thank you for helping us maintain high standards and a strong school community.

Communication with School

School will communicate via Teachers2Parents mail and not through Class Reps on class WhatsApp groups. There were several WhatsApp messages sent supposedly on behalf of school staff, that caused confusion and stress to some of our parents. To avoid this, we will continue to communicate whole school/class issues via Teachers2Parents mail and our newsletters.

Snacks and Packed Lunches

It is very important that all parents remember that we are a nut free school and no food containing nuts can be brought into school. We have several children and staff that have severe allergies to nuts. The safest snack for your child is a piece of fruit. Please do remind your child/ren that they do not share their food with another child, we will also reinforce that message here in school, as some of our youngest children have severe dairy, sesame and egg (raw and cooked) allergies. Let's work together to keep all our children safe.

After School Clubs

Just a gentle reminder that our After School Enrichment Clubs start week beginning Monday 8th September. Breakfast and Cuckoo Club (wrap around care) is available as normal.

PE Days

Please below for your child's PE day. On this day, the children should come to school in the correct PE kit: a plain black sweatshirt (no hoodies or logos), black trainers, and no earrings.

Monday: Year 1 (Sparrows and Goldfinches)

Tuesday: Year 4 (Owls and Nightingales)

Wednesday: Year 3 (Doves and Woodpeckers)

Thursday: Year 2 (Starlings and Kingfishers)

Fledglings (Reception) will be incorporating a range of exercise and movement within their provision, so PE kits won't be required, just yet.

Reflection

God of love, we believe that you are the source of all wisdom, peace, and joy. At the beginning of this school year, we pray that our children will have open minds and open hearts.

May it be a year full of promise for each one of them and for all who will guide and teach them. May they continue to grow in knowledge, wisdom and love for You and one another.

Send down Your blessing on these school bags and all who carry them during this school year. When they feel anxious, may they be filled with Your peace, when they are uncertain, may Your Son show them the way, and when they feel tired, may Your Holy Spirit fill them with energy.

May their minds always be open to learning. May their friends always build them up and may they be a friend who supports and encourages.

May they always be aware of Your loving presence, and may they bring that loving presence to everyone they meet. We make these and all our prayers through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God bless, see you all on Monday,

Mr Keohane & the St Edward's First Team

Dates for the Diary

September	
Thursday 11 th	Open Morning for Parents – ‘Meet the Teacher’ (9-9:30am)
Friday 12 th	Tea and Tissues Coffee Morning (led by The Friends) – 8:30-9:30am – Assembly Hall
Friday 19 th	Welcome Mass at St Edward’s Church (9:30am)
Monday 22 nd	The Friends’ AGM (5:30pm)
Thursday 25 th	Phonics Workshop for Fledglings’ Parents (9am) – Assembly Hall
Friday 26 th	MacMillan Coffee Morning (led by Y4) – 9-9:45am – Assembly Hall
October	
Monday 13 th	St Edward’s Feast Day – Mass at St Edward’s Church (9:30am)
Wednesday 15 th	Harvest collection
Friday 17 th	Saint Showcase for parents (9-9:30am)
Friday 17 th	Friends’ Event – Family Bingo Night – Assembly Hall
Tuesday 21 st	Parent Consultation Evening (3:30-18:00)
Thursday 23 rd	Parent Consultation Evening (3:30-18:00)
Friday 24 th	End of Autumn 1 (3:15 finish time)

Our calendar reflects events as of 5th September. 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](#).

