

Saint Edmund's and Saint Thomas' Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents, Carers

The New School Year

The children have started back smartly dressed and ready for the new challenges of the academic year. Many thanks for all you do to support this and they show a real sense of pride in being part of Saint Edmund's and Saint Thomas' Catholic Primary School.

Congratulations to our new Reception class who have made a fabulous start and we are delighted to welcome the 'next generation' to the school. We are now in a new structure of a one form entry primary school and we are working in partnership with Pope Francis Trust to access support for some of the greater challenges which all schools face. School funding is perhaps a major concern for all schools and we will be highlighting the impacts of this through the year

The holidays brought us very sad news with the loss of Fr Joe Kendall, brother of Mrs Anna Sweeney and uncle to Alicia and Cleo. Fr Joe was a former pupil of the school, had celebrated Mass for our children on a number of occasions when he was over from Spain and was part of a family who have given so much to our school and St Edmund's parish. May he rest in peace .

We also remember the loss of Mr Ben Sutton, father of Millie, Nell and Everleigh. May he rest in peace. Please keep both families in your prayers.

Just so you recall who is who – the class groups are below

Class	Teacher	Drop off Collection Point
Reception	Mrs Greaney	Field Gate / early Years block
Year 1	Mrs Cooke and Mrs Glowacka	Footpath entrance by bikesheds
Year 2 3	Miss Stavrianos	Footpath entrance by bike sheds
Year 3 4	Miss Hannah	Footpath entrance by bikesheds
Y4 5	Miss Sharrockwoods	Footpath entrance by bikesheds
Year 5 6	Mrs Tyrrell	Footpath entrance by bikesheds
Year 6	Mrs McCormick	Footpath entrance by bikesheds

Collection Time

We are currently reviewing collection at the end of the day and part of this ensures that all children safely meet their parent/guardian at the end of the day. Could we ask that if you need to speak to your child's teacher that you kindly wait until they have dismissed all in their care. This is so that they are not distracted when handing them over at the start of the year as they get to know you. Also, if you could wait until the teacher dismisses each child as they have been told to only go to you when you have been identified. Our parents are very good in notifying us of a change of collector ; ie grandparent or other family relation, so if this can be continued this will be very helpful.

Beginning of the Year Mass

Many thanks to Fr Dominic and parents who came to celebrate the beginning of the school year Mass on Tuesday of last week at Saint Edmund's Church.

Y5/6 and Y6 classes will be celebrating Mass at 2.15pm on Tuesday 22nd September in Saint Edmund's Church.

PTA Meeting Tomorrow Tuesday 22nd September 3.30pm

There is a PTA meeting on Tuesday to discuss fundraising events for the year. All welcome to attend.

Dates for your Diary

Parents Meeting Dates 21st October and 22nd October 2026. Online Booking system will be set up shortly.

School closes for half term holiday on Thursday 22nd October as Friday is an INSET training day

Open Evening Monday 12th October at 9.30am-11.00am and Thursday 15th October 5.00 pm- 6.30pm

Singing Classes

Mr Ferry returns to teach singing to Miss Stavrianos' class and Miss Hannah's class on a Friday afternoon. The children gain significantly from specialist singing tuition and last year was a great success!

Registration

We would like to clarify our registration process in light of our new timings for the school day:

Children must be in class at 8.45am for registration. After this time, they will be marked late. All absence must be notified with a reason. The school gates open from 8.35am to allow staggered arrival up to the gate closing at 8.45am. Registers close at 9.15am after which pupils will receive a "U" unauthorised mark. **If a pupil has 10 "U" marks within a 10 week rolling school period, parents will be asked to attend a meeting with a school representative and a representative from the Local Authority.**

Attendance

Class	Attendance
Rec	86.3%
1 CG	97.4%
2/3S	91.7%
34H	90.6%
45SW	94.2%
5/6T	97.4%
6M	96.3%

Well done Classes 1CG and 5/6T ! 

School Sport and Cross Country

Well done to all the children who participated in recent cricket and football tournaments. The first cross-country meeting will take place tonight at Hall Road playing Field.

Reminder Break Snack

Children are only allowed to have a piece of fruit or a cereal bar. Crisps or sweets /chocolate are not permitted.

Nursery

As you may recall, we suspended nursery provision with a fall in roll but we would still like to gain an idea of numbers with a view to a relaunch in 2027. If you request a Nursery place for September 2027 or know of families looking for places, please notify the school office

Yours faithfully,



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