



"Perhaps this is the moment for which you have been created." -
Esther 4:14

July 2024

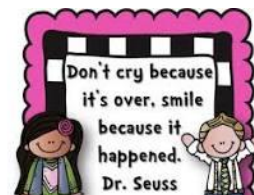
So there goes another year, at some points it dragged and at other times it's flown over! We have had a jam-packed year and have fitted in a lot of learning, fun and laughter. Once again, we are at the point where we say our hellos and goodbyes. I am delighted to share that we are oversubscribed in EYFS for September - a real testament to everyone's hard work. Sadly, we lose our current Y6 children as they move onto pastures new. We are incredibly proud of their amazing SATs results due to their hard work and resilience. This year also marks a change in staffing as we say goodbye to some of our longest standing members of our team. We hope they have a fabulous summer.

Again, our curriculum continues to develop. We have been awarded our Gold School Games Mark this summer. Mrs Williams is leading the science quality mark, and Miss McCulloch and I are leading our ArtsMark application.

We are enriching the curriculum with exciting history days in September and October, as well as an RE day designed to celebrate God's world.

Can I thank you all for your incredible support for all the fundraising events this year. We managed to reach our target of a new stage and were able to add to our new dinner tables order. EYFS have benefitted from additional resources. Next year, we need to consider our computing offer and upgrade our iPads. It would be great to welcome some new faces to our Friends of St Edward's group.

Anyway, I'm rambling on...so much love and God bless - Mrs Snell X



"Commit to the Lord whatever you do and your plans will succeed." - Proverbs 16:3



Class 2: We have a super half term filled with so much learning and fun! In English we have been reading the book 'The Secret Sky Garden.' We made our own garden out of junk modelling. We also wrote our own setting descriptions. In Maths we have been learning about statistics and position and direction. During our geography topic we have been learning about where we are in the world and have focused on our school and its surroundings. In science we have been learning about plants, we loved going on our plant hunt around school. Year 2 have completed their Secret Agent Tests and have worked super hard. We loved our party to celebrate our success.

Class 4 have had a really busy summer term. We have carried out an enquiry in our local area, looking at issues that might affect people. We enjoyed filling in our tally charts and asking questions to the public. We have really enjoyed our Art topic called 'Photo Opportunity', making lots of different collages. We also loved learning all about World War 2, including linking our music lessons and learning some war-time songs. We had the opportunity to show off what we learned in our amazing class assembly!



Class 1: This half term our topic has been about Transport. We changed our classroom role-play area into a travel agents and the children enjoyed pretending to board the aeroplane. At home, children made their own boats and we tested them in the water tray to see if they would float. In RE, we have been learning about the church, its features and why people go to church. We talked about baptism and role-played a baptism in our classroom. The highlight of our half term has been our class bike and scooter wash. The children had so much fun and enjoyed making a song all about it!



Class 5 are celebrating their amazing SATS results which show how amazing each and every one is, and they have been busy practising for their final Y6 Leavers assembly.



In **Class 3** we have worked on making connections in science. We have also looked back on a great year and the friendships we have made and developed.





Lizzie & Beth

Today we said goodbye to our beautiful hens as they cluck their way into retirement at the farm. As hens age they can become unwell as well as stop laying - no good for Class 1's scrambled eggs! In September we will meet our new girls and the quest for names will begin!



Golden Letters

Over the summer holidays there will be a number of golden letters posted, awarding children with our prestigious gold badge. These are the children who have really impressed us this half term with both their hard work and positive attitude. Keep your eyes peeled!

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

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. **All long hair must be tied up for safety.**

PARENTS' PRAYER

We pray that this summer holiday will be full of new experiences.
We pray that God will be with all our children in whatever they do and wherever they go.

Amen



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.

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

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

Holidays in term time:

Again, this is an area where we are starting to see improvements and you have received the latest attendance letter from Halton Borough Council. The judgement 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.

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.

UNDERSTANDING HOW LATENESS IMPACTS ON YOUR LEARNING TIME

MINUTES LATE PER DAY <small>(If you are late by the following number of minutes each and every day, the numbers on the right show 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

Time to say goodbye...



Sadly in any school, there comes a time when staff move on, either to pastures new or retirement. This summer is one such occasion and we wish a fond farewell to Miss Percival, Miss Millward, Mrs Webster, Mrs Machell, Mrs Warburton, Mrs Hallwood and Mrs Hanson-Jones. I'd like to thank them on behalf of everyone for all they have contributed to our school and the lives of the children and their families. You will be missed. Enjoy turning off the alarm and rolling over in bed on September 2nd!



Dates:

04.09.24	8.40am - School re-opens Y1-Y6
05.09.24	8.40am - School reopens EYFS (Class 1)
16.09.24	9am - Friends of St. Edward's welcome cuppa
17.09.24	All day Class 3 - Stone Age Day (£5 contribution via app)
20.09.24	Christmas cards day
24.09.24	3.30pm - Phonics meeting Class 1 / 2
27.09.24	9am - Macmillan coffee morning / parents' breakfast
01.10.24	All day Class 4 - Maya Day (£5 contribution via app)

"For I know the **PLANS**
I have for **you**"
declares the **LORD**
"plans to **PROSPER** you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you
HOPE and a
FUTURE."
Jeremiah 29:11

