



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

St Edwards Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe how quickly this half term has flown by! With one more week to go there is still plenty to look forward to including the PTFA disco and Harvest Celebration!

The children have worked incredibly hard, embraced their learning and shown such wonderful enthusiasm, kindness and care for one another. We are very proud of all they have achieved and the positive way they have settled into the new academic year.

A huge thank you to those who came in to help paint our prayer garden! Although small in number, you certainly made a big impact and did a fantastic job. We are so grateful for your time, hard work and generosity in helping us

As we approach the end of the half term, we are looking forward to celebrating Harvest together as a school community. Harvest is a special opportunity for us to give thanks for the food we have, reflect on the needs of others and put our Catholic values into action by showing generosity and compassion.

We warmly invite families to support our Harvest appeal by donating items to help those in need in our local community. Every contribution, however small, can make a real difference.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of our St Edward's family.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Flanagan and Mr Phillips.





PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

To contribute to the work of the governing board in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children and young people in the school.



More details will be available on
30th October 2026



St. Edward's Catholic Primary & Nursery School

PLEASE SHARE FAR AND WIDE...



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to a **bright future**



Learn
Explore
Belong 



Play
Grow
Make Friends



Happy
Learners
Brighter
Tomorrows 

Outdoor
Adventures
Real Learning

Reception Open Morning

Come and see our wonderful
Reception class in action and find out
what makes St. Edward's such a special
place to learn.

Tours will be from 9.15am on:



Tuesday
22/09/26

Wednesday
21/10/26

Wednesday
25/11/26



Meet our
friendly staff



Explore our
classrooms



See our
learning in action

We can't wait to welcome you!



FAITH • RESPECT • KINDNESS • ACHIEVEMENT • TOGETHER



WINTER UNIFORM AFTER HALF TERM



Please wear:

- Blue shirt
- Plain burgundy tie
- Burgundy jumper or cardigan



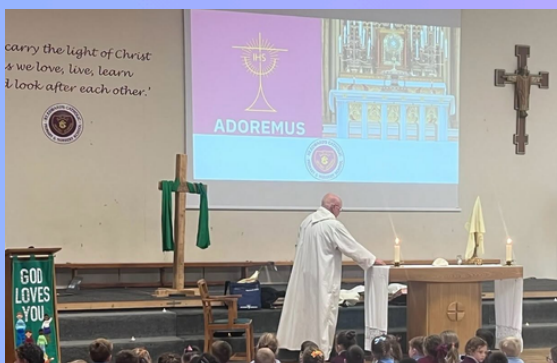
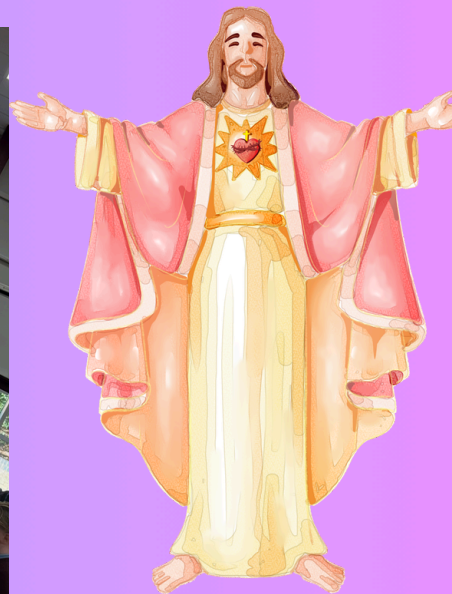
Catholic Life

It has been a special week in the Catholic life of our school community. We gathered together with Father Kevin for an Adoremus of the Blessed Sacrament, sharing a precious time of prayer, adoration and reflection as we deepened our relationship with Jesus.

We also joyfully celebrated the feast day of our patron saint, Saint Edward, with a beautiful Mass led by our Year 5 children. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the example of our patron saint and how we can continue to live out our school mission, "We carry the light of Christ, as we love, live, learn and look after each other." 🕊️

As we continue to celebrate the Month of the Rosary, each class is taking part in our Rosary Challenge, committing to pray a decade of the Rosary each day. This is a special opportunity for our children to grow in prayer, reflect on the life of Jesus and strengthen their relationship with Mary. Our GIFT team have also led breaktime 'Rosary Club' for pupils to attend to pray and spend time in reflection.

We give thanks for these special moments of faith, which bring our school and parish community closer together as we continue to grow in love of God and one another.



Important Sacramental Dates



Confirmation Enrolment Mass - Sunday 22nd November - 10.45am

Holy Communion Enrolment Mass - Sunday 6th December - 10.45am

Sacrament of Confirmation - Tuesday 9th February - 7pm

First Reconciliation service at Church- Sunday 28th February - 3pm

Sacrament of First Holy Communion - Saturday 12th June - 10:30am





Harvest Donations

We are collecting
food and toiletries
to support local families in need.



Please bring
your donations
to school by

**23rd
October**

Parents are warmly invited to our

Harvest Celebration



23/10/26



9.15am

Upcoming dates



Autumn key dates

22/10/26: PTFA disco

23/10/26: Harvest Celebration 9:15

02/11/26: Inset day no children in school. Holiday club closed.

03/11/26: School photos

04/11/26: Parents evening 3.30pm-5.30pm

10/11/26: Remembrance Mass in school led by Year 4, 9:15

11/11/26: Parents evening 3.30pm-5.30pm

1/12/26: Advent Mass in school led by Year 3, 9:15

04/12/26: PTFA and Parish Christmas Fayre 5.00pm-7.00pm

09/12/26: PTFA disco

14/12/26: 9.30am KS2 carols at Church

14/12/26: 2.15pm EYFS and KS1 nativity

15/12/26: 9.15am EYFS and KS1 nativity

15/12/26: 5.00pm KS2 carols at Church

16/12/26: EYFS and KS1 party day

17/12/26: KS2 party day

Spring key dates

04/01/27: Inset day no children in school. Holiday club open.

12/02/27: Inset day no children in school. Holiday club closed.

Summer key dates

12/04/27: Inset day no children in school. Holiday club open.

07/06/27: Inset day no children in school. Holiday club closed.

SAFEGUARDING AT ST EDWARDS



PARKING



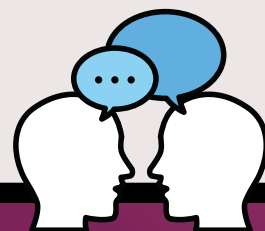
We continue to experience issues with unsafe parking around the school, particularly on the zigzag lines and double yellow areas. These spots are designed to keep sightlines clear for children and families crossing the road. Unfortunately, a near miss was reported by a concerned parent this week, highlighting 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 2026 linked to Keeping Children Safe in Education 2026. Our DSL team have all undertaken refresher training where applicable.

DSL Team

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



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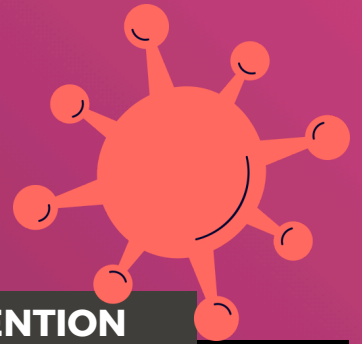


The Book Fair returns to St Edward's on 23rd November!

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

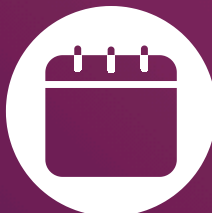
This is a polite reminder that children should be bringing in a healthy snack for their morning break. Children should not be bringing in chocolate, crisps or sweets for morning break - if they have them in school, we will ask them to take them home. As part of a balanced diet, children are allowed to 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 2027/2028 are below.

- Monday 2nd November
- Monday 4th January 2027
- Friday 12th February 2027
- Monday 12th April 2027 and Monday 7th June 2027

Top Tips for... MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

BUY MILK

GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



DEVICE BOX

The National College



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

Reception and Secondary 2027 Applications



Primary school 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 2027 if your child:

- was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 (for a place in Reception).

The applications process opens on 1 November 2027 and the deadline for applying for a Reception or Junior place is 15 January 2027. If you apply by this date, you will receive your child's school offer on National Offer Day (16 April 2027).

Applications made after this date will be classified as late and not considered until after 16 April 2027, 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****

Secondary school applications.

The application process opens on 1 September 2026 and the deadline to apply for a secondary school place is 31 October 2026. If you apply by this date, you will receive your child's school offer on National Offer Day (1 March 2027)

Applications made after this date will be classified as late and won't be processed until after 1 March 2027, 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](#)

Useful links-

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

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



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.

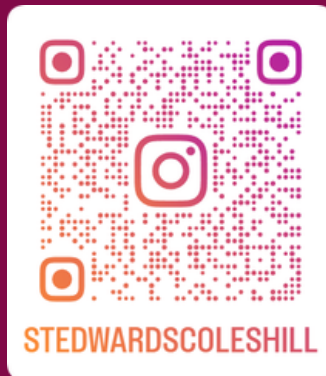
From Forest School adventures to curriculum showcases, there's always something inspiring to see—don't miss out!



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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!