



# St Edward's Newsletter

## 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024



Welcome to the new edition of our school newsletter. Over half way into the second half term and we have already been part of many amazing events and with the Christmas season upon us, there will definitely be more exciting activities happening before the holiday season begins.

This term we announced our Head Boy and Girl as well as their deputies and they are fulfilling this role extremely well. We also started intensive swimming lessons for our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who have made excellent progress in learning an important life skill.

Children have participated in educational visits, sporting competitions and our children in EYFS and KS1 put on an amazing performance for their Nativity play. Thank you to all the staff who supported the children in getting ready for their performance. Look out for photos in our special Christmas edition in the next newsletter.

We hosted an IQM day with 26 schools from Newham and Essex that attended. This was an opportunity for them to come in and see what St Edward's school has to offer. We can confidently say that they left at the end of the day very happy with many complimentary comments about our staff, children and our school community. We are very proud of everyone who promoted St Edward's and those who were excellent ambassadors for the school.

**This term, we also said goodbye to Ms Jones who has served as a governor for our school for over 12 years. Ms Jones joined the governing body as a foundation governor before becoming vice chair over the last few years. Ms Jones brought a wealth of knowledge to the governing body and to our school and supported staff and pupils ensuring the best outcomes for everyone.**

**Ms Jones worked closely with all governors and staff but in particular supported the areas of SEND and Safeguarding. We want to thank Ms Jones for all her support and hard work and wish her the very best for the future.**



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# Meet our Head Boy & Head Girl and their deputies for 2024/2025

We are very pleased to announce our new Head Boy, Head Girl and their deputies for this year. It was a tough decision as our Year 6 prefects are so talented so well done to everyone. The children had their first job only a few days after being appointed which was taking visitors from other schools on a tour of our school. They did a stellar job and the feedback was very complimentary.



Head Boy 2024/2025 - Jordan



Head Girl 2024/2025 - Manuela

Congratulations!



Deputy Head Boy 2024/2025 - Giles



Deputy Head Girl 2024/2025 - Chinenye

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## Our Mini Artists

Some children have been taking part in Art club with Ms Silvia and they have enjoyed decorating mugs, making stain glass windows, making paper dinosaurs and creating a quadrama to represent all they did during the sessions. What a talented bunch they are!



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# Cookies and Cream Day

This was a collaboration between Pupil Parliament and Olive Dining. Pupil Parliament conducted a survey and one of the popular requests from the children was to introduce themed days. Therefore, we kicked off with cookies and ice cream. The children also created a display with fun facts.

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# Christmas Card Project

The Christmas card and gift project templates were successfully sent home this year as a homework task. The children created some extremely imaginative and creative designs. Thank you to all those parents that supported the children at home with this task and for all those that were able to purchase cards and gifts. We raised an amazing £300 for the school! Also, a big thank you to Mrs Middleton who organised this fantastic project.

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS!

Crafts  
for  
Christmas

# Odd Socks Day

We celebrated Odd Socks Day as part of Anti-Bullying Week. Odd socks represent how unique we are. Children completed some activities in class and their work was presented to the whole school in our online assembly. Some children also wrote poems about 'Choose Respect', which was this year's theme.



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# Remembrance Day

Representatives of our Pupil Parliament took part in the 106<sup>th</sup> annual Remembrance Service at Central Park in the company of other schools and dignitaries from the Church and Local Council. They honoured the fallen from our community in the world wars and other conflicts around the globe. During the service, our children laid a wreath, took part in readings and observed a 2-minute silence.



# Another wonderful addition to our library

Thank you once again to our amazing PTA  
who very kindly purchased a range of  
books for our library. Our children will  
love reading them.





# St Edward's Catholic Primary School

## Uniform List

### Boys

Blue blazer with school logo

Plain White shirt with collar and cuffs

Blue/grey school tie

Grey jumper

Grey trousers

Grey or black socks

Black formal shoes – NOT trainers and no light up shoes

*(In summer boys may wear grey shorts)*



### Girls

Blue blazer with school logo

Plain White shirt with collar and cuffs

Blue/grey school tie

Grey jumper or cardigan

Grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers

Grey or black socks/tights

Black formal shoes – NOT trainers and no light up shoes

*(In summer girls may wear a blue summer checked gingham dress with white socks)*



### Indoor PE Kit

Plain White polo shirt

Navy blue shorts

Simple Trainers or [plimsolls](http://www.plimsolls.com)



## Outdoor PE Kit

Plain navy blue tracksuit top

Plain Navy Blue tracksuit bottoms

Plain white polo shirt

Trainers or plimsolls



## Nursery

Plain navy blue tracksuit top

Plain navy blue tracksuit bottoms

Plain White polo T-shirt

Plimsolls or simple Trainers



**School blazers** are available for purchase from [www.ianhowardschoolwear.com](http://www.ianhowardschoolwear.com), 409 Barking Rd, East Ham, London E6 2JT. Tel. no. 020 8472 1729.

School bags, PE bags and ties are available for purchase from St Edward's Catholic Primary School Office. All payments via Parent Pay only. Once payment has cleared, items will be given to your child in class.

Children are required to wear the correct uniform each day. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name and class name.

Hair decorations should be a simple style and in the colours of blue, grey or white ONLY and not in **several different colours**. Hair should not be dyed, or have any patterns shaved into it.

Children should not wear make-up or nail varnish at school.

Jewellery is not allowed apart from watches In Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 only. Smart watches are not allowed at all.

At St Edward's we wish for all children to be proud of their school uniform and our community. If you are experiencing any difficulty, please let us know as we may be able to help. We want all pupils to feel happy at school and not feel uncomfortable through no fault of their own.

# IMPORTANT

## dates to remember

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Carol Concert

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Children's Christmas Lunch

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Disco

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Rock Steady concert

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Rock Steady concert

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Mass

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – class Christmas parties

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Raffle

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – children go home at 1.15 pm

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 – Christmas break

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – pupils return to school

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Jan to Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Jan – Ash & Thistle class swimming

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Whole School Mass at church

**PLEASE NOTE – these dates may be subject to change**

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Today's Gospel reading: Matthew 9:27-31

And as Jesus passed from thence, there followed him two blind men crying out and saying, Have mercy on us, O Son of David.

And when he was come to the house, the blind men came to him. And Jesus saith to them, Do you believe, that I can do this unto you? They say to him, Yea, Lord.

Then he touched their eyes, saying, According to your faith, be it done unto you.

And their eyes were opened, and Jesus strictly charged them, saying, See that no man know this.

But they going out, spread his fame abroad in all that country.



## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Today's Gospel reflection

In our Gospel for today, Jesus restores the sight of two blind men who asked for healing. He asks them not to tell anyone what He has done for them, but they proceed to tell everyone. This is what a witness does. We were blinded by our own sin. But Jesus has come and opened our spiritual eyes to see the fullness of truth in Him. We live in the midst of a people who dwell in darkness. And, we are called to be lights, pointing them to Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

Likewise, we should be excited, like the blind men in the Gospel text we heard today. Jesus Christ has touched us and opened our eyes. We see everything differently now because we have been given new vision. We are all called to tell others about Jesus Christ.

To share the Gospel with others is a mark of true and living faith.