

July 2023



Oh my goodness, I can't believe that we've reached the end of another fantastic year at St. Edward's. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support, all the staff really appreciate it. Your children are a credit to you. It's certainly been a year of highs and lows but we will come back stronger! Our curriculum offer continues to improve and the opportunities to broaden the children's learning and experiences increase. It has been great to see residents resuming and numerous sports competitions being entered. It's a time for 'goodbyes' and 'hellos' as Y6 prepare to move up to High School and we welcome new EYFS children. We are also saying a short goodbye and good luck to Mrs Rigby as she prepares to start her maternity leave. On that note, I hope you all have a wonderful summer and return refreshed in September. Much love and God bless - Mrs Snell X

Psalm 91: 11-12

"For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go. They will hold you up with their hands."



Tiny Tots: This half term, we introduced our very first Tiny Tots group in our school hall, led by Mrs. Wilks and Mrs. Kay. I am delighted to inform you that this initiative has been an immense success so far, with our Tots engaging in a wide range of enriching and enjoyable activities.

Each week, our Tiny Tots have been actively participating in creating delightful animal pictures, as well as exploring the world of construction toys, they have actively engaged in imaginative play with dolls, delving into the realms of their imagination. Additionally, the Tiny Tots have been introduced to a variety of musical instruments, igniting their passion for music. It's remarkable to see their social skills grow in such a short period. Our sessions take place every Monday from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in our school hall. It would be wonderful to have you there and be part of this exciting journey, we kindly request that you help us spread the word about this wonderful opportunity within our wider community. By sharing this information with friends, neighbours, and other parents, you will be assisting us in offering this enriching experience to as many children as possible.

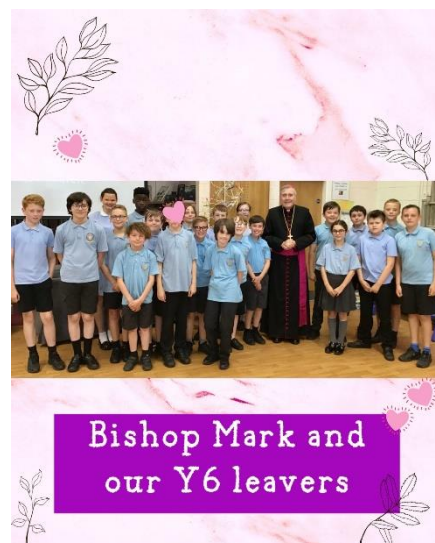


Class 2 have had a very busy few weeks. In English we have started our new book 'Paddington at the Palace'. In Maths, Year 2 have been working hard in statistics and gathering data and Year 1 have been working hard on their numbers to 50. We have been enjoying learning the songs for the Infant musical festival and loved performing them. We can't believe we only have a few weeks left!

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A Visit from Bishop Mark

Last week the children thoroughly enjoyed meeting our Bishop Mark. He led our collective worship and encouraged the children to ask him questions. I wonder whether he was anticipating, "What would you do if you got fired?"



Will you get onto our leader board after the holidays?

Practise makes perfect!
A huge congratulations for Y4 for their amazing effort in their statutory multiplication check - the verdict was 'easy'! 6 seconds to answer was an eternity compared to rockstars!



Halton Healthy School Award

Two members of our School Council were delighted to receive our award in recognition of all the hard work the school has done this year to promote and support mental and physical health and wellbeing.



Class 1 - This half term we have learnt all about lifecycles. We had a special delivery of eggs which we watched hatch into cute fluffy chicks. We enjoyed holding our little friends and watching them grow. We also experienced some tiny caterpillars turning into beautiful butterflies and we were able to release them into our outdoor area. We have used our school pond to go pond dipping and found lots of exciting things!



Class 5 have had a very busy few weeks with lots of enrichment activities from Halton Healthy Schools. We have learned about looking after our teeth, keeping safe from alcohol and tobacco, how to administer emergency first aid and about the dangers of gambling (lots of which is embedded in the video gaming world). We also had a great afternoon up at St Chad's with our science heads on. We labelled and observed a heart - it most definitely wasn't for the faint-hearted, but we enjoyed it. We also made magic potions using chemicals and powered a balloon operated car using Newton's laws of physics.



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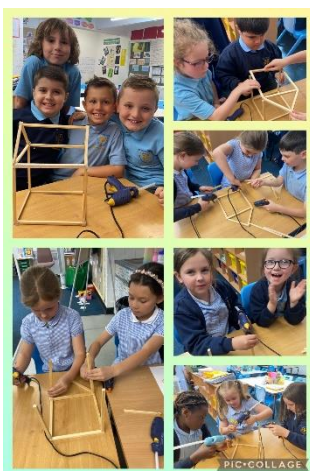
Year 6 also enjoyed their last sports day and experienced their transition days in high school. What an end to another very busy year of learning.



In our final half term, we have done SO much learning!

In Science, we have been learning about Light and we went on a fantastic trip to the Catalyst Science and Discovery Centre in Widnes, where we learned all about how light travels, different light sources, reflectors and even bioluminescent animals and plants! Here are some Science pictures from the Catalyst and from our classroom. DT - we have been making our own mini greenhouses. We have worked so hard on this project and enjoyed learning lots of new skills, including sawing and gluing wood, sanding and measuring accurately. Here are some pictures of the process. English - we have enjoyed reading some Roman and Greek myths, as well as learning about the mythical creatures of the UK, including Will 'O the Wisp and the Loch Ness Monster. In Maths, we have been learning about time, money and angles. For PE, we had a skipping masterclass and have also been playing Handball. In History, we have been learning about the Romans and how they changed Britain.

Class 3, you have been an absolute joy to teach. Enjoy your summer holiday and keep up the hard work and the positive attitudes in Year 4!



This half term, **Class 4** have enjoyed a variety of wonderful learning experiences, including the topic of Emperors and Empires, and Roman life. We have produced some amazing mosaic, Roman art. A group visited the Heath High school to make hydraulic lift model bridges in DT. Our girls cricket team came second in the local tournament. English has been based around the book 'Escape From Pompeii', and the children have begun their own exciting version of the story. In maths we have investigated fractions through money, which came in useful for the school cake sale. We have also learned about the 24 hour clock.

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Thank you!!!

We are really grateful to **Mr Brookes**, Annabelle's dad for laying our patio/performance area in EYFS. We would defiantly recommend his work. We still have some more flags that need laying under our water play area if anyone can help??



PE

We are pleased to announce that as of September, we have a new PE provider. This means that the whole school will receive a PE lesson on a Friday and one other session per class (TBA by class teachers). Hopefully this will make things a bit easier!

New Website:

To keep up to date with what your child is learning about each half term, make sure you look at our class pages on the website. You will notice that we have a new updated look! Our Twitter feed and Facebook page enable you to see daily updates and photographs.

School Twitter	@edward_primary
Mrs Williams	@StEdwards_C1
Miss McCulloch	@StEdwards_C2
Miss Percival / Mrs Taylor	@StEdwards_C3
Mrs Bradshaw / Mrs Taylor	@StEdwards_C4
Miss Millward / Mrs Taylor	@StEdwards_C5

Check our school website for key information:

www.stedwardscatholicprimaryschool.co.uk

Facebook - St Edward's Catholic Primary School, Runcorn

Uniform:

Please remember that our **outdoor activities / PE kit is navy blue**. Once again, we have seen an increase in the number of children wearing **bright colours / prints / pictures / logos** which does not meet our dress code. Trainers must only be worn for PE and not as an alternative to school shoes. With the exception of small stud earrings, jewellery should not be worn. Long hair must be tied up for safety.

School water bottles are available to buy from the office for £2.



Parking:

This continues to be an issue at either end of the school day. However, the situation is made worse by regular incidents of rude and aggressive behaviour from parents and carers, usually in front of children. **Dropping off or parking on the zigzags** is prohibited, as is parking across the crossing areas. Several cars are in the habit of pulling up outside the car park gates - this is still a no park zone and blocks the path. Please be mindful and courteous of how you park to enable as many people as possible to park safely around you.

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Attendance:

% attendance in a school year	Days of absence in a school year	Weeks missed in a school year
98%	4	Less than 1 week
95%	9.5	Almost 2 weeks
90%	19	Almost 4 weeks
85%	28.5	Almost 6 weeks

Attendance across school still improving. During the summer term however, we have had an unprecedented number of holidays in term time. This remains a key judgement indicator for Ofsted. Holidays in term time: The decision of not authorising any 'holidays' and any subsequent fines is not led by school but is a Government stipulation, which school's must adhere to and administer. Remember though, if your child is ill, please do not send them into school.

Punctuality: Thanks to all families who have been signing your children in at the office when the school gates have closed at 8.50am. Remember that you can drop off from 8.40am as teachers already have learning activities set up from this time and teaching begins at 8.50am. Phonics begins daily at 9am. If children arrive after 8.50am they are missing valuable learning time.

Diary Dates:

Friday 14.07 9.30am	Summer Fayre
2pm	Y6 Leavers Service
Monday 17.07.23 2.30pm	Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 19.07	Leavers Lunch
1.30pm	Finish for Summer
Monday 04.09	INSET - Staff only
Tuesday 05.09 8.50am	Y1-6 Return
Wednesday 06.09 8.30am	Y1-6 photos (families from 8.30am)
Thursday 07.09 8.50am	EYFS Return

Building work:

Thanks for all your patience whilst we have been having the building work done. When we come back in September, we can't wait to show off our fancy but secure porch area and redesigned office space!

★ UNDERSTANDING HOW LATENESS IMPACTS ON YOUR LEARNING TIME ★

MINUTES LATE PER DAY <small>(If you are late by the following number of minutes each week every day, the number on the right shows how much learning has been missed)</small>	HOW MANY SCHOOL DAYS/SCHOOL WEEKS MISSED IN 1 YEAR
5 minutes	3.4 school days
10 minutes	1.4 school weeks
15 minutes	2.6 school weeks
20 minutes	2.8 school weeks
30 minutes	4 school weeks



End of Year Assembly

On Monday 17th July at 2.30pm we are having our end of year whole school celebration assembly. All visitors are welcome to join us.