



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

24th January 2025

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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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WEEKEND MASSES - Come to the table, everyone is welcome!

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 is:

'I know how to use words to make the world a better place.'

GOOD NEWS! In this Sunday's Gospel we are reminded that Jesus brings Good News to everyone. We can all at times be blinded by selfishness or jealousy, be prisoners of guilt or worry, or be oppressed by bad habits. But Jesus has come to set us free, to help us renew our relationship with God and to enrich our relationships with each other. Today, our schools and parishes continue Jesus' work, sharing the Good News of the Gospel so that people of the world can know God's love for them. This Good News is for you and me - Here! Now! We need only to be open to God's Spirit. Enjoy exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this week's words which are GOOD NEWS!



Coming to hear the Good News at Church will help your family get to know Jesus better. 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.

"Jesus was sent to bring the Good News, to enter the heart of each one of us." (Pope Francis)



PRAYER & WORSHIP:

Unfortunately we had to postpone our Mass on Wednesday. Our Year 4 children will get another opportunity to lead us in worship on Wednesday, 12th February as they were really looking forward to this. Again, parents/carers, family and friends are all welcome. Come and share the Good News with our community.

JUBILEE YEAR - PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Today was the national launch of our Jubilee Year, 'Pilgrims of Hope' and children enjoyed the launch assembly. We'll be doing lots of special activities during the remainder of the year to celebrate this momentous year!



Sacramental Preparation



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: Bringing your family to Mass each week could be a great way to show your child how to be a Pilgrim of Hope. They are very welcome to join 'little church' either Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

The next two dates for your diary are:

Monday, 24th February 2025, 3.30 p.m. or 5.00 p.m. in school;

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

Please ensure you make arrangements to attend the meeting and Mass.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS:

Last week was a better picture for attendance. Congratulations to our winning class, Year 4, who were so close to getting perfection!!!

All three classes who met our target were rewarded with extra playtimes throughout the week.



Nursery: 90.1%	Reception: 96.5%	Year 1: 96.3%	Year 2: 96.2%
Year 3: 98.3%	Year 4: 99.6%	Year 5: 97.7%	Year 6: 96.3%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.3%			



TOP TIPS FOR ATTENDANCE: Ask your child about their day and praise them for things they have done well. Check out Facebook and our newsletter to find out about everything we do. Help them to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time).

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY: We just can't stress to parents/carers enough about the need to keep school informed if your child is absent for whatever reason. If we don't hear from you, staff will conduct a home visit. If there is no response, we will call 101 and request that police undertake a welfare visit. Please work with us so that we aren't concerned about your child's safety.



MID YEAR REPORTS: For parents with children in Years 3-6: this afternoon, you will receive a progress report for your child. If you would like to discuss this in more detail with your child's teacher by all means call the office to make an appointment.

PARENTS' EVENING: Parents who have children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 will have the opportunity to come and meet their teacher and look at their child's work on Tuesday, 11th February from 3.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. Come along and the teachers will slot you in - first come, first served.



READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: **CHANGE YOUR VOICE FOR EACH CHARACTER.** If reading a book aloud with your child, try becoming some or all of the characters in the story! Change your voice for the characters. You can speak in a whisper for a shy mouse. You can speak angrily. You can speak in a loud silly voice. You can speak in a quiet voice. Even when you have only one character, have fun changing your voice. This will make the story more entertaining and help your child understand which characters are talking. As a bonus, you will be helping your child learn new words, such as shyly, angrily, happily, and sadly, because children will match your tone of voice to the words in the book and to the pictures on the pages.



EDUCATIONAL VISITS: We all know our children love going out on excursions and we have two coming up. Year 6 are off to visit the air raid shelters in Stockport for their WWII history curriculum. Year 2 will be visiting Quarry Bank Mill also for their history learning. We ask parents to donate £10.00 per child so that we can afford for everyone to go. Parents will receive an email with more information about these trips today.

BASKETBALL TICKETS: Returning to Manchester the Great Britain women's team take on Estonia in what is set to be an exciting home game for the National Team. As part of the FIBA women's EuroBasket qualifier window the teams are set to go head to head and every point counts! With unreserved seating you can get closer to the action than ever. GB Basketball are offering a 30% discount code for Manchester schools meaning children's tickets are available from £3.50. The discount can be accessed by adding **MCRCOMMUNITY30** at checkout.



Venue: National Basketball Performance Center, Kirkmanshulme Ln, M12 4TF

Doors Open: 6.30 p.m.

Tip Off: 7.30 p.m.

Booking Link: <https://www.universe.com/events/fiba-women-eurobasket-qualifiers-great-britain-v-estonia-tickets-F90JTZ?ref=MCRActive>



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: Julie Anne Fotsodap (RIP) and family, Carol Parkes (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 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 bringing Good News to my family and the world. Please help us to be Good News to everyone we meet this week. Amen

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