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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderfully busy and productive term here at school. The children have been working incredibly hard in their classrooms, and I've had the joy of several pupils proudly sharing their beautiful work with me. I continue to be so impressed with the content, quality, and enthusiasm they bring to their learning. You are certainly in for a treat at our upcoming Parents' Evenings!

St Edward's Feast Day



This week, our school community joined together in a special celebration of the feast day of our patron saint, St Edward. We began the day with a beautiful Mass at church, led by Father David. The children took time to reflect and give thanks for the example of St Edward's kindness and strong faith.

Back at school, the celebrations continued with opportunities for the children to learn more about St Edward's life and values – and how we can follow his example in our daily lives. A special treat of biscuits, kindly provided by Wilson Jones, was enjoyed by all, followed by a joyful whole-school playtime.

Later in the day, we were delighted to welcome Father David back to school to bless our new statue of St Edward. He led a lovely liturgy with the children, making the occasion truly memorable and spiritually meaningful.

It was a wonderful day full of learning, celebration, and a real sense of togetherness.



Saint Showcase



Thank you to all who were able to join us for our Saint Showcase this morning. The children were so proud to share the hard work they've been doing to learn about their Class Saints. A wide range of written work and creative pieces were on display, highlighting the children's talents and enthusiasm.

If you weren't able to make it this morning, there will be another opportunity to visit the Showcase after school today.

Mother Teresa Catholic Academy Trust

Following the letter from Canon PJ, we are pleased to share that we have officially taken the first step towards joining the Mother Teresa Catholic Academy Trust.

We are now a partnership school, which allows us to work closely with the Trust as we prepare for full membership. We will now be included in all Trust activities and benefit from a full range of expertise and support.



Harvest Donations



We are so grateful for the generous harvest donations we've received this term. Your kindness will make a real difference to those in need. Our Faith Friends and Mini Eddies will be working hard to package the donations, ready for collection by Windsor Foodshare next week.

We're also pleased to let you know that our recent Macmillan Coffee Morning and "Wear Something Gold" Day raised an amazing £461.76 for important causes. Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support.

Exiting The School Site

It's always a pleasure to see so many of you at drop-off and collection times. A gentle reminder to please take care and be mindful when exiting through the corridor at the end of the day, as it can become quite congested. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

New Lunch Menu

Attached to this newsletter, you'll find the new lunch menu from our caterers, Wilson Jones, which comes into effect on Monday 4th November.

Please note:

- Grab bags will no longer be available.
- You can continue to use the online ordering system from home.
- A pre-populated "packed lunch" option is available, which is particularly helpful for our youngest pupils and saves time during morning registration.

Parents' Evenings

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our your 10-minute pre-booked slot as part of our Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 21st October and Thursday 23rd October (3:30pm – 6:00pm). These will take place within the Assembly Hall.

You are then warmly invited into your child's classroom to view their work and celebrate their progress. Please note that books will not be displayed in the Assembly Hall.

We hope your meetings are positive and affirming, and that you enjoy hearing all about your child's achievements this term.

Please note: There will be no after-school clubs on these evenings. Cuckoo Club is available to book in advance.



Walking Bus

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we're exploring the possibility of bringing back our Walking Bus.

The proposed plan:

- Drop-off point: Near the disabled parking space at the Clewer Memorial Recreation Ground Car Park (Pirate Park, Dedworth Road).
- Staff would be on duty from 8:25am.
- The Walking Bus would leave promptly at 8:40am.

So far, we've received very few responses. If this is something you would use, please let us know as soon as possible, as we will only go ahead if there is sufficient interest.

Play Equipment



Thank you to all the families who generously contributed last term to help us replace and refresh our play equipment.

We are also excited to introduce this year's Sports Leaders, who will be encouraging and supporting active play during lunchtimes: Chloe & Kai, Tommy & Luan, and Albi & Jemima.

We're looking forward to seeing them lead with enthusiasm and team spirit!

Lost Property

We are increasingly being asked to help locate children's belongings but unfortunately, many items are still coming in without names. Please, please ensure that all items of clothing, bags, bottles, and lunchboxes are clearly named. This helps us immensely and prevents things from getting lost.

Any named items will be returned to the children's classrooms. Any unnamed items will be placed in the Courtyard for collection.



Reflection

In honour of St Edward's Feast Day,

A Prayer for St Edward the Confessor:

In a time of peace and strife,
 St Edward, King of England, lived his life.
 The story of the ring, a beggar's plea,
 St Edward's kindness, for all to see.
 His reign a blessing, his memory clear.
 A saint we honour, year after year.
 St Edward, bless us, guide our way,
 May your example shine, day after day.

Amen



Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and partnership. We look forward to seeing many of you at Parents' Evenings next week.

Wishing you all a restful and happy weekend,

Mr Keohane & the St Edward's First Team

Dates for the Diary

October	
Friday 17 th	Friends' Event – Family Bingo Night – Assembly Hall
Tuesday 21 st	Parent Consultation Evening (3:30pm-18:00pm)
Thursday 23 rd	Flu Nasal Immunisation Whole School RBWM School Nursing Team visiting 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 17th 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

Wilson Jones Lunch Menu October 25 to April 26

Smartphone Free School Poster

Tonks Badminton Academy Poster

MyHappyMind Parent App QR Code

