



# Newsletter

We see Jesus in everything we do

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Dear Parents

We have had another busy but productive week here at school! The children have all been working hard and it was lovely to have the opportunity to share their work with you during the Parents' Evenings appointments. Many thanks to all of you who took the time out to come and speak to your children's teachers – it is always important for us to ensure that you know what and how the children are doing.

Thank you also for checking that your personal data held by the school is up to date and that we have the correct photographic consent form for your children. If you were unable to attend a parents' evening session, please check the documents we have sent home with your children and return them to us as soon as possible.

### Menu Change from 30<sup>th</sup> October

Please find attached the Winter Menu from Wilson Jones, our school caterers. If you have not already done so and your child has any food allergies, please complete and return the attached allergy form and provide medical evidence. Grab Bags are no longer an option, hot meals only for the winter months!

### RE Display Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

The display of the children's work on their class Saints, completed at the beginning of this term, will be displayed in the school hall after our school Mass on All Saints Day, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023. This is the display that we had to postpone due to the flooding in Fledglings earlier this term. You are all welcome to attend both Mass and the display. Mass will begin at 9am.

### Flu Immunisations Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

A gentle reminder that a Flu Immunisation Consent form must be completed for every pupil before 31<sup>st</sup> October. The letter and guidelines are attached for your information.

### Friends AGM Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2pm in school hall

The Friends invite you to join them at their AGM please make a note of the date in your diaries.

### Uniform

As the weather has definitely now turned, please ensure that the children all return to school after half term in winter uniform. They may continue to wear a polo shirt if they wish, but if they wear a collared shirt, they must have a school tie to wear with it. All uniform can be ordered via the school website. Please also ensure that EVERYTHING is labelled – our lost property bin is overflowing again!

Please remember to change your diaries to reflect the new PE days after half term.

Year 1	Friday
Year 2	Friday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Monday

We are currently teaching the Fledglings PE in their uniform. We will assign them a PE day in January

### **Harvest Festival**

Fr David celebrated a joint Feast Day and Harvest Mass with us last Friday afternoon and it was lovely to have so many of you join us.

Thanks to your generosity, the Windsor FoodShare were able to collect over 30 full bags of donations from us earlier this week.

### **Swimathon**

The Swimathon will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> October at St George's School in Ascot. There is still time for your child to join a team.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofstedwardsfirst/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=66682>

If you are unable to participate, please consider making a donation by following one of the links below – all monies raised will come to the school!

### **Team 1**

<https://windsorlions.enthuse.com/pf/the-friends-of-st-edward-s-catholic-school-team-1>

### **Team 2**

<https://windsorlions.enthuse.com/pf/adela-winfield>

Good luck to all those who are taking part!

### **Holiday Activities for the children**

Please visit the school website for details on half term activities that we have been sent by local companies. We do not promote or endorse any individual offering.

<https://www.stedwardscatholicfirstschool.co.uk/parents/holiday-care-clubs>

### **Candles**

Thank you to all those of you who have taken the time to offer me feedback on your opinions of the use of candles at school events. The response I have had has been 100% in favour of continuing to use real candles, whilst undertaking stringent risk assessments and ensuring that we teach the children the importance of safety and care. We will therefore continue our current practice of using real candles.

Wishing you all a restful half term and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

God Bless

Sarah Matthews