

# St Edward's Catholic Primary School

December 2023

...and breath, we've almost

made it! After a very long and busy half term packed with learning, fun and excitement; I hope that we can all enjoy a well-earned rest with our families and loved ones. As a school, we thank you for your incredible support and generosity both in our fundraising for others and towards our new stage (a large investment). However, this will benefit the children for many years to come. On Wednesday we are holding our KS2 carols and readings service followed by a festive bake sale and Christmas raffle. Whilst the service is for KS2 families all are welcome to enjoy our end of year treats at 3.20pm. The smell of baking has been delicious. Cookies and mince pies 50p, mini cakes £1. Tomorrow is also our **Christmas Bake Off** competition day - please bring in your entries ready for judging. Who will win this time?

Don't forget that we finish for Christmas at 1.30pm on Thursday and return on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

Wishing you all a happy and holy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

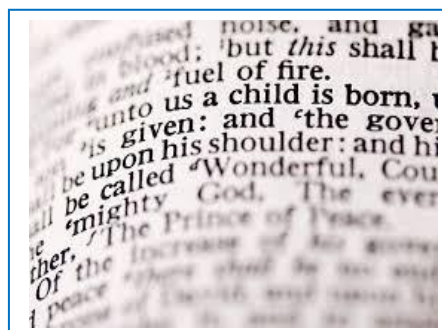
Mrs A Snell



This half term we have been very busy in **Class 1**. Our focus story in English has been 'The Three Little Pigs'. We have been developing our cutting skills during DT lessons and learning to follow and give instructions as part of our computing unit of work. We enjoyed a trip to the library and linked our walk there with our Geography work. We used a map of our local area to locate some human and physical features. Our KS1 Nativity was a huge success, and the children sang their hearts out!



**Class 2** have had such a busy few weeks. In English, we have been reading a book called 'Dear Earth'. We have been writing about how we can save our planet. In Maths, we have been learning all about addition and subtraction. During our Geography lessons, we have been looking at the 7 continents, 5 oceans and human and physical features of Runcorn. We worked so hard on our Nativity and pulled out an Oscar winning performance. Year 2's had the best school sleepover and even got some sleep. We are excited and so ready for our Christmas break. Phewww! Merry Christmas everyone!





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**Class 5** have been very busy, as usual working hard across the whole curriculum. We have been learning about keeping safe on line and enjoyed our visit from the police to give us some great advice. In Design & Technology, we have been putting our skills into practise by designing and making a playground- using lots of different structures. We have also been out on our bikes learning how to keep safe on the roads. Finally, we finished off our Geography topic, with a field study out in our local area to investigate the effect population can have on pollution.



What a busy and fun half term we have had in **Class 3**. Forming circuits in science, programming 'Crumbles' in computing and designing and SEWING our own pouches for an electronic charm. We have been working on multiplication and division in maths and making and acting out our story maps in readiness for our Hot Task in English. Along with a trips to the library and the pantomime....it has sure been busy!



**Class 4** have been really busy! We have made our own animations in computing, designed and constructed playgrounds using different tools and materials, and been on a Geography walk to Runcorn Old Town to look at traffic and the environment. We have written diary entries and setting descriptions in English and worked on multiplication, division and fractions in maths. We have also been playing dodgeball and basketball in PE and learning all about light and reflection in Science. We have had workshops about mental health and healthy eating and also visited Runcorn library.



On Friday at 9am, we hold our whole school celebration assembly. We love to welcome all parents and carers to this.



Look out for our special golden letters which will be delivered to 5 amazing children over the Christmas holidays!

Congratulations to **Class 1** who completed their Mr Potato Head this term. Enjoy your prize. The competition will re-start in the New Year. Who will our next champions be?



## Whole School Christmas Activities

Here is just a small selection of what we've been up to this Christmas! Thank you for your support.



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Check our school website for key information:

### Extension to Breakfast Club Provision - Please let us know your response to this

We are looking to provide an 8.30-8.40am early start to school breakfast club to run alongside our existing provision. This will be £1 per week and the children will receive hot, buttered bagels. The bagels will replace the £1.50 toast offering at playtime from Halton Borough Council. It will not be either / or. The children will be served in the hall between these times and bagels are not available any later as the children will go straight into class at 8.40am.

[www.stedwardscatholicprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.stedwardscatholicprimaryschool.co.uk)

**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 our updated website.

Our Twitter feed enables you to see up daily updates and photographs.

**Attendance and Punctuality:** Please be aware that we will continue to closely monitor both attendance and punctuality. Letters keeping you up to date with your child's attendance will be sent home every half term. **Remember that the minimum expectation set by the Government is 97%.** Holiday's in term time will continue to be unauthorised as per Government guidance.

**Late after the gate is locked:** A reminder...now that our entrance is completed, all children being dropped off late **must be signed in by an adult inside school.** This is to comply with our safeguarding arrangements. Please do not put our office staff in the difficult position of having to call you in. Thanks.

**Green, amber and red** letters will be sent home this week to keep you up to date with your child's attendance. Take a look at our attendance matters board in the porch to see how these percentages relate to lessons lost.

**Residential Visits:** Look out for information regarding Y2 Christmas sleepover and Y4, & 6 residential visits. To make these exciting learning experiences viable, we will need your support.

**After school clubs:** After the holidays we will be changing to Autumn 2 after-school clubs. Look out for details.

**Uniform -** Thanks for sending the children to school looking so smart. Don't forget that the children are only allowed to wear trainers for PE and not as part of their uniform. School PE kit is navy blue. Pastels and other colours should not be worn. **Long hair must be tied up for health and safety and earrings not worn.**



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

## Parking

Regretfully, parking in and around school continues to be an issue and it would seem to be getting worse. There is an increased lack of consideration for other road users, pedestrians and neighbours. Can we remind you that...

*It is unlawful to drop off on the zig-zag lines, this includes pulling up and not specifically stopping.*

*White road markings indicate not to park on the raised speed hump.*

*Road marking indicate not to park across the designated crossing points near to the railings.*

*Please do not use the entrance to the car park as a layby or turning circle as this is a danger to pedestrians.*

*Do not block resident's driveways.*

*Please do not use bad language in front of other people's children - your number plates are always shared!*

**Read, Write Inc - Phonics:** School has invested heavily in our new phonics scheme, and we are really pleased with its positive results and the impact on reading.

**Lost / Damaged books:** Overall, we are delighted at how respectful everyone has been towards our books. However, we recognise that accidents do happen. Unfortunately, school has to purchase in sets of 10, so if books are damaged or lost we need to replace them. You will be asked to pay £5 for each book. No child deserves to bring home a dirty/torn book to learn to read from. Please support us in this.

## Diary Dates

We will send out a full list of dates for Spring 1 when we return.

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	School re-opens 8.50am
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Swimming Y4 for 4 weeks
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Finish for $\frac{1}{2}$ term.



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

**Lord of All, we give you thanks for your abundance, and for all the great things you have given us, especially the birth of Your Son on this day.**

**We ask your blessing upon this food, and upon our friends and family.**

**We also pray that in your great mercy, you would look kindly upon all those in need this day.**

**Amen**