



St. Edmund's R.C. Primary School - Newsletter

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Sunday Masses: Vigil Mass - Saturday, 6.30 p.m. at St. Malachy's

9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (signed for the deaf) at St. Patrick's
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Parish Website: www.sspatrickmalachy.org.uk

School Website: www.stedmundsrcprimaryschool.co.uk

School Twitter account: [@stedmundsrcps](https://twitter.com/stedmundsrcps)

Facebook page: [St. Edmund's Roman Catholic Primary School](https://www.facebook.com/St.EdmundsRomanCatholicPrimarySchool)



If there is any parent who wishes their child to be baptised, please contact the Parish Priest of the parish in which you live. If you live within the boundaries of this parish, please see Father Ged after one of the Sunday Masses listed above.

Our next statement to live by is: *'I try to forgive people when they hurt me.'*

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY MATTERS! The children have made an incredible start to this half term despite lots of coughs and colds and a sickness bug too! We all know that our attendance target is 97% but last week, we smashed it with a massive **98.9%**! Unbelievable! Thank you so much for all of your support and encouragement in getting the children to school, especially as it is getting more and more difficult with the dark and cold mornings!

PRAYER & WORSHIP: The children in Year 6 were joined by Year 3 on Tuesday for their Prayer Partner Para-Liturgy. What a celebration - Year 6 shared readings before being put into partners with children in Year 3 in order to offer them the support and guidance they need in their Sacramental journey! Year 3 were thrilled that the older children are prepared to act as their role models for this very important time in their lives!

FOND FAREWELL: On Tuesday, we said goodbye to Mrs Yong who has supported our children for many years as a Lunchtime Organiser. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work that has gone into ensuring that our children make healthy meal choices and that their play times are happy and fun-filled! We wish Mrs Yong the very best of luck for the future!

WELCOME! BABY NEWS!: Congratulations to the Bradley and Leighton families who have both welcomed new baby girls recently! Please keep babies Ada and Brooke in your prayers.

LEST WE FORGET: Our children have been busy learning about the meaning of Armistice Day, now more commonly known as Remembrance Day and the whole school took part in a 2 minute silence in the school playground today to mark this special day. #LestWeForget

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: Yesterday, we held our annual Remembrance Service in the school hall during which candles were lit in memory of loved ones who have died. The children showed great respect and reverence for the occasion. Thank you to those parents and parishioners who joined us this year.

ST. EDMUND'S FEAST DAY: Wednesday, 16th November is our feast day and we will be having a para-liturgy for children in Years 1-6 on **Tuesday, 15th November at 9.15am** to celebrate. Governors are treating the children to a pantomime in the afternoon. This year the children will enjoy watching, 'Sleeping Beauty'. Oh yes they will!

TOYS R US! This week we were collecting toys for our Christmas Fair and, once again, we were inundated with a fantastic selection of different toys which our children kindly decided could be donated. All of the children are already talking about how fantastic the toys are and they are really excited about coming to the Christmas Fair! We will be asking for your kind donations again over the next few weeks which you will see signs for around school and reminders on Facebook.

GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW: Today, the eldest child from each family will bring home a book of raffle tickets for the annual parish draw. This raffle is the biggest fundraiser for the parish and Father Ged has asked me to send out a huge thank you to those families who support the parish by selling the tickets on his behalf. Please ask your family members and any visitors to your house to buy just one ticket! Why not take a break from the national lottery for a week? You'll have more chance of winning £150 and that will buy a lot of Christmas presents!!

FACEBOOK: If you haven't 'liked' our page on Facebook already, please do! Just type **St. Edmund's** into your Facebook search box and we are the first item that comes up - you will recognise the badge! Staff are updating Facebook regularly- so why not have up to the minute news on what is happening in school!

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR: Our Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday, 3rd December at 12 noon. We really need your support for this annual event. If we don't meet our annual target, we will struggle to keep the school building in the good condition it is in! Next Friday, we are asking for contributions to the 'Something Red and Christmassy' stall and the children will be able to have a non-uniform day if they bring in a donation.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 14TH-18TH NOVEMBER: For this year's Anti-bullying Week, we are encouraging our children to think about how they can use their power to help stop bullying. We want everyone who is passionate about taking action against bullying to get involved and show others their #PowerforGood. The children will be taking part in activities throughout the week and as part of our Anti-Bullying Pledge, we would like to invite Parents/ Guardians to attend an Anti-Bullying Workshop on Wednesday 16th November at either 9:00am or 2:30pm in the school hall.

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM: In preparation for #ANTIBULLYINGWEEK, the JLT met on Tuesday to discuss and review our Anti-bullying Policy as well as our Behaviour Policy and Home School Agreement. We very much encourage our pupils to have their views heard and so if your child has an idea for improvement or an issue that they would like to raise, please encourage them to speak to their class representatives.

MATHLETE OF THE WEEK: The competition is really heating up now and the girls have really made a comeback this week! The winners for each class this week are:
Year 1: Toluwani Sholola (8280pts) Year 2: Susannah Kapiszka (6510pts) Year 3: Rafael Aomofa (3,515pts)
Year 5: Elizabeth Osayande (3198pts) Year 6: Joshua Asiedu (8747pts)
and the whole school winner goes to ... Ange Kamtchou in Year 4 with a fantastic score of 16,920 points!! Well done to all our Mathletes!!

GOOD NEWS - SUPERSTAR PUPILS: The following pupils have either impressed their teachers or lunchtime staff this week and were rewarded in our weekly assembly:

Riley Melling Evana Bouilong Ellie-Mai Edwards Abilee Bailey Luke Lewis Libby Ball
Tolani Ayodele Andre Okafor Andreas Chukwudi Abigail Mbuyu Mason Pearson
William Mendy Daiton Berry-Mellor Macy Flynn Marcel Wajszczyk

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: All those who have died in war, all Holy Souls, especially our loved ones, Margaret Mc Ivor (RIP), baby Ada and family, baby Brooke and family and Mrs Yong. Please inform staff at the office if you would like us to pray for your family or if you have private intentions.



Stay with us, Lord, on our journey.