



March 2026

Snow! As I'm putting this together, Carol on the weather says this is a possibility for Easter! Let's hope not! We are now at the end of our spring term, which has flown over. It has been another busy one - the zoo, cycling, World Book Day, Science Week, Burwardsley and Robinwood to name but a few. We'll be kicking off summer term with parents evening; don't forget to book online.

For now though, on behalf of all of us at St. Edward's, I'd like to wish you a happy and peaceful Easter - Mrs Snell.

Here are some pictures of our Lenten preparations.



## Fundraising

Thanks for your kind support for our Lenten fundraising, through 'Good Shepherd' Friday events to support CAFOD, and our whole school bunny hop for our local Halton Haven.

In **Lock Class (2)** we have had a wonderful and busy half term in Class 2, full of exciting learning and fun experiences! In English, we have been learning all about the inspiring explorer Amelia Earhart. The children have thoroughly enjoyed discovering facts about her life and achievements, and have worked incredibly hard to write their own information texts. In Science, we have been exploring the fascinating world of mini beasts. The children loved getting hands-on by creating their very own wormeries, observing how worms move and help the soil.



In Art, we have been developing our understanding of colour, learning all about primary and secondary colours and experimenting with mixing to create new shades. We have also had lots of fun raising money for the Good Shepherd

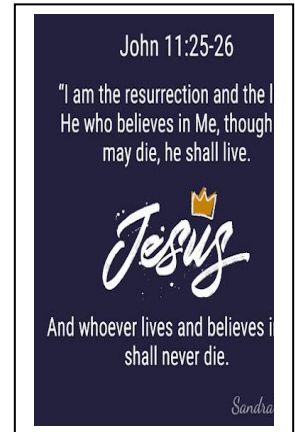
Appeal. A highlight for many of us was our 'Silly Hair or Hat Day', which brought lots of smiles and laughter across the school!

This half term, **Priory (3)** have been learning about rivers in Geography. We have learned about the water cycle, features of a river, different ways rivers are used and some of the most famous rivers in the UK and the wider world. We finished our topic with a field trip to Wigg Island to see the River Mersey, where we saw physical and human features, the sandy river bed and whilst we were there, the tide was out. We also used this opportunity to get our steps in for the Big Lent Walk for CAFOD! Thank you to the parents who joined us and made it a lovely morning full of learning.



**John 11:25: Jesus said to her. "I am the resurrection and the life."**

**Bridge Class (1)** have enjoyed a very busy term. We have been finding out about the Great Fire of London and then had a visit from Runcorn fire service. Over the last few weeks our incubated eggs were delivered and hatched into a variety of 12 chicks. We were treated to a busy session on teeth brushing and the importance of at least twice a day. Following our attendance win, the children chose to hold a teddy bear's picnic - definitely in to win! In art, we have explored colour and investigated the many shades of green we could find around us.



In Geography, **Castle Class (4)** have been learning all about the Alps and comparing our local area to Innsbruck, in Austria. We have used maps to compare physical and human features of these two areas.

In DT, we have been using Micro Bits and exploring coding. We definitely have some budding software developers in this class who were amazing with the Micro Bits! In Music, we have been using a variety of instruments to make music to represent colour in the Holi Festival.

We had a visit from Father Peter who taught us how to write a conquan poem, and not long after experienced Safety Central (Year 5) and a vist about Carbon Monoxide (Year 6). Halton Healthy Schools visited us for a session on the dangers of vaping and tobacco. Thanks to Mr Stanyer who has worked with us this half term. We wish him luck in his teaching career.



**Luke 24:6-7: "He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee..."**

This term, our **Mental Health Ambassadors** have been learning about the "5 Ways to Wellbeing": connect, be active, take notice, keep learning, and give.

To share their knowledge, they created colourful leaflets for every child, offering simple ideas to support positive mental health. Each leaflet highlights the five key areas of wellbeing and provides practical ideas that children can use in their daily lives — from spending time with friends to trying new hobbies or showing kindness to others. Their efforts have helped raise awareness across the school, encouraging everyone to take small steps towards better wellbeing.

Our **Junior Safety Officers** have been hard at work this term, helping to raise awareness about the importance of staying safe near roads.

Focusing on the key message "Think, Stop, Look, Listen," the pupils have been sharing their knowledge with others across the school. Through their assembly, they have encouraged everyone to take extra care when crossing roads and travelling to and from school.

Their efforts have helped reinforce vital safety habits, ensuring that all pupils understand how to stay safe and make sensible choices every day.

## Robinwood Dobroyd Castle - Sneak Peak Day 1

## Burwardsley - Priory Cass March 2026



The children has a brilliant time at Burwardsley. They had learning opportunities that wouldn't be available to them in school - a stone age roundhouse, an archaeological dig, clay pots and the most amazing mixed media artwork depicting the local rural nature. Next year we will return to Tattenhall for go-carts, catapults and bridge building (to name but a few!)



artwork depicting the local rural nature



## Golden Letters

Keep your eyes peeled for a golden letter dropping through your letterbox. Four lucky children will be receiving our special recognition award for all their hard work this term - I wonder who it will be? ★ ★

**Reminder - Please DO NOT drop children off on the zig-zag lines outside school. It is dangerous and illegal**



## Attendance - End of Term Totals 30.03.26

Bridge	93.69%
Lock	93.96%
Priory	94.94%
Castle	93.69%

Remember that the minimum national expectation for attendance is **97%**. We have many children and subsequently classes, who fall well below this figure. Some families have already been referred to the Educational Welfare Officer.

Congratulations to those children who regularly achieve 100% - we are so proud of you!

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 Days Absence 1 week & 4 days of learning missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 Days Absence 3 weeks & 4 days of learning missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 Days Absence 5 weeks & 3 days of learning missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 Days Absence 7 weeks & 3 days of learning missed	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 Days Absence 9 weeks & 1 day of learning missed	Unacceptable

School Twitter	@edward_primary
Miss McGimpsey	@StEdwards_C1
Miss McCulloch	@StEdwards_C2
Mrs Rigby / Mrs Bradshaw	@StEdwards_C3
Mr Bullock	@StEdwards_C4

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Easter bonnets, easter egg hunt	2 <sup>nd</sup> April
Celebration assembly - 1.30pm	
Finish for Easter - 2.30pm	
Back to school	13 <sup>th</sup> April
Parents evening - 3-5pm	14 <sup>th</sup> April
Parents evening - 2-6pm	15 <sup>th</sup> April

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## School Council Champions Healthy Eating Initiative

Our School Council members have been taking an active role in promoting healthier lifestyles, as they prepare to launch a new Healthy Foods initiative next term.

As part of their work, the children have been learning about colour-coded food labels and exploring the amounts of sugar and salt found in everyday snacks. They were surprised to discover just how much can be hidden in popular lunchbox items.

Using their new knowledge, the council members have been designing eye-catching posters to encourage healthier choices across the school. They hope to raise awareness and inspire pupils to think more carefully about what goes into their snacks and packed lunches.

Concerned about the high levels of sugar and salt in some foods, the School Council is determined to help create a healthier school community for everyone.

**Healthy snacks will be a focus for next term as many children are bringing in sweets, crisps, chocolate and biscuits for playtime. This is not in our school policy! Juices and flavoured waters should only be drunk at lunchtime unless medical evidence is provided. For safety reasons, nut products are not allowed, including chocolate spreads.**



## St Edward's Catholic Primary School

### A Prayer for Families:

"Risen Jesus, we rejoice that You are alive and with us! Thank you for the bright promise of new life. Make us messengers of Your joy and hope for all the world.

Amen."

