



# St Edmund's Catholic Primary School

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Our assembly this week continued to celebrate that Jesus is alive, He is our friend, and we can listen to and follow His voice. Through a role play about a wayward sheep, children thought about whose voice they choose to listen to – and that if we want to follow Jesus' voice, we need to recognise it!



"Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish..."

**John 10:27-28**



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Children will understand that:

- Jesus wants us to listen to His voice.
- We need to be able to recognise His voice amongst all other 'voices' that compete for our attention.
- We can know Jesus' voice because He is our friend – we know our friends' voices!

### Listening to the Voice of Jesus

In today's world, our lives – and the lives of our children – are filled with noise. Social media, television, peer pressure, and the demands of daily life can easily drown out the quiet, loving voice of Jesus. Yet, as followers of Christ, we are called to listen to His voice and recognise it above all others.

Jesus says in the Gospel of John, *"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."* (John 10:27)

So how can we help our children – and ourselves – to do this?

Here are a few simple but meaningful ways:

- **Create quiet moments:** Encourage times of silence or prayer during the day, even if just for a few minutes. In stillness, we become better able to hear God speaking to our hearts.
- **Read Scripture together:** God's Word helps us to become familiar with His voice. Sharing Bible stories or short reflections as a family can open hearts and minds to Him.
- **Model discernment:** Talk with your child about making good choices and recognising what aligns with the love, peace, and truth of Jesus – and what does not.
- **Pray regularly:** Prayer is conversation with God. Through prayer, children can learn to share with Jesus and listen in return, building a relationship that helps them trust and follow His guidance.

In a world full of distractions, it's more important than ever to help our children learn to recognise and follow the voice that leads to life, peace, and joy – the voice of Jesus.

### A Personal Note

I would also like to take this opportunity to apologise for my absence this week. Unfortunately, I have been unwell with Covid and have needed time to rest and recover. I'm grateful for the support of our dedicated staff who have continued to care for and guide the children in my absence. I look forward to returning soon and being back with our school community.

With warmest wishes,  
Mrs Barlow



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## SATS

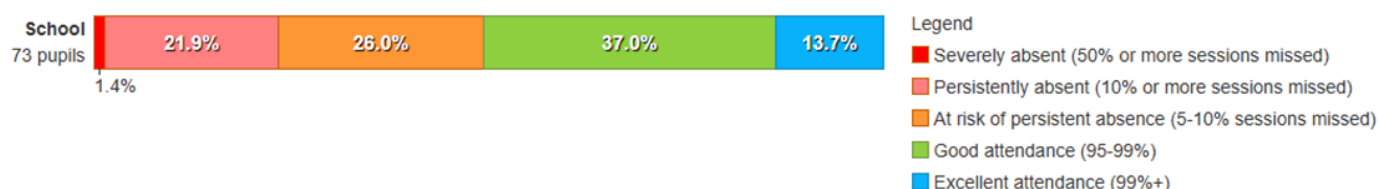
### Congratulations to Year 6!

A huge well done to all our Year 6 children who completed their SATs this week! We are incredibly proud of the focus, resilience, and positive attitude you have shown throughout. You've worked hard, supported each other, and done your very best – and that's what truly matters. Now it's time to enjoy the next part of your final term, with many exciting things still to come including the residential to Hilltop!

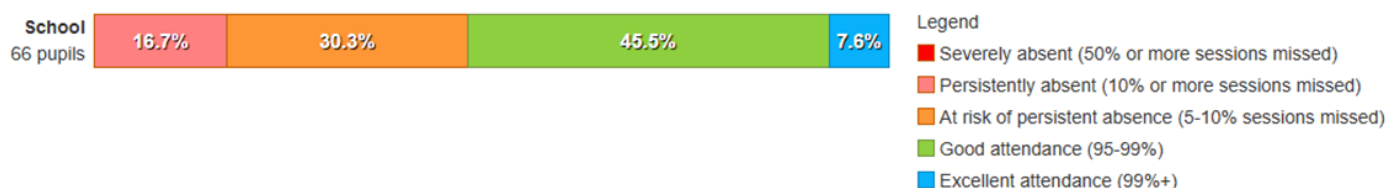
## Attendance

This week the national average is 94% as is the local authority. So we are also aiming to be there in both schools.

### St Benet's – 91%



### St Edmund's – 94%



### First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Francisco on his first holy communion.

### Uniform Donations Request

If you have any uniform you would like to donate, please could this be handed to the school office or PTA by 6th June so it can be sorted and organised.

Uniform will be available at this year's school fete for people to help themselves to free of charge.



## VE Day celebrations

We had a lovely fish and chip lunch outside in the sunshine last Friday to celebration VE Day.

Thank you so much to Sue and Debbie for making this happen.

As the children enjoyed this so much we are planning some more outside lunches towards the end of term – watch this space!



## Forest School dates

22nd May – Year 6      5<sup>th</sup> June – Year R & 1  
12<sup>th</sup> June – Year 2      19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3

## Other upcoming dates

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 visit from BHS – Getting to know you

Thursday 22nd May – Mary procession – 2-3pm – parents welcome.

Please send your child in with a posy of flowers or a potted plant.

*Monday 26th – Friday 30th May – half term*

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Chance to Shine Cricket – whole school to come to school in PE kit please

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Hilltop residential

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Rowan class trip to West Stow

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Beech class trip to Time and Tide museum

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Y5/6 mass at St Mary's





# Heart of Gold



This week in Beech class the Heart of Gold for the value of Solidarity goes to Tomas. Tomas demonstrates kindness to everyone, supporting others, sharing resources and working together as a team. Well done Tomas.

This week in Rowan class our Heart of Gold for solidarity goes to Tyler. He always treats others as equals

and is always thinking of ways to make the world a better place. He

will go above and beyond to help others and if he sees someone who may need a friend he will try to help them. If he thinks someone is being treated unfairly he will raise this with an adult. Keep up the

good work Tyler!



This week's heart of gold is

Willow, she is always showing solidarity and respect by sitting and listening in class, then getting stuck in and helping her peers when they need it without making a fuss. She is always a great solid member of the team and has been a great help when improving Oak class's outdoor area.

