



St Edward's Newsletter

22nd September 2023



Welcome Back

Dear Parents/ Carers and all the St Edward's Family,

We are delighted to welcome you all back for the start of our Autumn term. It is so lovely to see our children continue to grow spiritually and academically as they move up the school to their next year group. It is so nice to see you all back in the playground now in the mornings and home-times which enables us to have so many lovely conversations.

We particularly welcome our new children in Reception and our Nursery. Some of which are starting school for the very first time. (Please see the next page for some photos of children enjoying their learning). Plus, we have some new children who have transitioned in from other schools. We also welcome our new parents and carers to the St Edward's Family. We know that you will look after them and give them a very warm welcome.

We are excited about starting the new year and we invite you all to one of our dedicated year group online sessions, which are happening after school next week. It will be a chance to learn about the topics that the children are covering this term and get to meet with your child's new class teacher.

We are committed to providing more opportunities for our children and will shortly be publishing our Educational Visits Matrix on our website, which will outline the planned trips and experiences from Nursery to Y6, with an expected event every term for every year group, giving our children a fantastic range of experiences.

We have already issued numerous Gold Letters, Postcards and House Points to our children for all of their wonderful work in the first few weeks back. Our Gospel value for this term is 'Humility', which Lord Jesus taught us so well through his teachings and his actions, so hopefully your child will be receiving a bookmark for displaying this particular value.

Our prefects have now been selected, so a big congratulations to them. We now wait to hear about our Pupil Parliament, Teaching and Learning Committee, Subject Ambassadors and our Chaplaincy Team. Also we will shortly be announcing our new Head Girl and Head Boy, plus our new Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy.

Our PTA are planning a whole series of fundraising activities this term, starting with our cupcake sales after school. There will be a PTA meeting next Wednesday afternoon to finalise plans and discuss potential items that we may need as a school. All are very welcome to attend. We have our first Coffee morning for parents to attend on Friday 29th September for Macmillan cancer support.

We have already celebrated a beautiful 'whole school mass' with Fr Angelus, plus our Y3 children are preparing for their First Holy Communion. So if you need to sign up for that, please contact the school or Fr Angelus.

God's Blessings - Mr Underwood and all the St Edward's staff

'Following Christ we reach our goals'

WELCOME

to Nursery



Welcome to Reception



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Important Dates and INFORMATION

- Tuesday 26th September – EYFS Curriculum meeting – 3.45 pm
- Thursday 28th September–Year 1/2/3 curriculum meeting – 3.45 pm
- Friday 29th September – World’s Biggest Coffee Morning
- Friday 29th September – Year 4/5 curriculum meeting – 3.45 pm
- Friday 6th October – World Poetry Day assembly
- Friday 6th October – PTA Year 1 and 2 cup cake sale – 3.30 pm
- Tuesday 10th October – World Mental Health Day
- Friday 13th October – St Edward’s Feast Day
- Friday the 13th October – Ash class assembly – 10 am and 2 pm
- Friday 13th October – PTA Year 3 and 4 cup cake sale – 3.30 pm
- Friday 20th October – Harvest Festival – 10 am
- Friday 20th October – PTA Year 5 and 6 cup cake sale – 3.30 pm
- HALF TERM HOLIDAY – Back to school on Monday the 30th of October

PLEASE NOTE – These dates may be subject to change. We will inform you beforehand if any dates or times change so please read PING messages and reminders that are sent.

Friendly Reminders

Please be reminded that children are not allowed to wear jewellery in any form to school. This includes earrings, necklaces and bracelets/bands. This policy is in place due to health and safety reasons as during lunchtimes, PE lessons or in the classroom children play together and this could result in an injury. Ideally, ears should be pierced at the beginning of the summer holidays so that they have time to heal before children returning to school. Earrings can also be worn at weekends or evenings. Some children have been coming to school with pieces of thread in their ears - this is also not acceptable.

Smart watches are not allowed to be worn to school. We have seen some children wearing these and as they are synched to phones they can be misused. Smart watches act like a phone so children can record or take pictures which is a safeguarding concern. Any child found wearing a smart watch will have it confiscated and it will be given to the class teacher.

If parents/carers have not downloaded the PING app on your phones please do so now, as all letters and messages from the school are sent using this service.



A Prayer for our School

Dear God,
Thank you for looking after our School.
Thank you that you love each and everyone of us here.
Help us to learn, play and share together,
So that the wonderful world you have
made becomes more beautiful everyday.
Amen.

