

Welcome to the



“ We Carry the light of Christ as we love,
live, learn and look after each other. ”

St Edwards Newsletter

Friday 26th September 2025

Leadership Message

What a lovely week of sunshine we've had—and we're certainly making the most of it while it lasts! It's been wonderful to see children enjoying outdoor learning, playtimes, and all the vibrant energy that a bit of sun brings to school life.

Since our last newsletter, we've had a fantastic couple of weeks filled with impressive work across the curriculum. From creative writing to scientific investigations, the standard of learning has been exceptional. A particular highlight was Mr Carroll's visit to our reading lessons, where he observed the specific skills being taught. He was genuinely amazed by the depth of vocabulary acquisition and the level of understanding shown by our pupils. It was a real testament to the high expectations and dedication within our classrooms.

As always, please do take a moment to read through the important notices in this newsletter—especially our plea for Forest School support. Your involvement makes a huge difference, and we're grateful for the continued enthusiasm from our school community.

God Bless, Mr Carroll and Mrs Flanagan



Announcements



Winter Uniform to be worn from October half term, trainers only on PE days.



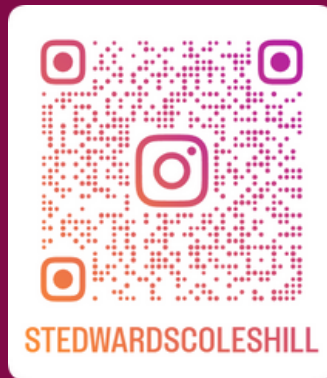
Please ensure your child has their hair tied up if required.



Please note, School lunch price will soon increase to £2.75, from £2.70.

Stay Connected!

Stay Connected! We warmly invite all parents and carers to follow our school's social media channels. It's a great way to stay up to date with daily highlights, celebrate pupil achievements, see snapshots of learning in action, and get reminders about upcoming events. From Forest School adventures to curriculum showcases, there's always something inspiring to see—don't miss out!



Stay Connected with Class Dojo!

If you're a parent or carer who doesn't yet have access to Class Dojo and would like to join, we'd love to get you set up. Class Dojo is a fantastic way to stay informed about your child's learning, receive updates from their class teacher, and celebrate achievements big and small. To request access, simply email admin3503@welearn365.com and we'll get you connected!

Upcoming dates

Autumn Term Key Dates

30/09/2025 - Reception parents phonics workshop - 9.15am

11/11/2025 - Reception Parent Workshop - 9.15am, followed by a short commissioning service with their Y6 Faith Friends led by Fr. Kevin.

12/11/2025 - Year 1 Parent Workshop - 9.15am

14/11/2025 - Non uniform day, whole School to bring a bottle for the Christmas Fayre.

18/11/2025 - Year 2 Parent Workshop - 9.15am

19/11/2025 - Year 3 Parent Workshop - 9.15am , followed by Holy Communion enrolment meeting for Parents.

21/11/2025 - Non uniform day, whole School to bring chocolate for the Christmas Fayre.

25/11/2025- Parents Evening

25/11/2025 - Year 1 - Year 6 Panto at Belgrade Theatre (Please make payment on ParentPay)

26/11/2025 - Year 5 Parent Workshop - 9.15am

27/11/2025 - Year 4 Parent Workshop - 9.15am

27/11/2025 - Parents Evening

02/12/2025 - Year 6 Parent Workshop - 9.15am - Confirmation meeting for this has been cancelled due to the enrolment mass already taking place.

09/12/2025 - EYFS Nativity - 9.15am , KS1 Nativity 10am

10/12/2025 - KS2 Carol Concert, 10.15am in the Church

11/12/2025 - EYFS Nativity- 9.15am , KS1 Nativity 10am

11/12/2025 - KS2 Carol Concert, 6pm in the Church

****Please make a note of the PTFA dates further on in the newsletter****





Celebration of the word

This week's assembly focused on the theme of staying close to God, even when life feels full of distractions. We explored the Gospel message where Jesus reminds us of the two greatest commandments: to love God with all our heart and to love our neighbour as ourselves. Children reflected on how everyday distractions—like worries, busyness, or material things—can sometimes pull our attention away from what truly matters. Through discussion and prayer, we considered how putting God first helps us to live with kindness, compassion, and love towards others. A beautiful reminder that when our hearts are centred on God, we are better able to care for those around us.



Important Sacramental Dates

Confirmation Enrolment Mass - Sunday 23rd November - 10.45am

Holy Communion Enrolment Mass - Sunday 7th December - 10.45am

First Reconciliation service at Church - Sunday 8th March - 3pm

Sacrament of First Holy Communion - Saturday 6th June - 10am

Sacrament of Confirmation - Tuesday 3rd February 7pm

Year 3 Parent Workshop - 19/11/2025 -- 9.15am, followed by Holy Communion enrolment meeting for Parents.

Year 6 Parent Workshop - 02/12/2025 - 9.15am, followed by Confirmation meeting for Parents.



Our Prayer Garden
Our Mission
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Introducing THE 'GIFT' TEAM



This page serves as an introduction to our newly formed GIFT Team—Growing In Faith Together—who will be leading and supporting the spiritual life of our school community. In this first edition, we're excited to share their purpose and vision. Going forward, the GIFT Team will keep this space updated with reflections, activities, and celebrations that help us grow in faith together.

MEET THE TEAM



OUR MISSION

Growing In Faith Together Our vision is to nurture a school community rooted in faith, love, and service. Through prayer, reflection, and action, the GIFT Team will help pupils grow spiritually, celebrate our Catholic identity, and live out Gospel values in everyday life. Together, we aim to inspire hearts, strengthen relationships, and deepen our connection with God and one another.





FOREST SCHOOL PLEA!

PLEASE HELP!

🌲 Forest School – We Need Your Help!

As we prepare to launch our Forest School in time for Autumn 2, we're reaching out to our wonderful school community for support. While we're thrilled to have new puddle suits ready for our pupils, we're still in need of additional resources to make the experience safe, enriching, and magical for everyone.

Without your help, we may struggle to get everything in place in time. We would be incredibly grateful for donations of:

- Wellies (all sizes)
- Puddle suits
- Warm coats
- Gloves and hats
- Tarpaulins or waterproof covers
- Wooden pallets or crates
- Logs or tree stumps for seating
- Outdoor tools (child-safe)
- Natural materials for crafting (pinecones, sticks, stones, etc.)
- Gardening tools or equipment
- Old kitchen utensils for mud kitchen play
- Storage boxes or baskets for outdoor resources



OUR VISION

We believe that nature provides a rich and dynamic environment where children can explore, discover, and grow—physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually.

Through Forest School, we aim to:

- Foster a deep connection with the natural world and an understanding of environmental stewardship
- Encourage independence, creativity, and problem-solving through hands-on, child-led learning
- Build teamwork, communication, and empathy through collaborative outdoor challenges
- Support wellbeing by offering space for reflection, movement, and mindful engagement with nature
- Enrich the curriculum by linking outdoor experiences to key learning areas in

a purposeful and engaging way





Panto Trip – *Sleeping Beauty at the Belgrade Theatre!*

The countdown is on — our exciting pantomime trip is fast approaching! On Friday 28th November, the children will be attending a performance of *Sleeping Beauty* at the Belgrade Theatre in Coventry. We'll be travelling by coach to and from the venue, and will be enjoying the 10:15am showing.

Children are welcome to bring a small sweet treat or snack and a drink to enjoy during the performance. Please avoid fizzy drinks and anything containing nuts.

The cost of the trip is £16, payable via ParentPay. Please log in and make your payment when you're able — we're looking forward to a magical day!



ParentPay



PTFA

UPDATES!

A Big Thank You to Our PTFA! Thank you to the PTFA members who met recently with Mr Carroll and Mrs Flanagan—your time, ideas, and enthusiasm are truly appreciated. We're delighted to confirm the following upcoming events, made possible through your support and collaboration.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Wednesday 15th October 2025

PTFA Cake Sale

Week Beginning Monday 20th October

Pumpkin Decorating - PTFA sourcing pumpkins

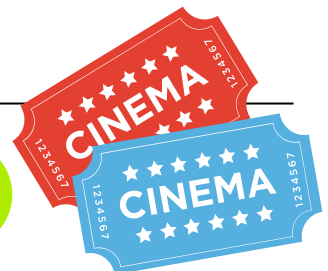
Thursday 23rd October

Spooky hair day! £1 to enter. For Spooky Hair Day, we're all about fun and creativity—please avoid any offensive or frightening props such as toy knives or anything that could cause upset, so everyone can enjoy the day safely and happily!

Friday 5th December

Christmas Jumper Day

CHRISTMAS MOVIE EXPERIENCE



🎄 Christmas Movie Night – Wednesday 17th December 🎬 We're excited to invite children to our festive Christmas Movie Night on **Wednesday 17th December!** The evening will run from **3:20pm to 5:15pm** and promises a cosy, fun-filled experience. Each child will enjoy a Christmas film, delicious food, and receive a special festive goody bag—all for **£8 per child**. It's the perfect way to celebrate the season together!





Reception 2026 Applications



When can your child start school?

- Children can start school (Reception) in the September after their fourth birthday.
- Advice and guidance on delaying or deferring your child's start at school is available with the information on the Compulsory School Age (CSA).

You need to apply for September 2026 if your child:

- was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 (for a place in Reception).

The applications process opens on 1 November 2025 and the deadline for applying for a Reception or Junior place is 15 January 2026. If you apply by this date, you will receive your child's school offer on National Offer Day (16 April 2026).

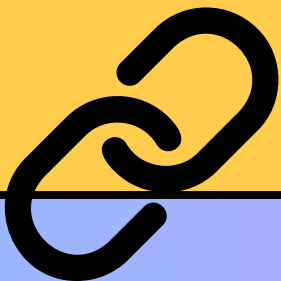
Applications made after this date will be classified as late and not considered until after 16 April 2026, by which time many schools will be full and you are much less likely to be offered a place at your preferred school.

****You must apply to the local authority in which you reside when submitting your application for a school place****



Useful link-

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/homepage/421/applying-for-a-primary-school-place>





Secondary Applications



The application process opens on 1 September 2025 and the deadline to apply for a secondary school place is 31 October 2025. If you apply by this date, you will receive your child's school offer on National Offer Day (2 March 2026)

Applications made after this date will be classified as late and won't be processed until after 2 March 2026, by which time many schools will be full and you are much less likely to be offered a place at your preferred school

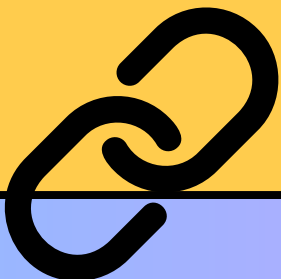
To make a late application please [apply online](#)

There is an extended deadline of 31 December 2025 if your address changes before then. So if you have moved house and are submitting an application before 31 December 2025, please include relevant documentation of your move with your email (tenancy agreement or completion letter from solicitor) as we will then be able to class your application as on time.



Useful link-

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/homepage/422/applying-for-a-secondary-school-place>



Parents evening 2025



**TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2025 AND
THURSDAY 27TH 2025**

We're really looking forward to welcoming parents into school for our Parents' Evenings this November. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's progress, discuss their learning journey, and strengthen the partnership between home and school. Each appointment will last for 10 minutes to help us keep things running smoothly. And if Mr Carroll pops by with a friendly time warning, please don't be offended—it's simply to make sure everyone gets their fair share of time and we stay on track!

BOOKING AN APPOINTMENT...



Appointment booking forms for Parents' Evening will be issued in the coming weeks to help you prepare in advance. Please make sure to make a note of your chosen time once booked, as confirmation emails are not always guaranteed. This will help ensure your appointment runs smoothly on the day!



SAFEGUARDING AT ST EDWARDS



PARKING

 **A Kind Reminder from Our School** 


Hello!
We're pupils from St Edwards and we care about keeping everyone safe around our school.



We noticed your vehicle may be parked in a way that could make it harder for children to cross safely or for other cars to pass.

Please help us by:

- Not parking on double yellow lines or zigzag markings
- Avoiding blocking driveways or paths
- Keeping clear of school entrances

Every small change helps keep us safe.
Thank you for helping make our school a safer place!

From,
The children of St Edwards 



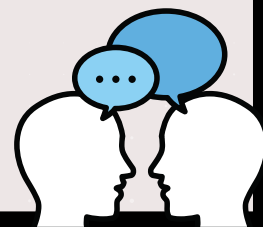
We continue to experience issues with unsafe parking around the school, particularly on the zigzag lines and double yellow areas. These spots are designed to keep sightlines clear for children and families crossing the road. Unfortunately, a near miss was reported by a concerned parent this week, highlighting the real risks involved. We urge all members of our school community to park considerately and legally—no one wants to see a preventable accident occur. Let's work together to keep everyone safe. Our Pupils will be out patrolling passing the above tickets to those who are not ensuring our safety.

Safeguarding at St Edwards

We are committed to safeguarding all pupils. We take child protection and safeguarding issues very seriously. All staff have undergone Safeguarding training in September 2023 linked to Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025. Our DSL team have all undertaken refresher training where applicable.

DSL Team

**The DSL team for Safeguarding are Mr Carroll, Mrs Flanagan and Mrs Conway
Please come and speak to us if you have any concerns.**





PARENT GOVERNOR FACT SHEET

WHAT DOES THE GOVERNING BODY DO?

Governing Bodies play a vital supporting and strategic role in the effective planning and decision making of the school. They are responsible for different aspects of the school such as Finances, Premises, Staffing and Curriculum.

WHO CAN BE A PARENT GOVERNOR?

Any person who has responsibility for a child on roll at the school.



HOW MUCH TIME DOES IT TAKE?

The full governing body meets once a term. Meetings take approximately two hours. Governors also attend a committee meeting once a term and at least one monitoring visit during the school day.



TRAINING FOR NEW GOVERNORS

New governors receive induction training explaining the role and responsibilities of governors. There is a designated helpline, website, newsletter and training courses which keeps you informed. Your fellow governors will also support you in your new role.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO I NEED?

Parent governors do not need formal qualifications and need not be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the school and in the welfare of our children and the time and willingness to get involved.

NOMINATION PROCESS

If you would like to be nominated as a Parent Governor please contact the school for a nomination form or scan the QR code to access the form on the website.



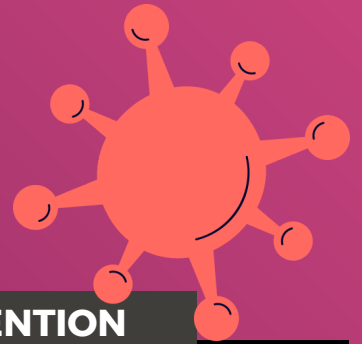
JOIN OUR GOVERNING BODY



Other notices ...

Breaking News

Important St. Edwards Update




GERM PREVENTION

We kindly remind you to follow NHS and Public Health England guidance if your child contracts certain contagious illnesses such as Norovirus, Chickenpox, or Scarlet Fever. Ensuring children recover properly before returning to school helps protect the health and wellbeing of all pupils and staff.



HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES

 Healthy Lunchboxes Matter! We encourage all families to pack nutritious, balanced lunchboxes to help children stay focused and energised throughout the school day. Please include a mix of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and protein – and try to limit sugary snacks and drinks. Together, we can support healthy habits that last a lifetime!

NUTS/ALLERGIES

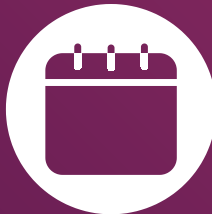
This is a polite reminder that children should be bringing in a healthy snack for their morning break. Children should not be bringing in chocolate, crisps or sweets for morning break - if they have them in school, we will ask them to take them home. As part of a balanced diet, children are allowed to bring in a treat for their lunch.

We have recently had children bringing in Nutella bars or having Nutella spread on sandwiches. For the safety of all children who have allergies, there are no nut containing products allowed on site.

UNIFORM REMINDERS

Please note the following uniform reminders.

- Stud earrings only, to be covered or removed on PE day.
- Trainers on PE days only.
- Long hair to be please be tied up.
- **Winter uniform will be in effect from our return from the October half term.**



INSET DAYS

INSET days for 2025/2026 are below.

- INSET Dates Friday 24th October 2025
- INSET Dates: Monday 5th January 2026, Monday 23rd February 2026
- INSET Dates: Monday 13th April 2026 and Monday 20th July 2026

