

October 2024

I can't believe that an 8 week half term has passed already. Although both staff and children are feeling exhausted. As the leaves fall, summer seems a long time ago. Poor Mr Rogers is constantly brushing up!

As I write this, the children are excitedly looking forward to our spooky Autumn disco, organised by the wonderful Friends of St. Edward's. All monies raised will go towards the coach for our amazing Christmas trip to Gulliver's World!!! Over the last few weeks, we have supported the children's learning with whole day drama workshops exploring the Stone Age and Mayans. The whole school also enjoyed a full day learning about God's World, led by the RISE theatre company. Thank you to those of you who supported this enrichment. It has certainly been a jam-packed half term...roll on Christmas! Love and prayers - Mrs Snell.



Class 2 have settled brilliantly this half term. In English we have been reading a book called 'Lost and Found'. We have been writing character descriptions and acting out the story. In maths we have been learning place value and number bonds. We have loved our art lessons with clay. We have enjoyed creating pinch pots and house tiles using pressing and joining techniques. In history we've enjoyed learning about explorers and have loved showing what we've learnt in different ways.

Miss McCulloch and Mrs Potts are so proud of us.



Class One have settled into school really well. They have enjoyed making lots of new friends and exploring their new setting. They really enjoyed European Languages Day where we learnt all about France and even had a French breakfast! During our PSHE and Art Day about 'Diversity', we looked at mixing colours and talked about how we are all different but we are all loved by God. As part of 'Recycling Week', we sorted items of different materials into recycling bins and learnt about the importance of looking after our wonderful world.



Welcome to our first Junior Safety Officers

As part of this initiative, Holly and Dottie has been selected to take on the important role of Junior Safety Officers. These children will play a vital part in contributing to a safer school environment for everyone. They will be involved in various activities aimed at promoting safety awareness, which will keep them positively engaged throughout the school year. Each month, our Junior Safety Officers will participate in different activities and competitions on topics like road safety and being safe online, their responsibilities will be both rewarding and enriching. By getting involved in these projects, they will not only learn essential safety skills but also develop teamwork and leadership qualities.

"I am looking forward to keeping everyone safe and doing competitions" said Dottie

"I am looking forward to keeping everyone in school safe" said Holly



School Council

The school council will be holding monthly meeting to discuss the views of the children in our school. We look forward to their input.

Here at St Edward's, we aim to promote positive mental health and wellbeing for our whole school community through the PSHE curriculum, assemblies, school council and the school website. We understand how important mental health and emotional wellbeing is to our lives, in just the same way as physical health. We recognise that children's mental health is a crucial factor in their overall wellbeing and can affect their learning and achievement. We as a school pursue this aim using both universal, whole school approaches and specialised, targeted approaches aimed at vulnerable students. We have created a dedicated Mental Health display in school. This is a resource for the children, allowing them to access information should they experience feelings of sadness, worry, or anxiety.



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It has been a busy first half term for **Class 4**. We have been busy programming using Micro:bits in a variety of ways: animations, polls, pedometers, and scoreboards. It was enjoyed so much the whole class have asked for a Micro:bit club! We had a brilliant workshop day from One Day Creative learning all about the Mayas for History. In English, we have written some instructions for a variety of events that you may need to 'dress up for'. Our RE lessons have focused on the Kingdom of God and how everyone is welcome, so long as we follow him and live in the way that Jesus taught us. Everyone is looking forward to the Spooky Disco before we break up for half term!



RISE Theatre Company - God's World



Class 3 have had a brilliant start to the year! We have been learning all about the Stone Age, Bronze Age, and Iron Age, including a great day with One Day Creative. In Science, we have been learning all about movement and nutrition, making moving hands and looking at different animal diets. We have started to play the recorder and flute and we can already read some musical notation! We have enjoyed our basketball and dance lessons in PE, and made our own colourful paper sculptures in Art.

All children had a brilliant day celebrating 'God's World'. The RISE theatre company led a fun-packed day of learning through drama and thought-provoking ideas as to how we care for and appreciate our world.



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.**

Check our school website for key information:
www.stedwardscatholicprimaryschool.co.uk

Facebook - [St Edward's Catholic Primary School, Runcorn](#)

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

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 illegal, 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.

We have had multiple complaints from residents who have taken car registration plates to report to the police. Please do not park across their driveways.

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:

We are starting to see improvements and you have received the latest attendance letter from Halton Borough Council. The number of families taking holidays in September after the summer break has decreased. 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.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ...

Have a safe and relaxing October half term. Don't forget that the clocks go back an hour on Saturday night!

★ UNDERSTANDING HOW LATENESS IMPACTS ON YOUR LEARNING TIME ★

MINUTES LATE PER DAY <small>(If you are late by the following number of minutes each day 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

