



# St. Edward's NEWSLETTER

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

It has been a wonderful year at St Edward's and I wanted to thank you for all your fantastic support on behalf of all of our staff. There have been so many highlights, including fabulous results across our school. A special mention must be the officially published data such as our great SATs results in Y2 and Y6, our phonics results in Y1, our Multiplication Test results in Y4 and the Reception profile scores.

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. Our children continue to be an inspiration to us, and this year we have given out more Gold letters, more postcards, more house-points and more Gospel Value bookmarks than ever before. Our ambition remains that every child will receive a whole host of rewards for excellent behaviour and effort throughout the year.

There are too many highlights from this year to mention all of them, but to name a few, we have the wonderful class assemblies, the fabulous school reports, the beautiful masses, the Rocksteady Concerts, the Family Fun Day, the entire West Ham football team visiting our school playground, the countless sporting trophies, the visiting theatre groups, the Commonwealth Choir auditioning on Britain's Got Talent, the complete revamping of our school library, the new partnership with Green Street Library and the new Reading Eggs programme, the Y6 Graduation, the Achievement Awards presentation, the Brilliant Club Graduation, the Art trips, our themed Weeks including Aspirations Week, our strong Inspection, our Inclusion Quality Mark Award, our Investors in Pupils Award and this list goes on .....

Going forward, we want to continue to build on our excellent partnership with you the parents/ carers and our Parish community. We will create even more opportunities for you to come into school and take part in the exciting activities and help support your children's learning. We are delighted to announce that the playground will be fully open after school from September for you to come in and collect your children. Plus, we will host more coffee mornings and more curriculum based evenings to keep you all fully informed.

We would like to thank our PTA for all of their marvellous efforts this year in fundraising and creating great experiences for the children. As published last week, they have produced a great list of events planned for next year, so we look forward to an amazing year. A big thank you to all of our fabulous staff and Governors, who have worked so hard once again this year, creating our brilliant young learners. So we will continue to grow together, working in partnership with you, towards an even greater St Edward's.

God's Blessings

Mr Underwood and all the St Edward's staff

# SCHOLAR'S PROGRAMME

## *St. Edwards*

# Graduation

'On the 3rd May this year, our pupils taking part in this year's Scholar's Programme graduated! Having studied Art History with the support of PHD tutor Francesca Billeri from January to April in addition to having to submit a 1000 word essay, our pupils were more than happy with their accomplishments. The graduation was held at King's College (Guy's Campus) where children were able to ask their school ambassador a whole host of questions about their own studies. Our ambassador, was in her fourth year of studying medicine and gave the children lots of information about her lectures and student life on campus.

Well done Scholars! Great job! You should all be very proud of yourselves'



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# ST. EDWARD'S SPORT NEWS



## FR DENIS HALL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Boys and girls teams from St Michaels, St Joachims, St Helens St Anthony's, St Winefride's, St Francis' and St Edward's competed in the Fr Denis Hall Memorial Football Trophy on the 12th July at the West Ham Foundation pitches. Pupils from St Bon's and St Angela's officiated the games and West Ham once again kindly donated their facilities and staff for the 8th year.

The girl's competition was a tightly contested event with St Winefride's taking the gold medal position and St Edward's girls finishing 4th but showing some great resilience in only conceding 2 goals in the whole tournament.

St Edward's boys were the runaway winners in their event taking the top spot without conceding a goal.



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# INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY



St Edward's pupils were treated to some inspiring fast-moving skillful ball control at a recent International Hockey game between Great Britain and Germany held at the Olympic Park on the 20th June.

Before the match, which was shown live on BT sport, the children had an opportunity to practice their own skills in mini games and activities provided by England Hockey.



Another surprise was to await when six of our children were chosen to act as mascots for the German and Great Britain sides. The children escorted the players onto the pitch experiencing the cheering crowd and the pride in the singing of the National Anthems.





Just as the day was ending, we bumped into some of the ladies from the USA team who were happy to chat and have a group photograph.



## Brentwood Citizenship Award



On Friday 7th July 2023, a wonderful summer's day, Mr Underwood, Mrs Dourado-Alfonso, along with her proud parents, travelled to Brentwood Cathedral to witness St Edward's Brentwood Citizen of the year winner, Guadalupe Martin receive her award from Bishop Allen. This was in recognition for her wonderful attitude to school and for being an excellent role model.

Congratulations Guadalupe



# 'I Can Be'



I Can Be is a registered charity that introduces primary school aged children to the world of work, broadening their horizons and helping them to discover the breadth of opportunity around them.

Their core programme gives girls the opportunity to virtually meet and interview a wide range of women to find out about their jobs. It is enabling girls to explore jobs they otherwise may not be exposed to, building their curiosity and confidence along the way.

This year's girls have met an architect, a vet, an engineer, a pod-cast producer, a hotel manager, a graphic artist, a civil servant working with climate change and a museum curator.

Year 3 and Year 4 girls who participated in the I Can Be project received their certificates at a celebration on 3rd July. The girls attended zoom workshops throughout the year,



Four members of the Jewellery Club travelled to UEL Dockland Campus to take part in a photoshoot to advertise the 'Art Matters Exhibition.'



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# YEAR 6 GRADUATION AND ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

On Wednesday 21st June Year 6 pupils looked very smart as they wore blue St Edward's caps and gowns for their graduation. Parents were invited to this event and the children's personal speeches about their St Edward's journey made adults both laugh and cry. The event also saw many children be awarded trophies for their hard work, effort and progress in both creative and academic subjects as well as roles such as prefects.

This celebration was to acknowledge the achievements of our pupils throughout their time here at St Edward's.

The growth that these young people have had is incredible, many of them joining our community as Seedlings, moving up through the various stages of growth, right up to becoming a mighty Oak, Elm or Willow. They have been nurtured, encouraged and helped, by all our committed staff and with the supportive parents. Together with the love of Christ the Saviour, we have brought all these young people through the first phase of their school life ready and prepared for their next challenge on their life journey.

**Year 6 remember you will always be a ST TEDDY!**



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# EYFS & KS1 SPORTS DAY

A big thank you to the St Edward's pupils who set up the events, the St Bona boys for helping to run the events and the past pupils from St Angela's who volunteered their time to support the event.



## WINNERS



CONGRATULATIONS

ST JOHN BOSCO  
(BLUE TEAM)



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# KS2 SPORTS DAY

A big thank you to the St Edward's pupils who set up the events, the St Bon's boys for helping to run the events and the past pupils from St Angela's who volunteered their time to support the event.



## WINNERS



CONGRATULATIONS  
ST LORENZO LUIS  
(YELLOW TEAM)

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# SPORTS DAY RELATIVES AND CARERS RACE



A BIG thank you to everyone who watched and took part.

## ACORN CLASS *assembly*

Acorn Class presented 'The Little Red Hen' to their peers and parents and carers for their class assembly On Thursday 6th July. The acting, singing and dancing was amazing. The theme had cross-curricular links with RE and really got the children thinking about forgiveness and how we ought to treat each other when we are called upon to help.



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# Seedlings

## Teddy Bear Picnic

Seedlings celebrated their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Teddy Bear's Picnic on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

The good old British weather did nothing to stop the fun and dancing on the day!

The children, and their teddy bears, enjoyed a picnic lunch followed by treats donated by parents, dancing and games.

Both parents and Seedlings had a fabulous time, sharing food and good times. John Lewis Partnership very generously supported the event once again.

Mrs Morgan would like to say a personal 'Thank You!' to everyone who helped to make this day so special for Seedlings- your generosity is greatly appreciated



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This Year's Summer Reading Challenge is about 'World of Heroes'. Newham librarians Library launched the challenge for us and classes have visited Green Street Library. This year's challenge is to read just six books and have them stamped at any Newham library. Winners are put forward for a draw to win a signed West Ham football, as well as other amazing prizes. We hope that as many children as possible take part in the Challenge and visit Newham Libraries, who have a summer packed full of amazing (and free) activities.





ELLAND ROAD

THORPE PARK

QUEEN ELIZABETH OLYMPIC PARK

# OUR ADVENTURES

COLCHESTER ZOO

WILLIAM MORRIS GALLERY

## A Fun Day at the Zoo

"On Thursday 8th June, Year 1 were lucky enough to take a trip to Colchester Zoo, which focussed on the learning in our Science topic, where we are identifying the features of animals, classifying them and learning about their habitats.

The sun was out for us and the children were looking forward to the day. Even the journey there on the bus was exciting!

On arrival we tucked into a delicious early lunch made by the school as the bus journey had made us hungry! We spent the day observing all kinds of animals, big and small. As we walked around, we found out about their behaviour, where they live their diet and discussed their features. After an extremely fun day, the bus journey home was much quieter!"





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## Learning about other Faiths



"As part of our RE Curriculum in learning about other faiths, Year 5 attended the local Gurdwara on Neville Road to learn more about the Sikh faith.



The pupils saw the prayer hall and were treated to a drink and chocolate in the langar (community dining) hall.

Thank you to Mr Panesar who gave up his time to teach us some facts about his faith.



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THORPE PARK

GARDWARA

QUEEN ELIZABETH OLYMPIC PARK

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## A THRILL-SEEKING END TO THE YEAR!!



Year 6 pupils had a fun-filled action packed end of year trip to Thorpe Park on Thursday 15th June. This was a celebratory trip for all the pupils hard work during their SAT's. The sun shone all day long whilst the pupils were at the theme park and they enjoyed the dare devil rides, water rides, 3D cinema experience, as well as attempting to win some large teddies.

Just look at the photos of the children having fun!





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## Young Scientists



As part of their science unit, Year 4 went exploring at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. They had to look for and identify specific insects and plants and record them in their booklets.

After their adventure, they relaxed and spelt out 'Year 4' on the grass. Most of them welcomed the rest, as after all of their walking they were absolutely shattered. No need to thank us parents! 





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## Young Hammers

An unwelcome early start of 4am preceded a most enjoyable and memorable day for our football team when they travelled to the home of Leeds United.

They were there to represent West Ham in the Premier League Primary Stars football competition. The boys faced teams from Aston Villa, Notting Forest, Arsenal and Liverpool and showed great competitive spirit and team effort in all of their games.

The team came away with a bagful of goodies, courtesy of the Premier League and some lifelong memories.





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## Young Artists

Fern Class went on a visit to the William Morris Gallery in Walthamstow. They have previously studied his beautiful print work and replicated it by creating their own prints. Using foam, children had to draw their own nature inspired image and then use a roller to cover their creation in special paint. Finally, they had to use a press to transfer their image onto paper- beautiful!





Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Ready,  
Set,  
Read!Presented by the Reading Agency  
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# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE ACTIVITIES AT GREEN STREET LIBRARY

## 28 July to 26 August



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| ACTIVITY                                  | DAY              | TIME      | BOOKING | AGE  |
|---|------------------|-----------|---------|------|
| Art and Craft                             | Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat  | 2-4pm     |         | 5-12 |
| Movie Time                                | Thu              | 2-4pm     |         | All  |
| Bingo and Sport Trivia                    | Sat              | 4-6pm     |         | All  |
| Pakiki Theatre                            | Fri 28 July      | 2.30pm    | Yes     | 5-12 |
| Summer Launch Party                       | Sat 29 July      | 2-4pm     |         | All  |
| Feed your Body and Mind (smoothie making) | Wed 2 and 23 Aug | 12-1.30pm | Yes     | 5-12 |
| Hola Hoop                                 | Thu 3 Aug        | 12pm      | Yes     | 5-12 |
| Zumba                                     | Thu 3 Aug        | 12pm      | Yes     | 5-12 |
| Boccia                                    | Mon 7 and 21 Aug | 12-1pm    |         | 5-12 |
| Explore Learning: Art & Crafts Maths!     | Tue 8 Aug        | 12-1pm    | Yes     | 5-12 |
| Author visit: Dan Freedman                | Wed 9 Aug        | 2pm       | Yes     | 5-12 |
| Combat Sport                              | Thu 10 Aug       | 12pm      | Yes     | 5-12 |
| Ready, Set, Read Rhymes                   | Mon 14 Aug       | 12-1pm    |         | 0-5  |
| Inventors & Makers                        | Thu 17 Aug       | 1-2pm     | Yes     | 5-12 |
| Explore Learning: Art & Crafts Maths!     | Tue 22 Aug       | 12-1pm    | Yes     | 5-12 |
| Prepare Robo                              | Thu 24 Aug       | 12-1pm    | Yes     | 5-12 |
| PINS                                      | Fri 25 Aug       | 11am      | Yes     | 5-12 |

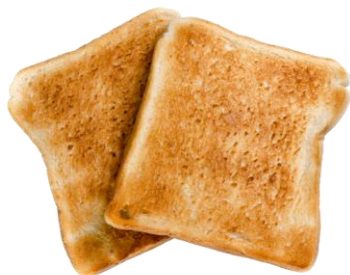
We're launching this year's Summer Reading Challenge programme with the theme: Ready, Set and Read. Come take part in free and fun activities such as Zumba, smoothie making, Boccia, art & craft, combat sport, Prepare Robo, bingo and more.

Book your place by calling the library on **020 3373 0857**

Green Street Library, 337-341 Green Street, E13 9AR

## WE ARE NEWHAM.





# St. Edward's School BREAKFAST CLUB



In response to Parent demand, we were very pleased to open the doors to St Edward's Breakfast Club. It is a drop-in service costing £3 per day (payable on the day) and open to all children from Nursery to Year 6. Children can arrive from 07:45am, Monday to Friday and have breakfast with the opportunity to play games with their friends after. For health and safety reasons we cannot allow children into the building earlier than 07:45am, so please wait with your child until that time.

Breakfast includes a choice of toast and cereal with juice or water. "It is a lot of fun, you get to see your friends early in the morning and play lots of games" reported one pupil. Nursery children can join in the fun after the October half term once they have settled into the school routine a little more.



If you are dropping your child off please do not use the Staff Car Park as a drop off point. You must park off site to ensure pupils safety.

Payments are made via Parent Pay and the most childcare voucher schemes





# St. Edward's School

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



St Edward's started the Paid After School Club facility in September 2011 in order to assist working parents with their childcare. The Paid After School Club runs daily from 3.15 pm to 6.00pm (except the last day of each term) and offers places of up to 40 children. After School Club is open to all children from Nursery to Year 6. Nursery children can join the Paid After School Club after the October half term once they have settled into the school routine a little more. There is a daily charge of £10 and you must register beforehand. Application forms are available from the main office reception.

At St Edward's we use our own staff as afterschool facilitators to offer continuity in our pastoral care. Our Paid After School Activities include all areas of Learning and Development such as arts and crafts, board games, outdoor and indoor physical activities, dancing, singing, baking and much more. These activities aim to help our children build their confidence, self-esteem, knowledge and skills.

Children will also be provided with a variety of healthy hot or cold snacks from our carefully selected menus according to our children's feedback.

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## PRAYER FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAY

We pray that children and  
young people will enjoy  
the blessings of the  
summer holiday. Let this  
summer break, be one that  
is productive for children,  
young people, teachers  
and parents.

Amen



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**PUPILS RETURN ON  
TUESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER**

**Year 1 -6**



A Weekly Gift to you and your family from your Catholic School

**THE** Wednesday  
**WORD**



## SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children love to be listened to and it helps them to grow in self-esteem. If, from a young age, they know that we truly listen to them, they are far more likely to keep listening to us as they mature.

Listening to the right people and the right messages is important for us and for our children. In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear Jesus inviting us to listen to him and act upon his words.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023

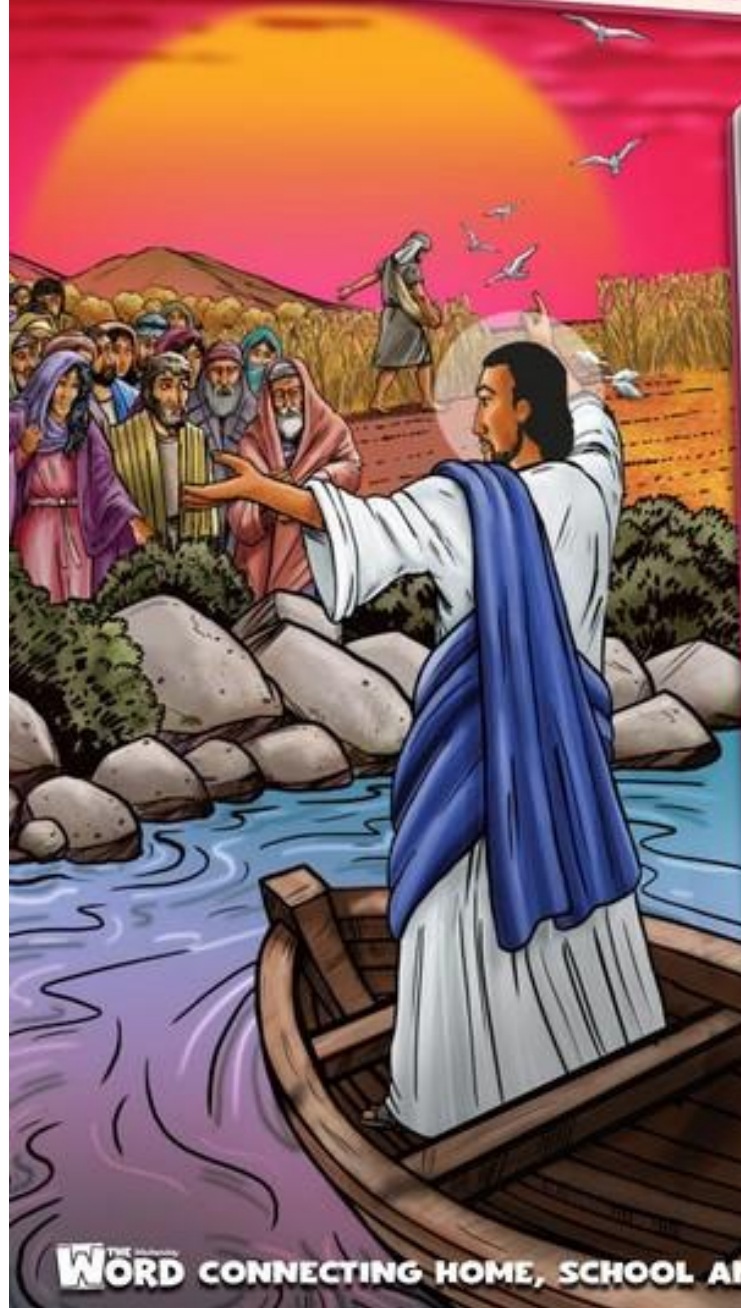
Like any good teacher, Jesus uses pictures or parables to make his teaching clearer. Jesus is like a sower, scattering his words like seeds. Jesus' words have stood the test of time. They are rooted in love and can be trusted to guide us and our children.

Enjoy a very special time together this evening, listening to your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **LISTENING**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



To see this week's Parish Version of The Wednesday Word: [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org) - Parents' Pages - Lectio Divina with Fr Henry.



### THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023



Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, "Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on rich soil and produced a great crop. This is like those people who hear my words and understand them; they yield a great harvest and produce now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!"

Adapted from Matthew 13:1-9

The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

You are warmly invited to learn more about the Gospel through your local parish church.

"The family is where we first learn to listen and share."

Pope Francis



**THE** Wednesday  
**WORD**

CONNECTING HOME, SCHOOL AND PARISH THROUGH SUNDAY'S GOSPEL





Jesus often used parables (little stories) to teach the crowds who came to listen to him. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us how important it is to take time to listen to God and to be open to receive and act upon what we hear. This helps us to make wise and safe life choices.

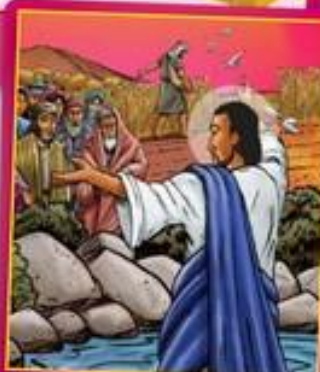


# 1 Our Special Time Together

Enjoy reading the Gospel overleaf (or below for younger children)

Jesus was teaching the people by the lakeside and he told them a story. He said, "A farmer went out to sow seed. As he sowed the seeds, some fell on the path, some among weeds and some upon rock where they could not grow properly. But some seeds fell on good soil and they produced a great crop. This is like those people who hear my words and understand them; those people grow strong and produce a great harvest. Now, anyone who has ears – listen to what I am really saying!"

**What did Jesus tell the crowd that they should do?** Which word or words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? See the picture opposite. What does it make you think about?



# 2 Wednesday's Word is ...

## LISTENING

# 3 Loving God & Each Other

"Good communication helps us to grow closer. It is so important to listen."

*Pope Francis*

Ask your child if they know someone who is a really good listener. Who does your child like to listen to? Do they know people who speak with kindness and love, and want good things for them and others? It may help your child if you give them an example of your own. Listening to Jesus and acting on his words helps us to become the best people we can be.

"Listen carefully, young people: Jesus never disappoints."

*Pope Francis*

Jesus does not force us to listen to him, but he knows what's best for us. Regularly listening to Jesus reminds us what's really important in life. As the summer holidays approach, explore ways that can help you to listen to Jesus in these coming weeks. Perhaps you can: remember to have quiet times in prayer when you wake up, at bedtime or some other time – just for listening to God as he speaks to your heart; worship together; regularly read the gospels together. What other ways can you think of?



Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for **listening** to us. Please help us to **listen** and understand your words and to be good **listeners** to each other too. Amen.



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**WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH**

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**

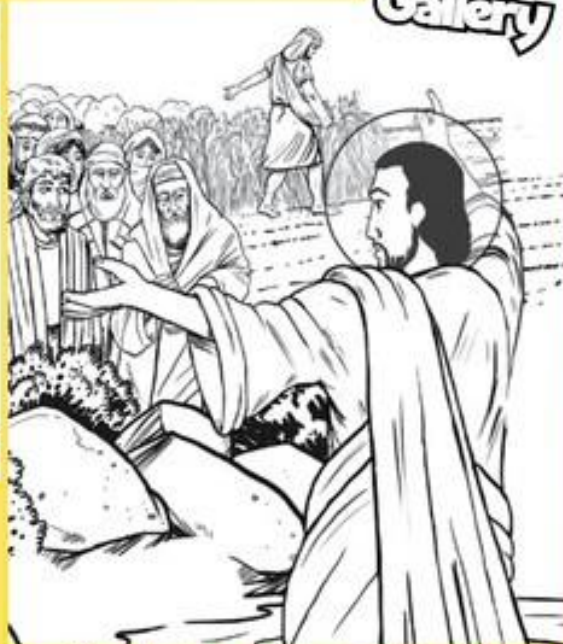
- ☒ FARMER SEEDS
- ☐ JESUS WORDS
- ☐ LISTEN GROW
- ☐ GREAT HARVEST

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

Cross out the letters **b c d** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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Jesus said, "Now, \_\_\_\_\_ who has \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to what I am really \_\_\_\_\_!"



Search for at least three differences between this picture and the colour one. Then draw them in before colouring.

Jesus wants us to listen closely to his words. He wants us to take the time to think and really understand what he is saying – to be like good soil in which the seed (his words) can take root. Then God can work through us to produce a great crop of goodness in our world.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

