



St Edward's Newsletter

25th October 2024

We are already at the end of our first half term of the school year and what a term it has been. We have had many amazing events, some of which are highlighted in this newsletter. Please also remember to loom on our school website and Instagram account for more news and stories.

All the children, including the new recruits to our school in Nursery and Reception settled very quickly into their new classes in September. We have had a huge display of excellent behaviour and hard work from our students with a number of them who have received post cards and golden letters.

Children in each class democratically chose their Pupil Parliament representatives, Subject Ambassadors re-established their roles and after a thorough application and interview process our Year 6 prefects were announced. After half term, we very much look forward to choosing our Head Boy, Head Girl and their deputies from Year 6.

Ms Corbin only went on maternity leave on Wednesday this week and we were waiting to hear good news in the coming weeks. The following day (Thursday) God blessed Ms Corbin with a beautiful baby girl. Congratulations to the whole family!

We are also saying goodbye to Mr Yele who has been a Teaching Assistant at our school for the last 17 years. Mr Yele is moving on to start a new job and we wish him every success and happiness for this new chapter in his life. Mr Yele has been an asset to our school and throughout this time he has supported many children as a class TA and in recent years as a 1:1 specialist. Mr Yele's professionalism and calm manner has allowed children to flourish, make good progress as well as feel safe in school. We will really miss Mr Yele and are sad to see him go. Thank you Mr Yele for all your hard work and support with the staff and pupils. Please do come back and see us soon. With love and prayers from your St Edward's family. Remember, you will always be a St Teddy!

A fantastic first half term!

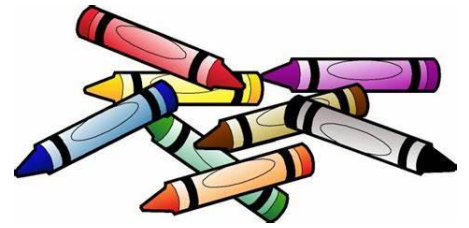
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Art Book Winners

At the end of the last academic year, the present Year One children took part in an art competition for the Reception classes where they had to label a drawing about their family. The children who received a certificate in assembly will have their pictures published in a book. Well done to everyone who took part!



BUDDING ARTISTS

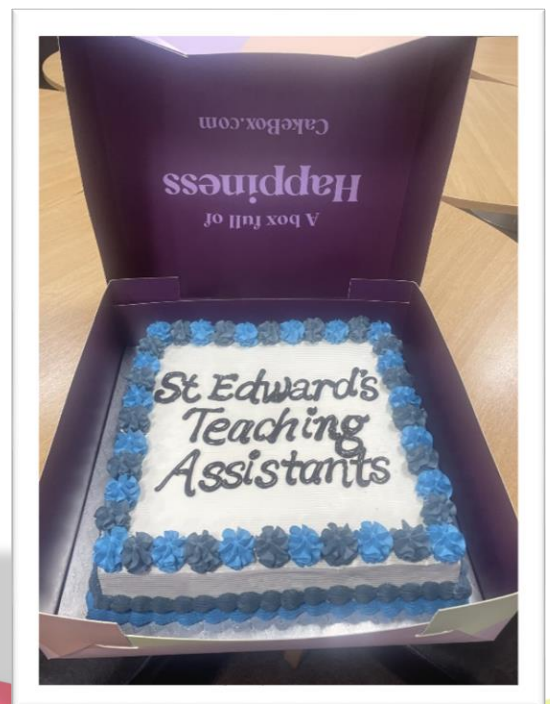


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National Teaching Assistant's Day

We celebrated National Teaching Assistant's Day on September the 27th. All supports staff had special cards made for them by Mrs Casely. They also had an extra break where they had the opportunity to come together and enjoy some delicious goodies. We really wanted to show how much we appreciate our wonderful support staff for all they do for our children and the school.





Theatre Extravaganza

Children throughout the school from Nursery to Year 6 enjoyed a performance by M &M Theatre Company of the famous story 'The Jungle Book.' It was a fantastic show with lots of singing, dancing and laughter. Children in Year 4 also took part in a workshop during the afternoon.

Year 6 Prefects

Congratulations to our prefects for 2024-2025. These children were chosen after a thorough application and interview process with Mrs Casely and Ms Naz. All the children did really well and it was a tough decision choosing the successful candidates. We are sure that our prefects for this year will work extremely hard to set a good example and will be fantastic ambassadors for the school. In the next few weeks we will be announcing our new Head Boy, Head Girl and their deputies.



Congratulations



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MacMillan Coffee morning and Cake Sale

We have been involved in a number of different events since the start of the school year. We had a Coffee Morning for the new Reception and Nursery parents followed by an afternoon tea to fund raise for the MacMillan Cancer Trust. Cakes were sold throughout the day and in the playground after school. Thank you to our wonderful PTA members and Mrs Dourado for organising these events.

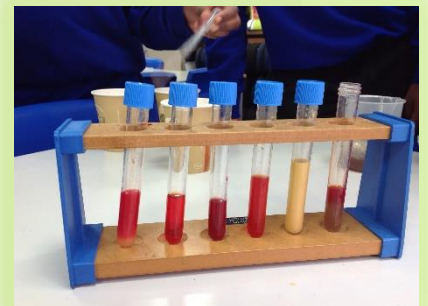


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Science at St Edward's

We love Science at St Edward's and over the last few weeks the children have been part of some amazing lessons in class. In Science after school club with Ms Siddiqa, children made cornflour slime, looked at the pH scale of different drinks and were even successful in extracting DNA from bananas and strawberries. Some of our star pupils were chosen as Scientists of the term.

Year 1 - Iris	Joshua B
Year 1 - Poppy	Tiago
Year 2 - Lilly	Mikel S
Year 2 - Rose	Joshua A
Year 3 - Ivy	Kristina
Year 3 - Fern	Ozioma
Year 4 - Thistle	Alicja
Year 4 - Heather	Rosie
Year 5 - Ash	Andrew
Year 5 - Beech	Alexandra
Year 6 - Elm	Shenaye
Year 6 - Oak	Marta



World Mental Health Day

On Thursday the 10th of October we celebrated World Mental Health day by wearing something yellow. Yellow because, 'We Stand Brighter Together.'

Children chose to wear an item of yellow and took part in some short activities focusing on better mental health and well being.

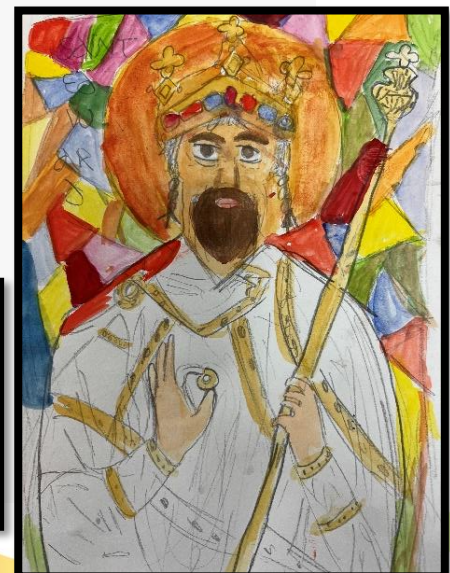


St Edward's Day

We celebrated St Edward's Day for our patron saint. In the morning there was a whole school Mass led by Father Angelus. In the afternoon children took part in a range of fun activities and also had a small treat to take home at the end of the day.



Happy Feast Day,
St. Edward the Confessor!



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Year 4 at the British Museum

Year 4 went to the British Museum on Friday the 18th of October as part of their History learning about the Ancient Egyptians. Children and adults had a wonderful day and came back with lots of new knowledge about life in Ancient Egyptian times.



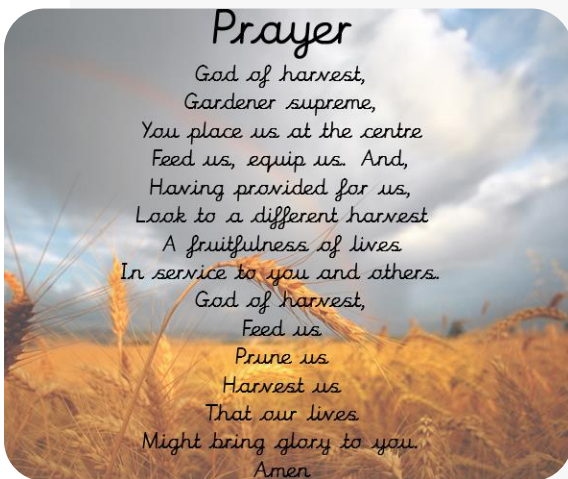


Well done to Team Eagles who took part in the RBC 5 km race which raises money to tackle childhood cancer. RBC Race for the Kids is a global initiative that brings communities together to run, walk, and wheel in support of youth charities. Seanna is in Year 3 and she ran the race with her family.

Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference.

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A huge thank you to everyone in our school community for their generosity in donating food items for our Harvest celebration. We had a service at school on Friday the 25th of October and then our Year 6 children took the food items down to the House of Prayer where the sisters will ensure that they are given to those in need.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November – Half Term Break – Children return on Tuesday the 5th of November

Monday 4th November – INSET – school closed for children

Tuesday 5th November – Year 2 at Houses of Parliament

Monday 11th November – Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 11th November – Remembrance Day

Wednesday 13th November – Reception Open Day

Friday 15th November – Thistle class assembly

Monday 18th November – ONLINE parent consultation meetings

Tuesday 19th November – ONLINE parent consultation meetings

Wednesday 20th November – Year 2 and Year 5 fire safety workshops

Monday 2nd December – Governor's Day in school

Tuesday 3rd December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity

Tuesday 10th December – KS2 Carol Concert

Wednesday 11th December – Children's Christmas Lunch

Friday 13th December – Christmas Disco

Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th December – Rock Steady concerts

Wednesday 18th December – Whole School Mass

Thursday 19th December – class Christmas parties

Friday 20th December – Christmas Raffle

Friday 20th December – children go home at 1.15 pm

Monday 23rd December to Monday 6th January – Christmas break

Tuesday 7th January – pupils return to school

PLEASE NOTE – these dates may be subject to change

Friday 25th October - Today's Gospel reading: Luke 12:54-59

Jesus said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west you say immediately that it is going to rain, and so it does; and when you notice that the wind is blowing from the south you say that it is going to be hot, and so it is. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky; why do you not know how to interpret the present time? “Why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? If you are to go with your opponent before a magistrate, make an effort to settle the matter on the way; otherwise your opponent will turn you over to the judge, and the judge hand you over to the constable, and the constable throw you into prison. I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.”



Friday 25th October - Today's Gospel reflection

Today's word of God lays before us various ingredients of such a worthy living. In the first place, it implies being deeply aware of our oneness and living it, the whole pursuit can be summed up in three words: conscious, judicious, and assiduous.

We must be conscious that we are one in the one Spirit – one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Therefore, a worthy living would be incompatible with all disunity, division, and discrimination.

A life worthy of our call calls us to be judicious, and judge what is right. Understand, assess and interpret the present time. Be prepared to meet the eternal. Do not live a life that makes us blameworthy, culpable and punishable.

Then, be assiduous. This means that we must work hard, working out our salvation “with all love, humility, patience, and forbearance. We must use all our knowledge and competence, the intellectual and the others to grow wise and discerning