



St Edward's Newsletter



4th April 2025

Reflective Lenten Season

We have had another wonderful half term leading up to the Easter break during the season of Lent. Lent serves as a crucial time of spiritual growth and introspection for us. By dedicating this season to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we engage in a structured reflection of our lives, aligning our hearts more closely with the teachings of Jesus.

Our children and staff took part in the CAFOD walk raising money for fighting global poverty. It is amazing to see every year the great amount of money that is raised for such noble causes and that helps so many around the world who are less fortunate than us.

We had a special assembly for Mr Laniyan and Ms Jones who have served as governors at our school for many years. The commitment and dedication they showed especially during the challenging COVID times is admirable. They supported the staff, parents and children ensuring that everyone was happy, safe and making fantastic progress. They will be greatly missed; we wish them the very best and send them love and prayers.

This term we will also be saying goodbye to Ms O'Connell who has been at St Edward's for almost 30 years. Starting at the old school building in the mid 90's in Castle Street and returning to the new school building in 2010. We wish Ms O'Connell a very happy retirement and say au revoir.

Ms Austin who has been our SENCO for the past year will also be moving on to a new role. Ms Austin has provided fantastic support to our children and families with additional needs as well as the staff. We thank you for everything and wish you all the very best.

The next two weeks will be the Easter break and we look forward to welcoming our children back on Tuesday the 22nd of April 2025.

A fond farewell to our governors

Mr Laniyan and Ms Jones

On Friday the 28th of March we held a special assembly for Mr Laniyan and Ms Jones who served on our governing body for many years as Chair and Vice Chair. To show our gratitude and say goodbye the choir sang a song, children in every class made cards and both Mr Laniyan and Ms Jones were made honorary St Teddie's.





The BIG Lent Walk

Children took part in the CAFOD Lent Walk completing several laps each day to raise money to fight global poverty.

'Following Christ we reach our goals'



Easter Egg Hunt 2025

Our PTA put on a wonderful Easter Egg Hunt again this year which everyone including the staff enjoyed very much. The classes were put into their house teams and had to race to find all the eggs in their colours. The winning team could then have the golden egg. Well done to all the children and we hoped they enjoyed their chocolate treats.



Commonwealth choir

Children who are part of the Commonwealth choir performed at Memorial Gates near Hyde Park. This was an event to honour friends and comrades who have fallen during conflicts around the world. The children were very well behaved and were excellent ambassadors for our School and Trust. Mr Underwood, Mrs Tuano and our CSEL Ms Cashell also went along to the event.



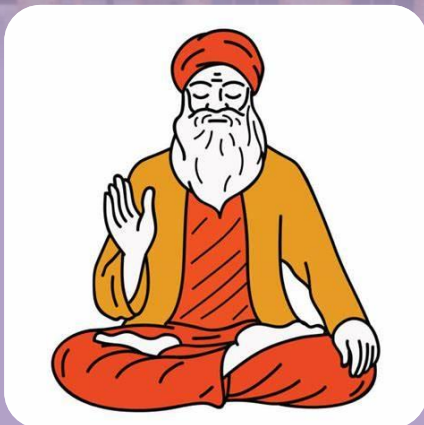


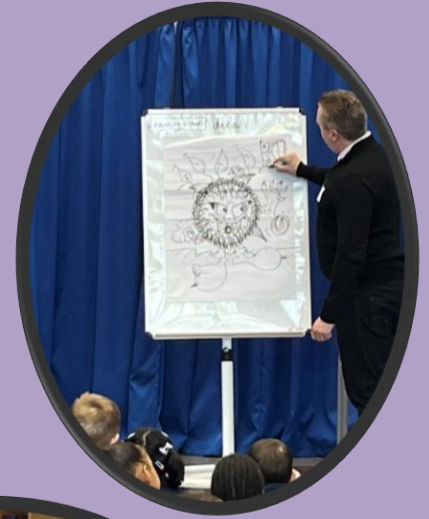
Beech Class help deliver Easter workshops

On Thursday 27th March, Beech Class travelled to St John's Anglican Church in Stratford to support Faith in Schools in their delivery of Easter Experience workshops. Faith in Schools is a local charity that sends teachers into non-faith schools to deliver the Christianity element of Newham's RE curriculum. Beech Class helped in music, dance, drama, art and gardening and workshops for Year 4 children from three different schools, remembering to mention the importance of Easter to Christians. For more information on Faith in Schools, please see their website (www.faithinschools.co.uk).

Gurdwara Visit

On Wednesday, 12th March Year 5 visited Ramgarhia Sikh Gurdwara, Neville Road at the invitation of the temple official Mr Kewal. The visit allowed us to understand about the purpose of the temple's key aspects of Sikh beliefs and traditions, as of part of our R.E curriculum about other beliefs. The Temple afforded us a welcoming and generous reception and we appreciated this in the spirit of mutual respect and understanding between our local communities.





Simon Murray Returns to St Edward's

We had the pleasure of welcoming back author and illustrator Simon Murray who previously came to St Edward's before the pandemic. Simon was with us all day and started off with an assembly for the whole school where he talked about his books and how every child can be an illustrator when using the right techniques. In the afternoon, Simon worked with children in Year 4 and the children produced some beautiful drawings. The following week, Simon came back to sign books that some of the children had purchased.



World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day at the beginning of March. The children and staff came to school dressed in some fabulous costumes – some homemade and some bought from the shops – they all looked wonderful. There were prizes for the best dressed in each class and there were four lucky Golden Ticket winners. Thank you to our PTA who organised the Golden Ticket event and as a result of this they raised an amazing amount of £1000 which will go towards helping the school.



Dress Up Day

We celebrated Aspiration's Week by having a dress up day where children came in dressed in the profession they would like to be part of in the future. There were some really creative costumes including doctors, nurses, teachers, pop stars, pilots, artists and many more.



Aspirations

'Following Christ we reach our goals'

William - Iris
Jhene - Poppy
Ethan - Lily
Maizey - Rose
Carlix - Ivy
Bradley - Fern
Ka'Dair - Thistle
Lily - Heather
Melody -
Chidera - Beech
Daniil - Elm
Kiarah - Oak

Scientists of the Term

Congratulations to our Scientists of the term who showed a great passion for their work and made good contributions during lessons.

Some children have also completed extra work at home in their own time. Well done to everyone.





  We are the  
Champions!

**Year 3 and 4 Sports hall
competition winners**

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Today's Gospel Reading

John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Jesus moved about within Galilee; he did not wish to travel in Judea, because the Jews were trying to kill him.

But the Jewish feast of Tabernacles was near.

When his brothers had gone up to the feast, he himself also went up, not openly but in secret.

Some of the inhabitants of Jerusalem said, "Is he not the one they are trying to kill? And look, he is speaking openly and they say nothing to him. Could the authorities have realised that he is the Christ? But we know where he is from. When the Christ comes, no one will know where he is from."

So Jesus cried out in the temple area as he was teaching and said, "You know me and also know where I am from. Yet I did not come on my own, but the one who sent me, whom you do not know, is true. I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me." So they tried to arrest him, but no one laid a hand upon him; his hour had not yet come.

Today's Gospel Reflection

John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Reflect, today, upon the image of Jesus coming to you during your long journey through the desert of this life. He initially comes to you in secret, veiled in His true essence. As He teaches you, He desires to lift that veil and reveal to You His true glory.

He desires that you dwell with Him through prayer and remain attentive to His Word. As you gaze upon our Lord, reflect upon the question of how clearly you hear Him speak each day. He is here, with you always.

But are you with Him? Do you hear Him, believe in Him, follow Him and serve Him? Do you allow Him to lead you every day toward His promises of new life?

Allow our Lord to pitch His tent next to yours so that You will daily be attentive to His teaching and be led by Him to the glories of Heaven.

Good News for Families



Wednesday
2nd April 2025

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Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

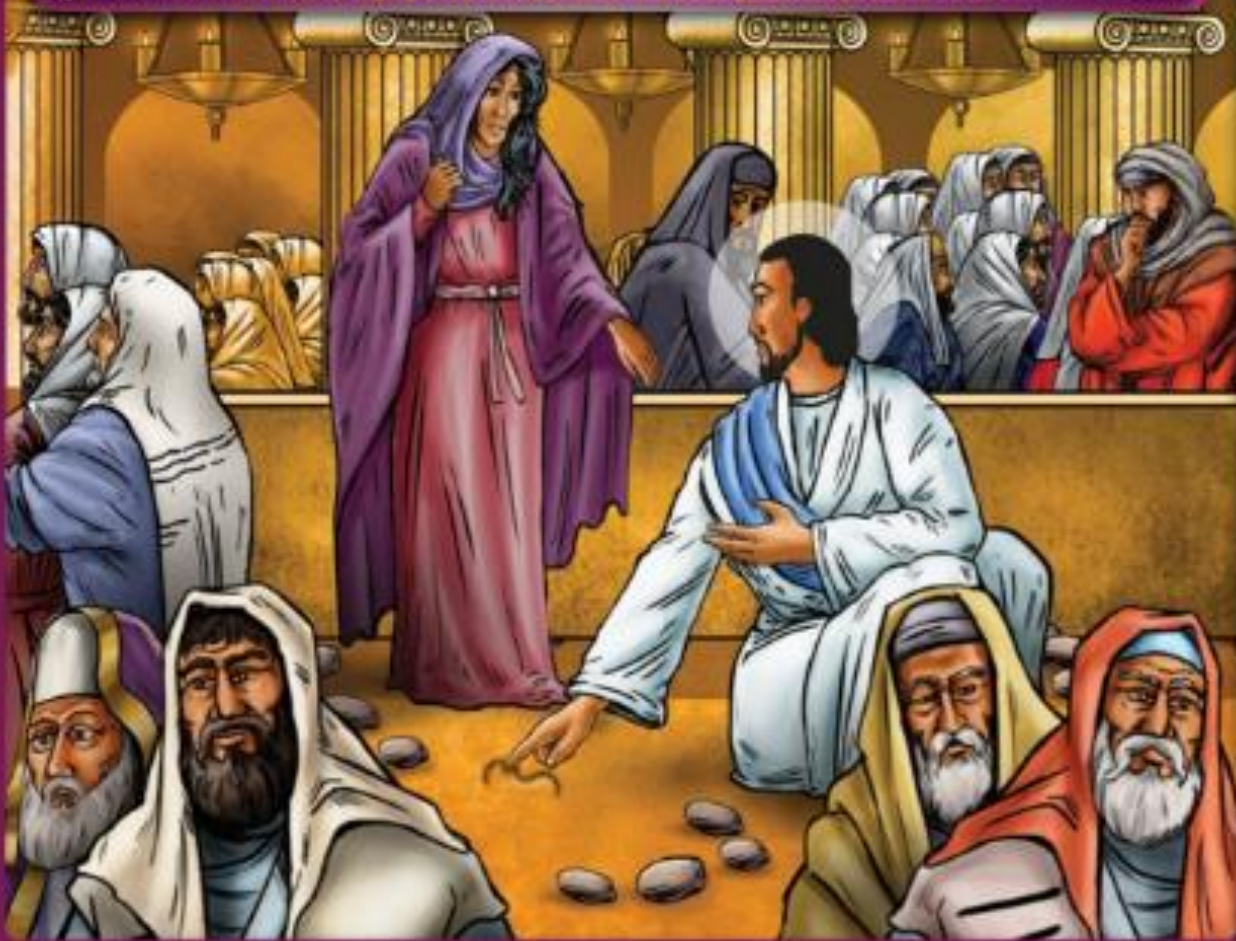
Living Lent 2025

Jesus was teaching in the Temple when the teachers of the Law brought a woman to him who had broken the Law. They said to Jesus, "Master, this woman has broken the Law and should be stoned to death. What have you to say?" Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, "If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." When they heard this they went away quietly, one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman. Then Jesus asked the woman, "Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she replied. "Neither do I. Go, but do not sin any more," said Jesus.



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 6th April 2025 Cf. John 8:1-11 (the 5th Sunday of Lent, Year C)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's words, which are **NEW START**.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 22nd April – children return to school

Wednesday 23rd April – Whole School Mass at church

Friday 9th May – Governors day in school

Monday 12th May – KS2 SATs Week

Friday 23rd May – Father's Day Gift Shop

Monday 26th to 30th May – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 2nd June – INSET day - school closed

Monday 9th June – Phonics Screening Week

Thursday 12th June – Class photos

Friday 13th June – Father's Day Event

Monday 16th June – International Week

Tuesday 24th June – EYFS and KS1 Sports Day

Thursday 3rd July – KS2 Sports Day

Friday 4th July – Year 6 Summer Soiree

Tuesday 15th July – PTA Car Wash event

Wednesday 16th July – Year 6 Leaver's Mass

Monday 21st July – Year 6 leaver's Assembly

Tuesday 22nd July – last day of summer term – school closes at 1.15 pm

PLEASE NOTE – these dates may be subject to change