

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

6<sup>th</sup> December 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:**

**ADVENT: 'Prepare the way of the Lord.'**



**PEACE THIS ADVENT:** In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about John the Baptist calling people to prepare themselves for Christ's arrival. John alerted the people of the need to change some of their ways and to the fact that Jesus was coming. This Gospel can serve to remind us about the importance of preparing ourselves as Christmas approaches: to repent (to look into our hearts and see if there are any ways that we could make a change for the better), and to be busy doing the things that Jesus told us to do, loving God and loving one another through our words and through our deeds. In these ways we prepare our hearts to be filled with a joy that lasts long after the Christmas festivities have passed. Enjoy a very special time together this weekend hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this week's word which is **PREPARATION**.

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

*'In this second week of Advent, we ask for the grace to prepare ourselves for a time to prepare ourselves with faith to celebrate Christmas.' Pope Francis)*

**PRAYER & WORSHIP:** Our children had a beautiful Mass on Wednesday with Father Moses where we learned more about how to grow closer to God during Advent. Well done to our Year 3 children who led the readings and prayers. Our next Mass will be Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December - do try and join us at 9.15 a.m.

### *Sacramental Preparation*



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** Thank you for attending Mass last Sunday and we ask you to continue bringing your family, especially during this season of Advent. Your children will really enjoy and benefit attending 'little church' with the parish catechists. The next two dates for your diary are:

Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 3.30 or 5.00 p.m.

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025, 9.15 a.m. Mass 'We are people who follow Jesus.'

**TOP TIPS FOR ATTENDANCE:** Stick to a regular bedtime routine which allows your child to get plenty of sleep. Children aged 3-6 need 11 hours sleep. Children aged 7-11 need 10 hours sleep. Children will be much happier each morning and getting them ready for school will be less of a struggle if they've enjoyed the right amount of sleep.



**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS:** Our class results for last week are below. Congratulations to our Year 6 children who smashed our target of 97% by achieving 99.1% This is a great achievement and a great example to our younger children! Well done pupil leaders! We always have a monthly competition too and any classes meeting our target are treated to an ice-cream party. Unfortunately, we didn't have any classes who made it during November!! Fingers crossed for a better month. We wouldn't want any children missing all of our fantastic Advent activities.



Nursery: 70%	Reception: 95.4%	Year 1: 82.4%	Year 2: 92.4%
Year 3: 93.3%	Year 4: 93%	Year 5: 92.3%	Year 6: 99.1%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 91.3%			

**CHRISTMAS WEEK:** Most parents/carers will know that we always give our children a fantastic time in our final week before we break for the Christmas holidays. If your child usually brings a packed lunch, would you like them to join in our festivities? We will be having serving a traditional Christmas dinner and a party lunch during the final week. Please speak to our admin teams to order these for your child. The cost for this is £2.55 per day.



**CHRISTMAS MARKET:** As part of their PSHE & R.E. curriculum, our Y5 pupils have been learning about enterprise!! They are going to be busy making some Christmas crafts which they'd like to sell to parents/carers. The children will be 'Ambassadors4change' as they raise money for our chosen charity, Caritas and their Advent campaign #BeeThere. There will be a 'Christmas market' after our Nativity play on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December so please bring some pennies and pounds to support our market traders and our charity!

**CHRISTMAS DISCO UPDATE:** Tickets go on sale on MONDAY!!! We only have a limited amount though and we know they'll sell fast!! £5 a ticket or £10 per family. Get those disco pants and sparkly outfits ready! We have managed to secure enough stewards, security and bouncers for the night which means....ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED!! DJLOCK will be in the house! Doors will open at 4.30 p.m. and children MUST be collected from school at the usual time so that staff can transform the rooms!! More information next week!

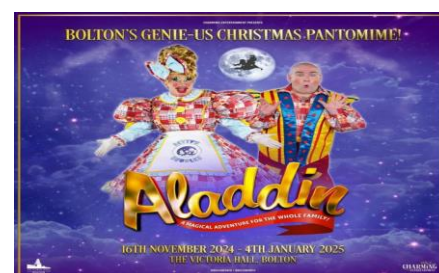


*A story book, a day*  
CHRISTMAS ADVENT



**ADVENT BOOK CALENDAR:** We do hope our children are enjoying the Christmas stories this Advent and thank you to our teachers for making this season so special.

**PANTOMIME PAYMENTS:** We really wouldn't want any child missing out on the pantomime so if you haven't paid yet, you need to speak to a member of our Administration team. Our younger children enjoyed a show in the school hall this afternoon, 'Alice saves Christmas.' We hope they enjoyed this treat - there was lots of happy squealing to be heard!







**WICKED!** We were astounded last week to be gifted 16 tickets for the hit musical show, 'Wicked'. St. Matthew's High School very generously gave all of the feeder Primary schools tickets for this amazing show! Some very lucky children went along to the Palace Theatre yesterday afternoon for the matinee performance. They had a fantastic time - what an experience for them. THANK YOU ST. MATTHEW'S!!!

**GOOD NEWS:** We love sharing good news and we are delighted to inform parents that St. Matthew's was recently judged to be a good school by Ofsted earlier this term. From continuing to work closely with St. Matthew's & benefiting so much from their community, we know how hard the staff and students have worked together to make changes for the better. Congratulations to all the staff and our past pupils who attend the school. Furthermore, as you know, St. Matthew's are already members of the Emmaus Trust so this bodes well for St. Edmund's too!



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

**YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL:** This is a rolling reminder about 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.

**FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS:** A message for parents/carers whose children are eligible for free school meals. Manchester City Council has again approved funding for supermarket vouchers for the Christmas break to help with the financial pressures that many of our families will face. Families with children eligible for free school meals (FSM) will receive a £30.00 e-voucher from Wonde on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December. This voucher can be redeemed at a supermarket of your choice.



**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, Margaret Williams & 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, help us to prepare our hearts to receive and share more of your love as Christmas approaches. Amen

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:** These last two weeks in term are very busy a real change to our usual routines. We hope our children enjoy being part of our Advent activities as we aim to give them a memorable time. Please make a note of the dates.

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 and our Christmas markets! Please bring some cash!
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... <b>PARTY DAY!</b> 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 - £5 a ticket or £10 a family, 4.30 - 5.30 p.m.
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 <b>School closes for children at 1.00 p.m.</b>

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

