



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

15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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Weekend Masses: Vigil Mass - Saturday, 6.30 p.m. at St. Malachy's  
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (signed for the deaf) at St. Patrick's

**FROM SUNDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER THERE WILL BE SUNDAY  
MASS at 11a.m. AT ST. MALACHY'S CHURCH**

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

School Website: [www.stedmundsrcprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.stedmundsrcprimaryschool.co.uk)

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 Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, Father Paul can be contacted on 07764791889 or at [paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)



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**Our Statement to live by next week is:  
'I TRY TO FOLLOW OUR SCHOOL AND CLASSROOM RULES.'**



**FORGIVENESS:** In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus the question about how many times we should forgive. Jesus' answer shows that we must forgive one another just as God forgives us: again and again, without limit. God is our loving Father and we can always count on his loving forgiveness and on the freedom that his forgiveness brings. Jesus instructs us to be just as forgiving toward others. The King, who Jesus speaks about in this Sunday's Gospel, gives us a glimpse of God's compassionate and forgiving nature. We are all part of God's family and, even knowing our faults, God is always ready to forgive us and to help us make a fresh start with him and with each other.

*"It is by forgiving that one is forgiven."  
(St Teresa of Calcutta-Mother Teresa)*

**THE SEASON OF CREATION:** The season of creation is an annual international ecumenical initiative. It started on 1<sup>st</sup> September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends on 4<sup>th</sup> October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi the patron saint of ecology. This year's theme is, 'Let Justice and Peace Flow'. So we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.



**Let Justice  
and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023



**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTER:** The attendance for last week is below and the classes which surpassed our whole school attendance target (97%+) are highlighted in green. They were rewarded with an extra 5 minutes play time this week... so well done to them! Competition for the winning class for the highest attendance in September is hotting up and the children were reminded that the reward is an ice cream party!! Please try to encourage your child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time).

Nursery: 98.8%	Reception: 92.8%	Year 1: 95.9%	Year 2: 88.4%
Year 3: 96.6%	Year 4: 99.3%	Year 5: 85.2%	Year 6: 98.7%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 94.3%			

**READING TOP TIP:** This week's reading top tip is: '**Get Comfy.**' Why not snuggle up together somewhere warm and cosy, whether it's in bed, on a beanbag or on the sofa. Parents/carers can lead by example here and make sure your child has somewhere comfy to read on their own too. Remember though, to be really comfy and concentrating on what you are reading, it's always good to eliminate any distractions for that short time. So... phones on silent, T.V's off, laptops closed and tablets away!!



## Sacramental Preparation



(9:15 a.m.)

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS:** We do hope you've noticed some improvements. We've had our fire doors upgraded so that year by year we are a more accessible school for all in our community. We've listened to suggestions from our children to improve our outdoor and playground space - a daily mile track has been installed on the field. Only 15 laps of running, wheeling, skipping, hopping, jumping and even walking will get you a daily mile! We're aiming for 15 laps in 15 minutes. We're also in the process of installing the start of an outdoor gym. Each year we'll add a little bit more...fit children are happy children!



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** Attention Year 3 parents!! Please look out for a further letter that was sent today via email from Mrs Clinton. This is an important letter as it informs you of all of the dates that you will need to be aware of as the children begin their Sacramental Programme this year. Please make a note of all of the celebration Masses as well as all of the parents' meetings prior to each celebration. **It is essential that parents attend all of these meetings in order for the children to be ready and prepared to receive each sacrament.**

The first dates for the diary are:

**Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023** - Parents' and pupil meeting to prepare for the Rite of Presentation. (3:30 p.m. or 5:00 p.m.)

**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023** - Rite of Presentation Mass at St. Patrick's Church (9:15 a.m.)

**Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024** - First Forgiveness at St. Patrick's Church (7:00 p.m.)

**Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024** - First Holy Communion Mass at St. Patrick's Church



**CURRICULUM NEWS:** It's been a really busy week across many areas of the curriculum! To highlight just a few: In Year 1, Miss Cavanagh and Mrs Philips were super impressed with the Art work produced by the children on Tuesday. In Year 3, the children wowed Mrs Durcan and Miss Campbell with their tin whistle skills. They played their first ever note and learnt that having a good posture will help them to improve further. Finally, in Year 6, Mrs Fox helped the children to become scientists in the field as they identified living and non living things within the school grounds. Phew! Why not check out our Facebook Page to see how your child's class got on this week?

**COMMUNICATION:** At the start of each year, we ask that parents/carers provide the school with their most up to date contact details. This will include latest mobile phone numbers, work/home phone numbers and current email address. This update form was given out at the 'meet the teacher' meetings on Tuesday. Please return it to your child's class teacher by **Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> September**. The school email address is: [communications@st-edmunds.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:communications@st-edmunds.manchester.sch.uk) so please add this to your email contact list because the vast majority of information (including this weekly newsletter) will be communicated this way. This has been proven to be the most effective way of letting parents/carers know of anything that is going on in school and for parents to communicate with members of staff.





**MEET THE TEACHER:** Thank you so much to the parents/carers who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings on Tuesday evening. The teachers were delighted to meet you all and they hope you found the information given to be useful. There will be a further Parents' Evening on **Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023** when parents can book an individual appointment with the teacher to discuss how your child has settled in so far. Please put this date in your diary!

**MEET THE  
TEACHER** 

**after school sports** 

**AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS:** We are thrilled to be working with the coaches from Sports First Coaching again this year in order to provide the children with some high-quality P.E. provision in addition to the P.E. lessons taught during curriculum time. As was the case last year, we are able to offer the provision to our Key Stage 1 pupils as well as our Key Stage 2 pupils. The sessions will start during the week commencing **Monday, 18th September.**

- Pupils in Years 1, 2 and 3 on a Monday afternoon from 3:15-4:15 p.m.
- Pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 on a Tuesday afternoon from 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Pupils must be registered in order to benefit from the after school sports club so parents/carers please ensure that you have completed the form that was given out during the 'Meet the Teacher' meeting on Tuesday.

**BREAKFAST CLUB:** We are delighted to continue with our offer to support working parents again this year. Our daily Breakfast Club will be available from 8:00 a.m. until 8:40 a.m. to enable working parents that little bit extra time to get to work on time. Any parents that wish to register, please come to the school office to make arrangements.



**FLU VACCINE:** Children from Reception - Year 6 will be able to have a flu vaccination in school on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November. The Flu Immunisation Consent Form and leaflet was given out at the 'Meet the Teacher' meeting on Tuesday. It is important that you sign and return this form by **Monday, 18th September** to let us know whether or not you wish your child to receive the vaccine.

**SCHOOL GATEWAY:** As you are aware, we have moved to a new online payment system called School Gateway. Thank you to all the parents who have registered so far. If you are struggling to register or download the app please come and speak to the office staff who can help. This new app is a way for parents to keep up to date with what is happening in school and to pay for any trips or monies that are owed.

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.schoolcomms.sga>

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/school-gateway/id596039615?ign-mpt=uo%3D4>

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** The SVP in our parish is launching a scheme to gather food supplies for people who find themselves in difficulty during the cost of living crisis. Their aim is to provide short term help so that people have space to get back on track.

If you can spare any non perishable items they will be greatly appreciated - Tins, rice, pasta, soap, toothpaste, deodorant etc. can be dropped off at the back of St. Patrick's or St. Malachy's Church. Thank you for your support.



**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: All of the people affected by the devastating natural disasters in Morocco and Libya, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Rizwan (RIP) & Mrs Sadaf & family, Father Paul & Father Moses, the Presentation Sisters, our children and staff, all those working with environment agencies, and all other private intentions at this time.



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> September	After School Sports Club starts for Years 1, 2 and 3
Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> September	After School Sports Club starts for Years 4, 5 and 6
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Mass for Years 4, 5 and 6 @ 9:15 a.m. in the hall
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Girls' Football Team at MCA return to school at 5:45 p.m.
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS Stay and Play
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> October	CAFOD Harvest Fast Day
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Mass for Years 1, 2 and 3 @ 9:15 a.m. in the hall
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening commencing at 3:30 p.m.
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Non-Uniform Day in aid of school fund

2023  
**SEASON OF CREATION PRAYER**

**Creator of All,**  
From your communion of love life sprung forth like a mighty river and the whole cosmos came into being.

On this Earth of overflowing love, the Word was made flesh and went forth with the life-giving waters proclaiming peace and justice for all creation.

You called human beings to till and keep your garden. You placed us into right relationship with each creature, but we failed to listen to the cries of the Earth and the cries of the most vulnerable. We broke with the flowing communion of love and sinned against you by not safeguarding the conditions for life.

We lament the loss of our fellow species and their habitats, we grieve the loss of human cultures, along with the lives and livelihoods that have been displaced or perished, and we ache at the sight of an economy of death, war and violence that we have inflicted on ourselves and on the Earth.

Open our ears to your creative, reconciling and sustaining Word that calls to us through the book of Scripture and the book of creation. Bless us once again with your life-giving waters so that the Creator Spirit may let justice and peace flow in our hearts and overflow into all creation.

Open our hearts to receive the living waters of God's justice and peace, and to share it with our suffering brothers and sisters, all creatures around us, and all creation.

Bless us to walk together with all people of good will so that the many streams of the living waters of God's justice and peace may become a mighty river all over the Earth.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

**SEASON OF CREATION**

*Stay with us, Lord... on our journey.*