

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

31st March 2023

Tel: 0161-205-1700

Weekend 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

Parish Website: <https://stpatricksliveseyst.yolasite.com/>

School Website: www.stedmundsrcprimaryschool.co.uk

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



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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 Canon Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, Canon Paul can be contacted on 07764791889 or at Paul.Daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Our statement to live by on our return to school will be:

"AT EASTER, LET US REJOICE WITH CHRIST, OUR RISEN LORD. ALLELUIA!"



Holy Week

HOLY WEEK: Holy Week is a very special time: it includes Palm Sunday, the celebration of the Last Supper, the washing of feet, the agony in the garden, Jesus' arrest, crucifixion and his resurrection. Everybody is invited to come and join with the Church this Sunday and receive a palm leaf, blessed by Father Paul and Father Moses, to take home. As a family, share ideas about what else you could do, or join in with, to celebrate the start of Holy Week and make it special. Attached to this newsletter are the celebrations and services taking place in our parish this Easter. We would love our families to join us.

'To experience Holy Week is to enter more and more into God's love and self-giving.' Pope Francis.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP: Father Paul celebrated Mass with us on Wednesday morning and our focus was prayer. As part of our Lenten journey, we pray, we fast, we give. All of this helps us to build our relationship with God. Father Paul taught us that by praying to God, we are conversing with Him. Conversing with someone helps us to build strong relationships. To help us with our prayers, our GIFT team led the actions to the Our Father. Thanks to them and to the Y6 readers who read so well.



POSWIECENIE JADLA WIELKANOCNEGO. Drodzy Wierni, serdeczenie zapraszam na poswiecenie potraw, ktore to bedziemy spozywali na sniadaniu wielkanocnym. Poswiecenie potraw przewidziane jest w Kosciele Swietego. Patryka o godz. 12.00 w Wielka Sobota (8 kwietnia).

Prosze o przyniesienie potraw ktore to poswiecimy. Serdecznie zapraszamy!!!

Ksiadz Kanonik Pawel, Proboszcz.

BLESSING OF EASTER FOODS: It is a Polish custom to bring the food for Easter Sunday to church on Holy Saturday to be blessed. Father Paul will bless the food on Holy Saturday, 8th April at 12 noon. All are welcome. If you have Polish neighbours or work colleagues, please show them the invitation in Polish printed above.



LENTEN FUNDRAISING: Pray, fast, give...As always, when we ask for your help, you respond in the most amazing way! Our children set a target of £800 for our fundraising campaign this year and....so far we've raised...(drum roll please) £546.46. We've had a fantastic response this week with lots of families returning their collection boxes so we are very hopeful that we've met this challenging target. Thank you everyone for your support.

#ambassadors4change#charitymatters#smallchange

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS: The attendance figures for each class for last week can be found in the table below. March has been a very close contest. Straight after Easter we'll find out the winning class and they'll be rewarded with an ice-cream party. All those children who have met our 97% & 100% targets will be rewarded in a special assembly. Please help us to do our job by keeping us informed if your child is going to be absent from school and continue to encourage your child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time). Thank you parents/carers for your continued support and cooperation.



Nursery: 96.8%	Reception: 94.3%	Year 1: 93.3%	Year 2: 96.7%
Year 3: 96.3%	Year 4: 97.9%	Year 5: 98.4%	Year 6: 98.1%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.5%			



READING TOP TIP: Just because school is closed, this doesn't mean we have to close our books! Why not take your children on a visit to one of our local libraries where they will have plenty of activities planned for children this Easter. Libraries are free to visit and there are hundreds of books to choose from! #readingforpleasure #learntoreadsowecanreadtolearn

BABY NEWS: Congratulations to Mr Usher who became a father on Monday. He is a very proud dad to his first baby, a healthy daughter, Emilia Rose. Luckily for Mr Usher, he's got the Easter break to get used to the sleepless nights ahead! We wish him and his family all the very best.

HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING: If you are struggling with the increases in food and energy bills and are struggling financially, help is available by phoning the cost of living advice line on 0800 023 2692.

This free telephone line offers support with:

- Benefits and help with your rent
- Advice about debt and paying bills
- Food support - help to find community food provision near you
- Help to get online - support to access the internet, laptops, phones and data.

The line is open Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Translations and Sign Video services are available upon request.



KEEPING YOUR HOME FREE FROM DAMP AND MOULD: Manchester City Council have produced a handy booklet that sets out helpful information and guidance about keeping homes free from damp and mould. Click on the link for more information. <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=00aae6b04d&attid=0.10&permmmsgid=msg-f:1760874767430791596&th=186fe2457ea931ac&view=att&disp=inline>



ATTENTION YEAR 2 PARENTS: In preparation for their SATS in May, Mrs Gordon is challenging the Year 2 children to become special agents! In order to become successful, they'll need to undertake some special training with Reading, Maths and Grammar! As with all special agent training, this is top secret and must be completed at home! Please click on the following link to find out more.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yN6LTPW0sGE&list=PLDNY9DfYJHxt0_pSebPUklWdVeFYWUZs

CURRICULUM NEWS: This has been such a busy week!! It all started on Monday with children being transformed into scientists for the day! Although they learn about science every week, for some reason, the children absolutely love these themed days! The children had a great time in class and then showcased their work to their friends in another class. Years 2 and 5 enjoyed their Art & DT days, all classes have been learning about Holy Week and they've even managed to squeeze in some Easter crafts. They should come home absolutely exhausted today, ready for a good rest which is well deserved. Well done children!

EASTER HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES



Our Lady's R.C High School are hosting an Easter Holiday Scheme from Tuesday, 11th-Friday, 14th April. This is aimed at pupils in Years 5, 6 and 7 and places will be prioritised for pupils on free school meals. Places are FREE but limited so parents will need to be quick to enrol. Here's a link to the Google form - complete this to sign up - one form for each child:- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6dPjdr6CksqDLficYIODwDtmXiI6RGWrbLaf94BD4jYZfTg/viewform>

MCA is pleased to announce that the registration for the upcoming MCA Easter Holiday Programme is now OPEN! Places are absolutely FREE! It is for TWO WEEKS! The first week being from Monday, 3rd April until Thursday, 6th April. The second week will run from Tuesday, 11th April until Friday, 14th April. If you wish to sign up your child/children please click on the link below. You must complete the form for each child.



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1MzFtLS0vUadvzRgN2axgk9sxbUcM4iUITkxFor1TTpM/edit>



MCRactive are also offering thousands of FREE places for children to access a variety of activities & a FREE meal over the Easter Holidays in Manchester for those on benefit-related free school meals. **To book your child's space:** Sign up for an MCRactive Go account <https://www.mcractive.com/>. Once signed up, log into your account - [Find Activities](#) - Search by Category 'MCR Holiday Activity' **Use code when asked: 62449** to book free eligible activities.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS: The Council has approved funding for supermarket vouchers for children eligible for free school meals (FSM) for the Easter break to help with the financial pressures placed on many of our families at this time. Look out for your £30.00 e-voucher from Wonde. This can be redeemed at a supermarket of your choice. Please contact the school office before the break if you have any problems accessing the voucher.

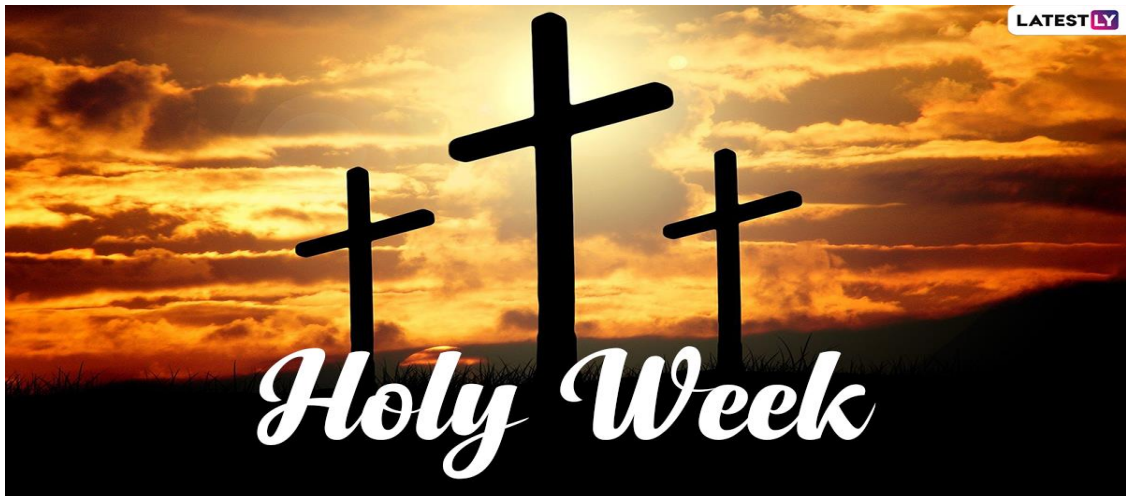
DINNER MONEY ARREARS: For those parents who pay for school meals, please remember that dinner money needs to be paid in advance by Monday morning on Pay360. Please ensure there are no arrears carried over into the Easter holidays. If you would like to get in front, dinner money for the next half term is £65.80. Thank you.



FACEBOOK: If you aren't doing so already, please 'like' our page on Facebook so you can keep up to date with all of the latest news! Teachers will be posting about what the class are up to during the week and they'll post photos also! Search us as **St. Edmund's Manchester** and we should pop up!

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Eugene Farren (RIP) and the Byrne family, Baby Harmony and the Murray family, Maureen Duffy and family, Andrew Betney, Josephine Ekuase, Mrs Balagizi, Margaret Williams, Mr Usher and baby Emilia Rose, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Canon Paul Daly, Father Moses, Deacon Stephen, the Presentation Sisters, the Missionaries of Charity Brothers and all other private intentions at this time.





*Stay with us, Lord...during our Holy Week
journey.*



Holy Week

Sunday, 2 nd April	Palm Sunday	St. Malachy's (Saturday vigil) 6.30 p.m. St. Patrick's 9.30 & 11.30 a.m.
Thursday, 6 th April	Maundy Thursday	St. Patrick's 7.00 p.m.
Friday, 7 th April	Outdoor Stations of the Cross for children	St. Malachy's 11.00 a.m.
Friday, 7 th April	Good Friday	St. Patrick's 3.00 p.m.
Saturday, 8 th April	Poswiecenie Jadla Wielkanocnego (Blessing Of Easter Foods)	St. Patrick's 12.00 p.m.
Saturday, 8 th April	Easter Vigil	St. Patrick's 8.00 p.m.
Sunday, 9 th April	Easter Sunday	St. Patrick's 9.30 & 11.30 a.m.