



# St Edmund's Catholic Primary School

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In our Gospel assembly this, children explored how they can respond to Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who knows each of them personally.



**"I am the good shepherd."**

John 10:11

**Children will understand:**

- **Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and we are His sheep.**
- **Jesus knows each of us individually.**
- **We can follow Jesus' example by caring for others.**



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In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the ways in which a shepherd and a hired man act when the sheep in their care are in danger. We hear how, when the sheep are in danger, the hired man runs away, as opposed to the good shepherd who cares for the sheep. Jesus says that he is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. Jesus gives us an example of how we are to care for others. Whenever we care for others in ways that puts their needs before our own, we are following the example of Jesus.

I want to congratulate our two teams from St Benet's and St Edmund's who took part in the Rotary Club's inter school quiz this week. They represented both schools really well and were a pleasure to have participate in it.

Well done to all the children that took part.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Barlow

### Year 6 SATs

Parents of Year 6 pupils will be aware that their children will be undertaking the compulsory national tests this half term. This will take place week commencing 13th May 2024. It is essential that every Year 6 child is in school every day that week. The tests cannot be rescheduled. Please do all you can to support your child at this time.

### Attendance

Benefits of school attendance. Good attendance at school is not just beneficial, it is essential. Attending school is directly linked to improved exam performance, which should in turn lead to further learning opportunities and better job prospects. As well as this, going to school helps to develop:

- Friendships
- Social skills
- Team values
- Life skills
- Cultural awareness
- Career pathways. National and school expectations are that your child's attendance should fall no lower than 94%.

How did our schools do this week? There has been a big improvement in both schools, well done to all the families showing a commitment to this target.

Year Groups	St Benet's	St Edmund's
R	94%	92%
1	94%	95%
2	88%	94%
3	94%	94%
4	79%	95%
5	93%	93%
6	92%	93%



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### **Celebrate your birthday with us at school**

Our school chef will provide a Birthday cupcake for all children on their Birthday. Birthdays that fall on a Saturday will receive a cupcake on the Friday and birthdays that fall on a Sunday will receive a cupcake on the Monday. If your Birthday falls in a school holiday you will receive a cupcake either before or after the school holiday. Your table will also be decorated so you can celebrate with your friends. This will be for all children including those who bring a packed lunch to school.



### **'Edward' the St Edmund's pet pig**

Feed me your copper and I will honk and treat you to something nice this summer at lunchtimes  
Each class will get the chance to feed Edward – once all classes have fed Edward he will treat the children to a fun lunchtime!  
Edward will be in your child's



class on the following dates

w/c 29th April class 1    w/c 7th May class 2  
w/c 13th May class 3    w/c 20th May class 4

### **Class 3 trip – The Boy at the Back of the Class**

Class 3 had a lovely time at the Theatre Royal yesterday watching 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' which they have been studying in school. The children all received a bookmark to take home with them.



## \*Updated\* Forest School dates

2nd May – Year 5

9th May – Year 4

16th May – Year 3

23rd May – Year 2

Half Term

6th June – Year 1 & R



# Heart of Gold



Class 1 Heart of Gold this week goes to George. George can be very patient and is always willing to forgive. Well done George.

In class 2 this week Max has received the Heart of Gold for forgiveness. Max often shows forgiveness and mercy to everyone in class 2 with his kind, warm and caring personality. Max looks after anyone in class 2 especially if they are sad. He will do whatever he can to put a smile on their faces.



In class 3 this week's Heart of Gold for forgiveness goes to Atreyu. He is always willing to forgive others and will see other children's point of view as to why they might have done something. He is an excellent role model to other children and will act as a mediator if he thinks he can help others. Well done Atreyu!

Class 4 Heart of Gold this week goes to Scarlett for forgiveness. She is a person who is able to negotiate if she has been hurt by someone and she is able to release her anger and move on. She is also grown up enough to apologise if she is wrong. It's not easy to forgive but Scarlett is mature enough to do this. Well done Scarlett.