



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC FIRST SCHOOL

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'We See Jesus in Everything We Do'

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Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been another busy week! It has been lovely to see the children happy, settled, and engaged in their learning as I've moved around the school. They have shown great enthusiasm and pride in sharing their knowledge and work, which has been a real joy to witness.

Welcome To Our New Families

The Abdelghany family, The Bagri family, The Birtles family, The Bohio family, The Boucher-O'Connor family, The Capatina family, The Couch family, The Creedy family, The Davies family, The Dudek family, The Evans family, The Fletcher family, The Griffiths family, The Hinchcliffe family, The Jendrzewski family, The Jones family, The Kamara family, The Karystinos-Rozas family, The Kemp family, The Kent family, The Kowalczyk family, The Kundra family, The Lal family, The Long family, The Mahon family, The Marshall family, The Mikhael family, The Morris family, The Mpagi family, The Murton family, The Richardson family, The Smith family, The Stack family, The Stelmach-Chavez family, The Taylor-Musteata family, and The Teboub family

Whole School Mass

This morning, we proudly celebrated our first school Mass of the year. It was a prayerful and special occasion, and the children showed wonderful reverence throughout. A special well done to our Year 4 readers, who read clearly and confidently.

Thank you to our volunteers who helped us walk safely to and from church – your support makes these moments possible. We are also grateful to Father David for making our Masses such a meaningful experience for both children and staff. Please do check the school calendar on our website—we hope you'll join us for future Masses and events.

School Lunches

Thank you to all who have been pre-ordering school lunches—this is especially helpful for our youngest children. You can also pre-select the 'packed lunch' option through the system.

Please make sure your child knows what you've ordered for them, as there has been some confusion at the lunch counter.

Buddy Lunch



This week, we held our very first Buddy Lunch, and it was a joy to see! Our Year 4 children, the oldest in school, were wonderful role models as they shared lunchtime with our youngest pupils – our Fledglings.

There were plenty of smiles, lovely conversations, and even some help opening tricky lunchboxes! It was a fantastic opportunity for kindness, confidence, and connection across the year groups. We're already looking forward to the next shared opportunity!

Fiona Barker Author Visit



We were thrilled to welcome our Patron of Reading, Fiona Barker, for a very special visit—her book launch! Fiona shared her brand-new story, 'I Definitely Don't Like the Dark', and the children were captivated by her storytelling. She also taught us some sign language to a Take That song, which was both fun and memorable!

Our Fledglings were treated to a creative session where they made their own lanterns, beautifully tying into the book's theme. It was an inspiring day for everyone, and we're so lucky to have Fiona as part of our school community.

Uniform

Thank you for your efforts in preparing your children for the new school year. Our uniform policy is available on the school website.

Summer uniform may be worn until the end of September. From Monday 29th September, all children should be in winter uniform – unless the weather remains unseasonably warm, in which case we'll advise otherwise.

Lost Property

We are receiving frequent requests to help find lost items – but many of these items are unnamed, making it incredibly difficult to return them.

Please ensure all belongings are clearly and correctly labelled. This not only saves you money but also saves valuable staff time. If all items are labelled, they can be returned to each child's classroom, lessening the requirement of having a central Lost Property area – which, as some longstanding parents and carers will know, becomes quite an overwhelming job to manage!





The Friends of St Edward's First

Did you know that every parent and carer is automatically a member of our PTA when they join the school community? Whether you can help a little or a lot, your support is always appreciated.

We've recently met to plan an exciting calendar of events for our children and families—but these can only happen with your support. You don't need to hold a named role to get involved—helping at a stall, baking a cake, or simply showing up makes a big difference.

The Friends' AGM will take place on Monday 22nd September at 5:30pm in the assembly hall. All are very welcome to attend. Access through the Key Stage 2 gate.

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 2nd October. More meals ordered mean more funding!

To support the school:

- Thursday 2nd October: *Battered Fish & Chips* or *Vegan Nuggets & Chips*
- Friday 3rd October: *Sausage & Mashed Potatoes Chips* or *Vegan Sausages & Mashed Potatoes*
- 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.

After School Enrichment Clubs

Our after school enrichment clubs are now fully underway, and it's been great to see how much the children are enjoying them! Please find more details on our school website:

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

Just a reminder: it's up to parents and carers whether children get changed out of their uniform for clubs. We also encourage a healthy snack before clubs begin to help keep energy levels up.

Please remember to collect your child promptly at 4:15pm from the courtyard gate.

Reflection

This week, we marked the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – a reminder of the great love and sacrifice at the heart of our faith.

The cross, often seen as a symbol of suffering, is also a powerful sign of hope, strength, and God's endless love for us. As a school community, we are reminded to carry one another's burdens with kindness and compassion, just as Jesus carried His cross for us.

May we continue to walk in love, lifting each other up in both joyful and challenging times.

God bless, see you all on Monday,

Mr Keohane & the St Edward's First Team

Dates for the Diary

September	
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
Monday 29 th	The Friends' Happy Bags will be sent home
October	
Thursday 2 nd	Department of Education Census Day Autumn Term
Thursday 2 nd	Change of Menu Battered Fish & Chips or Vegan Nuggets & Chips
Friday 3 rd	Change of Menu Sausage & Mash or Vegan Sausage & Mash
Friday 3 rd	Grandparents Day – more details to follow
Friday 10 th	Happy Bag Collection (near the bike shed)
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) – Assembly Hall
Friday 17 th	Friends' Event – Family Bingo Night – Assembly Hall
Tuesday 21 st	Parent Consultation Evening (3:30-18:00) – more details to follow
Thursday 23 rd	Flu Nasal Immunisation Whole School RBWM Nursing team into school
Thursday 23 rd	Parent Consultation Evening (3:30-18:00) – more details to follow
Friday 24 th	Welcome Assembly – Yr 4 & Fledgling Parents invited 2.30pm
Friday 24 th	End of Autumn 1 (3:15 finish time)

Our calendar reflects events as of 19th 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](#).

Attachments

Swimming Offering from Old Windsor
Windsor FC Under 5s Football

