



# St Edmund's Catholic Primary School

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Inspired by Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, this Celebration of the Word assembly invited children to consider the Jubilee theme of 'Care for Creation' through exploration of the truth that Jesus came to restore creation.

Jesus came to the Earth to show us God's amazing love for His creation.

During Lent, we can grow friendship with God through loving Him, others and His creation.

When we know God's love, we can all be restored in our relationship with Him.

We can be Pilgrims of Hope by asking Jesus to help us to care for the Earth, and look forward to when He returns.

**"He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out..."**  
John 11:43



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Children will understand that:

- Jesus came to the Earth to show us God's amazing love for His creation.
- During Lent, we can grow our friendship with God through loving Him, others, and His creation.
- We can be 'Pilgrims of Hope' by caring for God's creation and looking forward to the future when Jesus returns to bring God's full restoration.

Living as Pilgrims of Hope means embodying care for God's creation while anticipating His full restoration. Here are some practical ways to live this out:

Since creation is a gift from God, we honour Him by being good stewards:

Care for God's Creation 🌍

- Reduce waste: Use reusable items, recycle, and compost when possible.
- Conserve energy: Turn off lights, limit water usage, and choose eco-friendly transportation.
- Support sustainable practices: Buy fair-trade, ethically sourced, and environmentally friendly products.
- Plant and preserve nature: Grow trees, flowers, or even a small garden to contribute to God's natural beauty.

Thank you to both schools for their commitment to this through the gardening club at St Benet's and the Eco Club at St Edmund's.

Live with Hope and Trust in God's Plan †

- Pray with expectation: Seek God's guidance and trust His promises for the future.
- Encourage others: Spread hope by speaking words of encouragement and uplifting those in despair.
- Stay rooted in Scripture: Reflect on Bible passages that remind us of God's promise of restoration (e.g., Revelation 21:1-5).

Care for Others ❤️

- Be generous: Support those in need through acts of kindness, donations, or volunteering.
- Show hospitality: Welcome others with love, just as Christ welcomes us.
- Advocate for justice: Stand for the vulnerable, work for peace, and support efforts to bring healing to broken communities.

Live with Eternal Perspective ☞

- Seek God's Kingdom first: Prioritise faith, relationships, and service over material gain.
- Be a witness of hope: Share the message of Jesus and the coming restoration with those around you.
- Embrace joy and gratitude: Appreciate the present while eagerly awaiting God's future renewal.



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As we approach Easter, we are reminded of the powerful message of hope, renewal, and new beginnings. Easter is a time to reflect on love, sacrifice, and the promise of new life. It is an opportunity to pause, give thanks, and look forward with faith and optimism.

To our wonderful pupils, may this season inspire you to always seek kindness, truth, and joy in your learning and relationships. Easter reminds us that every new day is a chance to grow, to be kind, and to make a difference in the lives of those around us.

To our dedicated staff, thank you for your unwavering commitment to nurturing and guiding our pupils. Your efforts in shaping young hearts and minds reflect the very essence of Easter's message—bringing light, encouragement, and support to others.

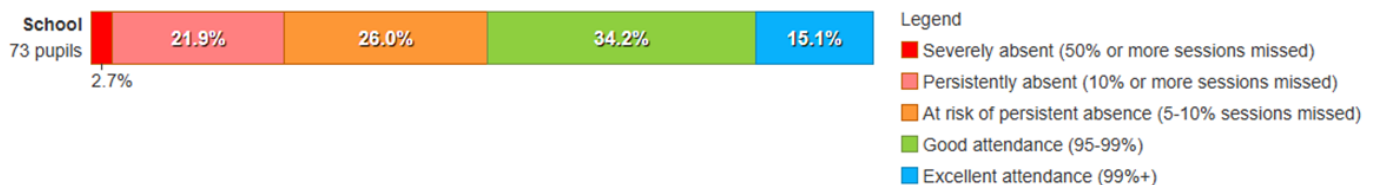
To our parents and families, we are grateful for your partnership and support. Easter is a time for togetherness, and we hope you find moments of peace, reflection, and celebration with your loved ones.

May this Easter bring you all renewed hope, joy, and the strength to embrace the opportunities ahead. Wishing you a restful and blessed Easter break.

Happy Easter!  
With best wishes,  
Mrs Barlow

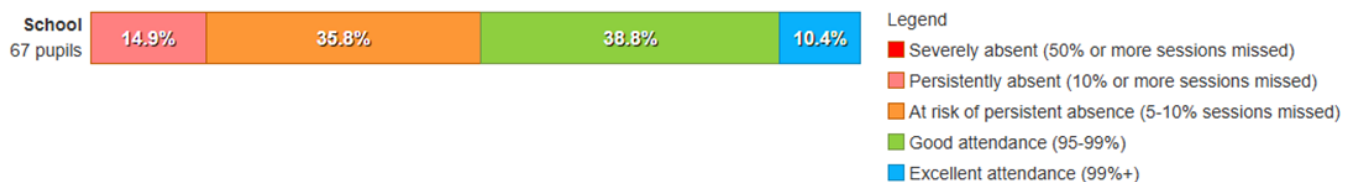


## Attendance Matters St Benet's



We are currently sitting at 90% overall attendance as a school, compared to 94% national and local authority. Currently 24.7% of the school population are considered as persistent absence. It would be really good to aim to reduce this significantly next term. Being in school is vital to progress.

## St Edmund's



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We are currently sitting at 93.7% overall attendance as a school, compared to 94% national and local authority. Currently 14.9% of the school population is considered persistent absence. Whilst this is relatively low, the percentage of children in the 'at risk' category is quite high. So again, it would be great to try and get some of the amber into the green.

### Forest School dates

1st May – Year 4      8th May – Year 5      22nd May – Year 6      5th June – Year 3  
12th June – Year 2      19th June – Year R & 1      26th June – Year R & 1

### Other upcoming dates

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Easter holiday

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – return to school

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Y5/6 school trip – tide and time museum

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Y5/6 Rotary inter schools quiz

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Rowan class swimming starts

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May – half term

### FOSES

A huge "Thank you" to everyone for supporting the Easter raffle, we raised a huge £640 😊

Next term we will start organising a summer fete, so if you'd like to help out in any way, please come see any of the PTA!

P.S look out for some Easter Bunnies in the playground today giving each student a gift 🐰

### Stations of the Cross





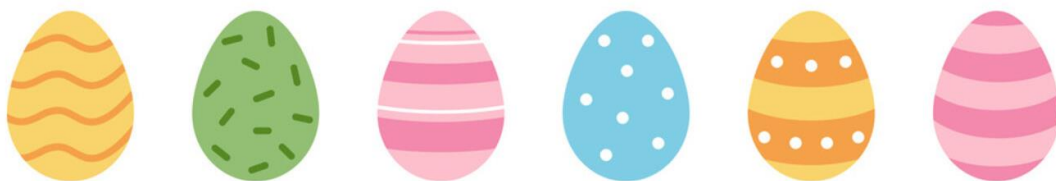


## Easter competition

Thank you to everyone who brought in a picture/Easter creation – they were all amazing.



Have a lovely Easter break!



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# Heart of Gold



In Beech class the Heart of Gold for the value of Temperance goes to Wilfred. Wilfred chooses to act thoughtfully demonstrating self-control and balance. He has a great love of learning, getting on quietly, always giving his best and trying hard. He is a good friend who is always kind and thoughtful and has a good sense of humour. Well done Wilfred.

This week in Rowan class our Heart of Gold for Temperance goes to Dylan. Over the last term he has been focused on his work and is always eager to learn. Recently, we have been writing poetry and Dylan has enjoyed being creative and creating his own poems. Even when he finds something

difficult he will try his best and most importantly, he never gives up. Well done Dylan!



Today, we want to celebrate a student who has shown real courage and growth.

This student has been working hard to show temperance — that means staying calm, showing self-control, and thinking before reacting, even when we all know sometimes this can be difficult.

There have been times when this hasn't come easily for him, but instead of giving up, he's made a real effort to pause, to breathe, and to make better choices. That takes strength. We're proud of how far he's come, and we know his efforts will keep making a difference — for himself and for those around him.

This week's Heart of Gold goes to Toby.

