



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

8th November 2024

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 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

Our Statement to live by next week:

'I know what to do if I see someone being hurt.'

Anti-bullying & Parliament week

GIFT: God wants us to trust and depend on him, and to share our gifts of time, talent and money to help others. When used well, our gifts help us to find our purpose in life and to improve the lives of those around us. This Sunday's Gospel shows us that even the smallest of good deeds, done with love, does not escape Jesus' attention. The widow's gift was so little that, in some ways, it would hardly make much difference. But Jesus reminds us that the amount we give is not as important as the love with which we give a gift. Enjoy a very special time together exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this week's word, which is **GIFT**.



Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful. Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel by joining us at St. Patrick's or St. Malachy's at the above Masses. Alternatively there are other local churches with other Masses available: all are very warmly invited.

*"Life is a precious gift but we realise this only when we give it to others."
(Pope Francis)*



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: Our families from St. Edmund's will join the families of St. Patrick's as part of our parish family on Sunday to celebrate, 'We are people who pray.' Our next dates to note are:

Monday, 18th November: meetings in school either 3.30 or 5.00 p.m.

Sunday, 1st December: Celebration Mass at St. Patrick's at 9.15 a.m.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS: Our class results for the last week before half term are in the table below. Congratulations to Years 1, 3 and 4 classes who exceeded our school target of 97%. Unfortunately, we didn't have any classes who exceeded our target for October so we've not been able to reward any classes with an ice-cream treat! However, we had our termly celebration attendance assembly this morning and lots of children received prizes! Please remember this top tip to ensure your child is school ready!



BE PREPARED: Get uniforms, P.E. kits (& swimming kits Y4), book bags, homework, packed lunches, water bottles all ready the night before school. Involve the children in helping to get organised. This removes the stress from doing it in the morning and will more likely get you all to school and on time.

Nursery: 96.7%	Reception: 95.2%	Year 1: 97.8%	Year 2: 95.4%
Year 3: 98.4%	Year 4: 97.4%	Year 5: 96%	Year 6: 95.9%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.5			



PRAYER AND WORSHIP: Our next Mass will be on Wednesday, 13th November to have an early celebration for our patron saint-St. Edmund! (We won't be in school on the feast day, 16th November). Mass will commence at 9:15 a.m. and as always, parents/carers are very welcome to join us in the school hall. Our Y5 children will be leading us in worship.

REMEMBRANCE LITURGY: Next Friday, 15th November, we will be holding a Remembrance Liturgy for Years 1-6 in the school hall at 2.00 p.m. This is an opportunity for all members of our school community to come together, light a candle and pray for the repose of the soul of a loved one that has gone before us. If you would like us to include a family member, please email the following details to our email address: communications@st-edmunds.manchester.sch.uk



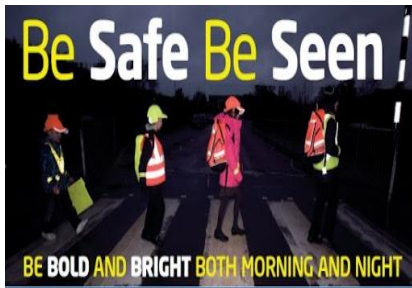
- The name of your loved one/s
- The name of your eldest child who will light the candle

Please send us these details by Monday, 11th November so we can prepare for the service.

There is also a Remembrance Mass at St. Patrick's on Wednesday, 13th November at 4.00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

READING TOP TIP: This week's reading top tip is: 'Re-read a favourite book or poem.' Encouraging your child to re-read the books and poems that they love really helps them to build fluency and confidence. At times, the children tell us that they have been reading but we don't see any evidence of this in their reading record book!! Please help us to celebrate with the children because, 'If you don't record, we can't reward!'

Have you ever considered rereading a book



BE SAFE BE SEEN: Now the clocks have gone back, we have darker evenings. Please talk to your children about being safe and seen whilst walking out and about. Most coats now have reflectors on but just because we can see car headlights doesn't mean drivers can see us! With the darker evenings in mind, we now request that all children are collected by parents at 4.15 p.m. when after school club finishes. This means we know they have been collected and will get home safely. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

EMMAUS CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST:

Parents/carers received a letter of invitation regarding an update on the school joining the Emmaus Trust. The meetings will take place on Tuesday, 12th November. There are two options: St. Edmund's at 2.00 p.m. or St. Patrick's at 3.30 p.m. All welcome.



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YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL: Before the mid-term break, all parents/carers of Y6 pupils received a letter regarding the Y6 residential to Robinwood. This will prove to be an invaluable experience for your child and really strengthen their preparation and transition to high school. Please remember to set up a payment plan on School Gateway so that you aren't having to pay a lump sum in May 2025. The cost of the trip could be used for a Christmas or birthday present which the children would really appreciate. Many thanks for your co-operation.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & DISABILITIES - THE LOCAL OFFER: As a Manchester school, we are very proud to be a part of our Special Needs community. Parents/carers can often find it difficult to navigate how/why/what to do/where to turn when help is needed. Please click on the link below to see a 60 second video to find out where to start. Alternatively, Mrs Shaw, our SEND Co-ordinator is always on hand to help and give advice.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6G91t1JXPGM>



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK & PARLIAMENT WEEK: Teachers have been planning some great activities for next week's PSHE curriculum where we'll be taking part in TWO national initiatives - anti-bullying and parliament week. Check out our facebook pages for an update and we've got our Junior Leadership Team (JLT) all ready to support and lead our learning. Don't forget to wear your odd socks on Monday and Friday children and be ready to show them off!

REGENERATION & THE MONSALL MASTERPLAN: We have received notification that Manchester City Council, in partnership with 'This City' have plans to build some new homes in the surrounding area of our school and they would like to share this information with anyone who lives/comes to school in the neighbourhood. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer that will be of interest to many of you. Mrs Clinton has invited the design team into school so that parents/carers can have a look at the plans and ask any questions. More information to follow.



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 Saints & All Souls, men and women who have died in war or conflict, Kathryn Grogan (RIP) and family, Jo Phillips and family, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, Caritas, our families on the Sacramental Programme those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Father Paul, Father Moses, the Presentation Sisters, the Missionary Brothers of Charity, our children and staff and all other private intentions at this time.



BEDTIME PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for the many gifts you have given us. Please help us to be generous and cheerful in all we do for you and each other. Amen

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: The term leading up to Christmas is as busy as ever! Please make a note of the dates. As much as possible, we'll stick to the plan but please be aware that some of these dates/arrangements are subject to change.

Sunday, 10 th November	Celebration Mass for our families on the Sacramental Programme. Please be at church for 9.15 a.m. and head to the front.
Monday, 11 th November	The start of Anti-bullying and Parliament weeks Come to school in your odd socks 11.00 a.m. - 2 minute silence for remembrance Deadline for parents/carers to send in names of loved ones who have passed away

Tuesday, 12 th November	Meetings for parents on Academy conversion 2.00 p.m. St. Edmund's hall 3.30 p.m. St. Patrick's hall
Wednesday, 13 th November	Mass for Years 1-6 to celebrate the feast of St. Edmund Mass for remembrance at St. Patrick's - 4.00 p.m.
Friday, 15 th November	Odd socks day 2.00 p.m. Remembrance Service in the hall
Monday, 18 th November	Sacramental Programme meetings: 3.30 & 5.00 p.m
Wednesday, 20 th November	PARENTS EVENINGS - <i>please make a note of the times</i> Nursery & Reception - workshop to support early reading and writing 3.30 & 5.00 p.m. Years 1 & 2 - workshop to support with teaching phonics 3.30 & 5.00 p.m. Years 3-6 individual 1:1 meetings with teachers to look at your child's work & to discuss progress so far (appointments to be arranged from 3.30 p.m.) Deadline for parents to pay £10.00 donation for the Y4 educational visit to Eureka!
Thursday, 21 st November	After school dodgeball competition for some Y5&6 pupils at St. Matthew's
Friday, 22 nd November	Non-uniform day - please bring a donation for the Parish Christmas Fair: chocolate, Christmas decorations, bottles for the tombola, toiletries
Sunday, 24 th November	Parish Christmas Fair at St. Patrick's Church after 10.30 a.m. Mass Come along in your festive outfits to meet Santa and enjoy all the fun of the fair!
Wednesday, 27 th November	Y4 educational visit to Eureka!
Thursday, 28 th November	Deadline for parents to pay £10.00 donation for the pantomime (Years 3-6)
Friday, 29 th November	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
Sunday, 1 st December	Celebration Mass for our families on the Sacramental Programme. Please be at church for 9.15 a.m. and head to the front.
Tuesday, 3 rd December	Victorian day for Y6 - children to come dressed in costume
Wednesday, 4 th December	Mass in the hall for Years 1, 2 & 3 (led by Y2) EYFS stay & play session in class
Friday, 6 th December	EYFS, KS1 in school Christmas Show - Alice Saves Christmas!
Tuesday, 10 th December	Years 3-6 off to the Pantomime Aladdin - oh yes they are!
Thursday, 12 th December	Years 1 & 2 Nativity in the hall at 2.00 p.m. No charge but don't forget to support our raffle!
Friday, 13 th December	Years 3 & 4 sharing toys, crafts & stories (Christmas past and present) with parents & Grandparents. 9.15 a.m. in the hall
Tuesday, 17 th December	Traditional Christmas lunch (all children encouraged to participate - £2.55 for those children who normally bring a packed lunch) Everyone to wear their Christmas jumpers/sweatshirts
Wednesday, 18 th December	Whole school Mass for Years 1-6 followed by... PARTY DAY! Children to come to school in their Christmas outfits All children encouraged to participate in our party lunch buffet - £2.55 for those children who normally bring a packed lunch Party afternoon in the classrooms Christmas Disco - more information to follow soon
Friday, 20 th December	Non-uniform day for school fund. 50p a child or £1 a family 9.15 a.m. Carols around the crib - all welcome School closes for children at 1.00 p.m.

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