



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I'm not quite sure what happened to September – it seems to have flown by! It's been a very busy term so far, and the children have been working incredibly hard in their classrooms. I've had the pleasure of welcoming several children to my office to share their fantastic work, and I continue to be impressed by the content, quality, and sheer volume of what they are producing.

Mini Eddies and Faith Friends



We're very pleased to introduce our new chaplaincy teams: Faith Friends (Key Stage 2) and Mini Eddies (Key Stage 1). They'll be helping to lead worship throughout the week and supporting during school Masses. We're proud of the role they'll play in nurturing the spiritual life of our school.

Flu Immunisations

You will have received an email asking for your permission for your child to receive their flu vaccination. The School Nursing Team will be visiting on 23rd October to administer these. Please ensure you have completed the online consent form as soon as possible—whether you are giving consent or declining the vaccination.

Building Fund Contribution

As a Catholic Voluntary-Aided School, we are responsible for raising 10% of the costs for maintaining and improving our buildings. This is done through the Governors' Building Fund, and we ask for a voluntary annual contribution per child to support this.

Recent projects supported by your contributions include a new roof and an upgraded heating system—essential works that benefit every child.

If you haven't yet had a chance to contribute, we'd be very grateful if you could do so via ScoPay. Every donation, big or small, makes a real difference. If you're a UK taxpayer, please consider Gift Aiding your donation, which increases it by 25% at no extra cost to you.

A big thank you to all families who have already contributed. We need to make our next payment to the Diocese by the end of the month, so any further contributions would be most appreciated.

Nightingales' Feast Day



The Nightingales class celebrated their class saint (St Michael the Archangel) earlier this week.

The day was filled with special activities including a Celebration of the Word, creative feather decorations for a class display, and some beautiful poetry writing. To round off their celebration, they voted to enjoy a slightly longer playtime together!

Mountbatten Grange



Every Monday, a small group of children visit Mountbatten Grange Care Home to read with the residents. This is a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to build links with the local community. This week was particularly special as one resident shared a book she had written and published—what a treat for the children!



Parents' Evenings

Our Parents' Evenings will take place on:

- Tuesday 21st October from 3:30pm to 6:00pm
- Thursday 23rd October from 3:30pm to 6:00pm

The booking system will **open** on Friday 10th October.

Please use the link below to book your 10-minute appointment with your child's teacher:

<https://stedwardscatholicfirstschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

If you need help with the booking process, guidance is available on our website here:

<https://www.stedwardscatholicfirstschool.co.uk/page/?title=Online+Payments+%26amp%3B+Booking&pid=52>

School Council

Each class has elected their new school councillors, who proudly received their badges during today's Celebration Assembly.



Congratulations to:

- **Goldfinches:** Orla and Gabrielle
- **Sparrows:** Holly and Noel
- **Kingfishers:** Ella and Edward
- **Starlings:** Rosie and George
- **Doves:** Thierry and Leela
- **Woodpeckers:** Liam and Amy
- **Owls:** Sky and Gabriele
- **Nightingales:** William and Lilliana

Our **Fledglings** will elect their representatives later in the year, once they've had a chance to settle in fully.

Walking Bus

We are exploring the possibility of reinstating our "Walking Bus" for families. This would allow parents to drop their children off at a designated point – likely near the disabled parking space in the Clewer Memorial Recreation Ground Car Park aka the Pirate Park and is just off the Dedworth Road – where staff would be available from 8:25am each school morning. The group would then walk to school together, leaving promptly at 8:40am to ensure timely arrival for the start of the school day.

There would be no need to book daily – if this service goes ahead, it would be available to all, with a simple drop-off. Please note we would not be able to accommodate bikes or scooters as part of this arrangement.

If you would be interested in using a Walking Bus service, please let us know – your feedback will help us decide whether to move forward with this idea.

For families needing an earlier drop-off, please remember that our Breakfast Club is available from 7:15am every morning.

Reflection

This week's reflection comes from Savannah, who wrote a beautiful poem today to mark our Grandparents' Day celebrations:

Dear God,
We thank you for our grandparents and everything they give to us. We pray you can care and guide them through the rest of their lives.
Amen



God bless, see you all on Monday,

Mr Keohane & the St Edward's First Team



Dates for the Diary

October	
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
Thursday 16 th	Diwali Celebration – Lunch Menu change
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 3rd October. 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

Diwali Menu

Flu Immunisation Parent Letter