



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

22<sup>nd</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)



DIocese of SALFORD

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 stand up for myself without hurting others.'**

**LEADER:** This Sunday is the last in the church's year. It is the day on which we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. This feast presents the golden opportunity for us to make a new start with Jesus - the Universal King. It is a celebration to which we're all invited. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus' kingship is not one of political power, crowns and splendour, but one of peace and truth. He is not an earthly king - his kingdom is heaven. Jesus stands up for God's true values of love and forgiveness and leads us into the truth. He also reveals to us the truth about ourselves. Enjoy a very special time together exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this week's word, which is **LEADER**.

*Getting to know Jesus helps us in our leadership. Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel by joining us at St. Patrick's or St. Malachy's at the above Masses. However, this weekend, Mass at St. Patrick's will be at 10.30 a.m. followed by our annual Christmas fair. Please come along to support your parish. Alternatively there are other local churches with other Masses available: all are very warmly invited.*

*"Jesus leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and to serve others, leading us on our journey towards eternal life."*

*(Pope Francis)*

*Sacramental  
Preparation*



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** Thank you to those parents who attended the meeting on Monday to prepare for our next celebration Mass, 'We are people who celebrate God's words.'

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

### **PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR:**

DON'T FORGET...IT'S THE PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR THIS SUNDAY!! IT STARTS STRAIGHT AFTER 10.30 A.M. MASS AND WILL BE UPSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL. COME ALONG IN YOUR FESTIVE OUTFITS AND GET YOURSELVES A BARGAIN. YOU NEVER KNOW, SANTA CLAUS MAY EVEN PAY US A VISIT!!! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED BY MAKING A DONATION TODAY, THIS IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.



**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS:** Our class results for last week are below. Congratulations to Nursery, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 classes who exceeded our school target of 97%. Extra plays aplenty this week! Well done children! Thank you parents and carers for working in partnership with the school to encourage each and every child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time).



Nursery: 97.6%	Reception: 85.6%	Year 1: 95.6%	Year 2: 95.7%
Year 3: 98.7%	Year 4: 97%	Year 5: 97.1%	Year 6: 97.2%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 95%			

**TOP TIPS FOR ATTENDANCE:** Particularly now that the weather is getting colder, it's important children have got the appropriate clothing - warm coats, hats, gloves and scarves, thermal vests, tights or thick socks. All of this will help keep them warm when they're outside. Please encourage them to learn to fasten up their coats. All of these additional layers will take extra time to put on in the mornings, especially if you have a few children to get ready. Please allow yourselves extra time for this as well as defrosting your car if needs be too!!



**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. If parents haven't paid the donation, please do so by Monday. 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.



**WARM WELCOME SPACES:** No one should struggle to stay warm this winter. If you are looking for somewhere dry and warm this winter, there are a series of venues across the city who are signed up to the 'warm welcome spaces' scheme, where visitors can stay as long as they like and meet other people too. The venues include Manchester libraries. Facilities include free internet, WiFi and some also offer hot drinks. For more details go to [manchester.gov.uk/helpinghands](http://manchester.gov.uk/helpinghands). You can also find your nearest warm welcome space by searching the online map at <https://www.warmwelcome.uk/find-a-space#map> or call 0800 023 2692 or text 07860 022876 for more information. Please pass this information on to your friends, family and neighbours, particularly anyone who you feel may be vulnerable and needs help.

**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.



**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 leading us in the way of truth - to help God's kingdom of love to grow in our hearts, in our homes and in our schools. 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, 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.*