

Saint Edmund's and Saint Thomas' Catholic Primary School
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Dear Parents, Carers

The Catholic Life of Our School Community

Thank you to Fr Dominic and all the children who participated in the Masses and services in Lent leading up to the Easter break. Reception and Years 1 and 2 celebrated an Easter service with Fr Dominic during the first week back in school which helped the children to think about the messages of the Resurrection and New Life. Years 3 and 4 had Mass last week. Years 5 will be celebrating Mass on Tuesday 19th May in Church at 2.00pm. Year 6 will be joining Y6 children from other Pope Francis trust schools for a transition Mass at Our Lady of Walsingham on 20th May 2026.

CAFOD Big Lent Walk

You will recall that this was postponed before Easter due to bad weather. It has been re-arranged for **Friday 15th May**... We will need parent helpers but more details to follow.

Y6 Leavers' Mass

The Year 6 Leavers' Mass will be Wednesday 15th July at 2.00pm in St Edmund's Church

Matilda Musical

Children in Years 3 and 4 will be presenting the Matilda musical to their parents on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th April at 6.00pm. I would like to thank the Year 3/4 phase team of staff for their hard work and commitment in preparation for these two nights.

PTA News

Following the success of the discos, the next PTA planned event will be the quiz planned for Thursday 14th May 2026. The next disco will be Wednesday 3rd June 2026

School Sport

Good luck to the Girls football team who play Ursuline in a Cup Quarter final at home on Tuesday 28th April . The team were very successful in the Premier Stars competition last term winning the regional tournament for

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U11 girls and going on to the national finals on 22nd May 2026. Good luck to Y2 boys who are involved in a local football tournament on Friday 1st May 20026. The boys football team are playing a league game away tonight against Valewood and the Netball team are playing St Nicholas next Tuesday

Sports Days (Provisional)

6th July Early Years 9.30am

7th July Y1 and Y2 9.30am

8th July Y3 and Y4 9.30am

10th July Y5 and Y6 9.30am

Come Dine With Me

Thanks to all the parents who attended the Come Dine with Me event hosted by Class 5T. The preparation of ingredients for a dish of scouse is part of the school's Design and technology planning and Mrs Tyrrell's team not only prepared the food but turned the hall into a restaurant for over 45 adult diners! The service was excellent and the children have learnt many important life skills. Congratulations to all and thank you to the parents who support this initiative so well.

Snacks

Staff have reported that some children are bringing in large packets of crisps or chocolate at morning break. This is not permitted. Our school policy is that a piece of fruit or a cereal bar is permitted at this time. Thank you for your support in this matter

Reminder of Trust INSET day on Friday 19th June 2026

Please remember that the next INSET day will be Friday **19th June 2026** which is organised by Pope Francis Trust so staff will not be on site on this day.

Letter of consultation to the Proposal to Changing the Times of the School Day

Please look out for a separate letter which informs you of the proposal to change the times of the school day with effect from 1st September 2026

Attendance Matters!..... Late Arrivals Disrupt! 20th April 2026 – 24th April 2026

Class	Attendance
N/RD	98.8%
R/1G	98.0%
1/2S	94.2 %
3C	96.3%
3/4V	98.0%
4S	96.7%
5T	99.3%
5/6M	94.8%
6H	99.3%

Notice from Department of Education From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be **£80 if paid within 21 days**, or **£160 if paid within 28 days**. This rate is in line with inflation and is the first increase since 2012. In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160. Unauthorised absences do not have to be consecutive in one term to receive a penalty notice. They can be recorded over a rolling term of ten weeks.



Well done class 5T and 6H with your attendance! Furthermore, well done everybody else- the first week back after half term indicates good health and great attendance. Long may this continue as our children can only benefit with this sort of statistic!

Instagram

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Yours sincerely.

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