



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

15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stedmundsrcprimaryschool.co.uk)

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



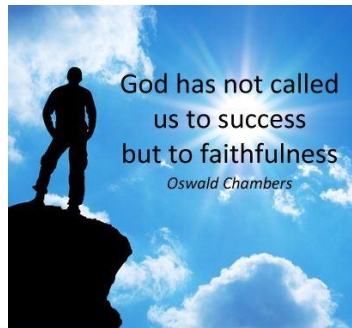
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If there is any parent who wishes their child to be baptised, please contact the Parish Priest of the parish in which you live. If you live within the boundaries of this parish, please see Father Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, Father Paul can be contacted on 07764791889 or at [paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

### Our Statement to live by next week:

'I understand that rights match responsibility.'

Parliament week



God has not called us to success but to faithfulness  
*Oswald Chambers*

**FAITHFULNESS:** In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus (using the language and imagery of his time) describes the 'earth shaking' signs of his return at the end of time. The Gospel gives us only images about the end of the world, not a detailed time-table. Jesus reminds us to look beyond the troubles of the world, to something far more important. Jesus assures us that although many things in the world may change, his words will last forever. We can be certain that our faithfulness to God will be rewarded in this life and the life to come. Enjoy a very special time together exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this week's word, which is **FAITHFULNESS**.

*Getting to know Jesus helps us to be more faithful. 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.*

*"Let us give thanks for all the blessings which God has bestowed on us, especially for his patience and his faithfulness."*

*(Pope Francis)*

### Sacramental Preparation



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** Our families are meeting again on Monday to prepare for our next celebration Mass, 'We are people who celebrate God's words.'

**Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November:** meetings in school either 3.30 or 5.00 p.m.

**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December:** Celebration Mass at St. Patrick's at 9.15 a.m.

**PRAYER AND WORSHIP:** We had a beautiful Mass on Wednesday, celebrating our inspiration, St. Edmund. We reminded ourselves of his life-story and how we can learn to be more like him in our charity towards others. Our Y5 pupil leaders were super readers as well as providing actions for prayers and hymns. Special thanks to our newly appointed altar servers as well as welcoming our new priest, Father Anthony. Father Moses kindly rewarded the children with an extra TEN minutes leisure time and all children took home a bag of sweets. We are certainly keeping our faith and traditions alive.



**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS:** Our class results for last week are below. Congratulations to Years 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 classes who exceeded our school target of 97%.



Nursery: 93.6%	Reception: 96.3%	Year 1: 97.4%	Year 2: 95.4%
Year 3: 99%	Year 4: 97%	Year 5: 99%	Year 6: 99.6%
<b>WHOLE SCHOOL: 97.1%</b>			

**AUTHORISED ABSENCES FOR ILLNESS:** In line with our attendance policy, once a child reaches 5 days of sickness absence (where medical evidence hasn't been provided), medical evidence is then required for absences to be authorised. Mrs Clinton will look at a child's registration and attendance over time to make a decision about a child's sickness absence.

**PUNCTUALITY:** A reminder to parents/carers that we all understand that occasionally, we run late and are behind. However, if children are persistently late for lessons after our registration closes, this will be marked as an authorised absence for that session.

**YEAR 4 TRIP TO EUREKA:** To support them with their Science curriculum, our children will be going to the fantastic Eureka! This is on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November but donations need to be received by Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November if the trip is to go ahead. Please make your donation of £10.00 by this date. Also, parents/carers need to note that the class will return back to school later than the usual pick up time. Depending on traffic, we expect them back at school at 4 o'clock.



**READING TOP TIP:** Our top tip this week is: **BE POSITIVE!** Praise your child for trying hard at their reading and let them know it's alright to make mistakes. One of our Gospel Values in school is 'Perseverance.' Sometimes we don't always get it right first time but rewards and treats for showing perseverance are

always welcome!!

**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.

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we make  
a really positive  
**DIFFERENCE**  
developing children



**NURSERY PLACES FOR JANUARY:** Are you looking for a nursery place or know someone who is? Is their date of birth on or before 31.12.2021? If so, we have places within our nursery available for your child to start in January! For more information about the admissions process please call in at the school office.



**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, Mabel Cooper (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, Father Anthony, 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 being our faithful friend. Please help us to keep growing in faithfulness to you and to one another. 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.

Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Sacramental Programme meetings: 3.30 & 5.00 p.m
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> 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. (please meet in the Nursery classroom) Years 1 & 2 - workshop to support with teaching phonics 3.30 & 5.00 p.m. (Please meet in the Year 1 classroom) 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 <sup>st</sup> November	After school netball competition for some Y5&6 pupils at St. Matthew's
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Non-uniform day - please bring a donation for the Parish Christmas Fair: chocolate, Christmas decorations, bottles for the tombola, toiletries
Sunday, 24 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> November	Y4 educational visit to Eureka!
Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Deadline for parents to pay £10.00 donation for the pantomime (Years 3-6)
Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> November	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> December	Victorian day for Y6 - children to come dressed in costume
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Mass in the hall for Years 1, 2 & 3 (led by Y2) EYFS stay & play session in class
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS, KS1 in school Christmas Show - Alice Saves Christmas!
Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 3-6 off to the Pantomime Aladdin - oh yes they are!
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 3 & 4 sharing toys, crafts & stories (Christmas past and present) with parents & Grandparents. 9.15 a.m. in the hall
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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.*