

St Edmund's Newsletter



Executive Headteacher's Welcome Message



Dear Pupils, Staff, Parents and Carers,

As we step into the vibrant month of September, I extend a heartfelt welcome to each one of you. The start of a new academic year is always filled with excitement, anticipation, and the promise of new opportunities. It is a time to set fresh goals, embrace challenges, and celebrate the journey of learning and growth.

To our dedicated staff, thank you for your unwavering commitment and passion for education. Your hard work and enthusiasm are the cornerstones of our success. Together, we will continue to inspire and nurture our pupils, helping them reach their full potential.

To our children, welcome back! We are thrilled to see your bright faces and eager minds ready to embark on another year of discovery and achievement. Remember, every day is a chance to learn something new, to make new friends, and to take steps towards your dreams. Embrace each moment with curiosity and determination and may our school values of SPIRIT be your guide.

To our supportive parents, thank you for being our valued partners in education. Your involvement and encouragement are vital to our children's success. We look forward to working closely with you to create a positive and enriching environment for our children.

Let's make this academic year a memorable one, filled with joy, growth, and success. Together, we can achieve great things.

Galatians 3:26-28

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through Faith

Welcome back, and here's to an amazing year ahead!

Best wishes,
Mrs Ruthven
Executive Headteacher



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Head of school's Welcome Message

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break with your families and friends. The children have already begun working on Catholic Social Principles, our school values (SPIRIT), and engaging in our new PEZ (Playing Engagement Zones). Our main school values are, Service, Perseverance, Integrity, Respect, Inclusivity, Trust. The first letter of our school values creates the word SPIRIT. Our Friday achievement assemblies we now be called SPIRIT assemblies. Please remember that the last Friday of every Month, our SPIRIT assemblies will be open to parents.

Introductions of your child's teacher have already been done in July but we are happy to officially welcome to our school family and community this year:

- Ms Carleen Wong, our new Year 1 teacher,
- Mrs Hajni Pecs, our new Year 2 teacher.

At St Edmund's, staff are always growing and taking on new responsibilities. Please remember that school starts at 8.55am for all pupils, with the playground open and supervised from 8.40am. We hold high expectations for punctuality and aim for a minimum attendance of 96%.

At St Edmund's, we believe in setting high expectations for our pupils, including the responsibility of being prepared for their learning. This includes:

- Wearing the correct, labelled uniform (both full school uniform and PE uniform – please refer to our website for details).
- Bringing healthy snacks and packed lunches if not opting for the free school meals.









Communication – Our main tool for communication is Class Dojo. While we aim to respond as quickly as possible, please allow up to 5 working days for staff to reply to individual queries. For urgent matters, please contact the School Office directly on [020 7987 2546](tel:02079872546).

We are excited to work with all of you this academic year and look forward to a successful term ahead. Thank you for your continued support!

Best wishes,
Mr. Antonis Antoniou
Head of School
St Edmund's Catholic Primary School



St. Edmund's Class Saints

Nursery Peace	Reception Peace	Year 1 Community	Year 2 Creation	Year 3 Dignity	Year 4 Philanthropy	Year 5 Virtuousness	Year 6 Solidarity
 St George Patron saint of England, farmers and soldiers	 St Nicholas Patron saint of children	 St Teresa of Calcutta Patron saint of missionaries of charity	 St Paul Patron saint of missionaries and evangelists	 St Patrick Patron saint of Ireland and engineers	 St Ignacio de Loyola Patron saint of soldiers	 St Thomas Becket Patron saint of London	 St Lawrence Patron saint of students
Heavenly Father, Give us the bravery of St George to stand up for what we believe. Give us the strength to overcome the dragons in our lives and in the world. And where we see people in distress, give us the courage to help them. Amen.	Loving God, we thank you for the example of St. Nicholas, who fed the hungry, brought hope to the imprisoned, gave comfort to the lost, and taught the truth to all. May we strive to imitate him by putting you first in all we do. Give us the courage, love and strength of St. Nicholas, so that, like him, we may serve you through loving our brothers and sisters. Amen.	Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Jesus called you to bring the light of His love to those who live in darkness. By tender, loving care for the poorest and the neediest, you became the sign of God's presence, His love and compassion in the midst of suffering and pain. Following your example, help us to recognise the face of Jesus in our suffering brothers and sisters and to serve Him with humility and joy. Teach us to be carriers of God's tender love and mercy and so bear witness that God still loves the world through each one of us. Amen.	O God, who hast taught the multitude of the Gentiles by the preaching of blessed Paul the Apostle: grant unto us, we beseech Thee, that we who keep his memory sacred, may feel the might of his intercession before Thee. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.	God our Father, you sent Saint Patrick to preach your glory to the people of Ireland. By the help of his prayer, may all Christians proclaim your love to all men. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. one God, for ever and ever. Amen.	Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous: teach me to serve You as You deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for reward save that of knowing I am doing Your Will. Amen.	O God, for the sake of whose Church Thomas fell, grant, we beseech Thee, that all who implore His aid, may obtain the good fruit of their petition. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.	O St. Lawrence, who in the flower of youth suffered and died for the faith, hear our prayers, with confidence we fly to your patronage, obtain for us deep faith, strong hope, a sincere love of God and neighbour, unswerving charity and humble obedience. inspire us to succour the poor, the needy, the sick and the afflicted. Lead the erring back to the Father's Home. May God's religion spread far and wide on earth, help us in all our needs. Finally grant that we live as the worthy people of God, die a holy death and join you in the heavenly bliss forever. Amen.

Class Saints

As a school we like each class to have a patron saint. As Catholics saints are role models for us and inspire us to live a life of holiness and give us the strength to be what God created us to be.

Each class takes inspiration from their saint, learn about their life throughout the year, celebrate their feast day and talk to them in prayer.

'To be saints is not a privilege for the few, but a vocation for everyone.' – Pope Francis.



PEZ

Please read more information about our new system to support children to relax at breaktime and engage in activities avoid conflicts and accidents.

Please support us collaborating with anything that you can



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PEZ (Playground Engagement Zones) News

What's New?

Welcome to our new PEZ newsletter!

At St. Edmund's we are always trying to improve what we already do.

For next academic year, we want to make our pupil's playtime experience more engaging and fun!

We are creating zones in our playground. Each zone will focus on a different play experience. We will be starting with one zone in Autumn term slowly expanding.

Zones

- Zone 1: Arts & Crafts
- Zone 2: Mud Kitchen
- Zone 3: All things that move
- Zone 4: Construction
- Zone 5: Lego & small toys
- Zone 6 Music Stage
- Zone 7: Home area

Can you help?

We are looking for unwanted items:

- Old Lego
- Pots/ pans/ mixing bowls/ wooden spoons/ measuring jugs (no glass)
- Old costumes
- Old Scooters
- Traffic Cones
- Space hoppers

Spirit Values

This school values have been selected to represent school and all together create the SPIRIT that join us together as a community.

Children should use these values at school and home as part of St Edmund's family.

Please collaborate with them to uphold all the values in order to continue improving.



Our School Values

S	SERVICE
P	PERSEVERANCE
I	INTEGRITY
R	RESPECT
I	INCLUSIVITY
T	TRUST



Class Dojo

Please , continue using Class Dojo as principal media to communicate with your teacher and request any information that you might need. Please, allow up to 5 days to receive your answer as some time teachers can be very busy.

More information for parents



Parents Newsletter

Parents will receive periodically information as a newsletter sent to your mails.



Wellbeing

Good mental health and well-being is essential for school students. It helps them to learn effectively, cope with day-to-day challenges, and develop into resilient young adults. Well-being is a state in which pupils are able to develop their potential, learn and play creatively. Pupils who experience well-being can build and enjoy positive relationships with others and feel belonging to their school community. It is very important that we all look after ourselves.



Mobile phones

Students are not permitted to bring a smartphone to school. A smartphone is defined as any phone capable of taking an image or video, or being connected to the Internet. Students may however bring a 'non-smartphone', i.e. Nokia or similar phone to school providing that it is switched off and out of sight at all times. This means that once your child walks through our gates, their phone must be switched off and handed to the Class Teacher. Phones that either do not conform or are found to be switched on will be confiscated and retained by the school. Thank you for your cooperation.



Homework

Please consult with your teacher what homework is sent to your child and how can you support.



Coffee mornings

- 27th September
 - Macmillan Coffee Morning – Set up Class Dojo/ Doodle E-safety
- 18th October
 - A dive into the EYFS curriculum
- 25th October
 - SLT Parents Meet and Greet
- 19th November
 - EYFS Stay & Play with your child (9am)
- 29th November
 - Growth Mindset/ Behaviour
- 13th December
 - Advent prayer/ Christmas decorations

More information for parents



Behaviour

Positive behaviour from parents, children, and staff is crucial for a harmonious school environment. It fosters respect and effective learning. For more details on how we promote and support positive behaviour, please read our behaviour newsletter. Your involvement helps create a supportive and productive school community.



SEND

SEND stands for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. At our school, it means tailored support for students who need additional help to thrive. To learn more about how we address SEND and support your child, please refer to our SEND newsletter for detailed information and resources.



Arts counselling

We are excited to continue the Healthy Minds Arts Counselling service this academic year. This is a unique service dedicated to promoting emotional well-being through the power of the arts.

What is Arts Counselling? Arts counselling is an expressive form of therapy that encourages individuals to explore their emotions and experiences through creative processes. This approach can be especially beneficial for students, as it allows them to express feelings that may be difficult to articulate through words alone. Whether they are dealing with anxiety, stress, self-esteem issues, or personal challenges, arts counselling offers a non-judgmental space for personal growth and healing.

Some of the benefits of accessing arts counselling include: Emotional Expression, Stress Relief, Self-Awareness and Confidence, Problem-Solving Skills, Improved Social Skills.

"I feel happy because in counselling, it is calm and I get to draw."
Child 1.

"I feel pleased. It really calms me down and it is relaxing!"
Child 2.

Do message Ms John on the class Dojo or use the Google form if you would like for your child to begin counselling.
