



THE ST. EDMUND'S NEWSLETTER

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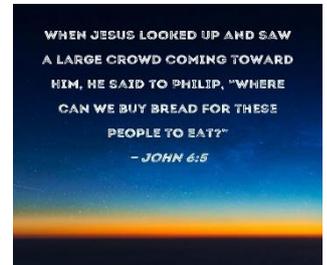
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BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

This week, our children continued their Lenten journey by thinking about how we can show care for others through generosity and sharing. Building on last week's focus on seeing others, the children reflected on the story of the young boy who offered his small amount of bread and fish to Jesus. Even though it seemed very little, Jesus used it to feed many people, showing us how powerful even the smallest act of generosity can be.



The children spent time considering how they might share what they have with others this Lent – perhaps by giving their time, showing kindness to someone who needs it or helping those in need. Like the boy in the story, we are reminded that when we share what we have with open hearts, God can use our actions to make a real difference in the lives of others.

SCHOOL VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

We are currently in the process of reviewing our school mission, vision and values. This is something schools should do periodically to ensure that these statements remain relevant, meaningful and reflective of the community they serve. Our current version can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

Our staff team recently met to begin this process and have developed an initial draft to help guide the next stage of discussion (see below). This draft has already been shared with governors and we are now keen to gather wider feedback. Parents and carers now have the opportunity to review the proposals and share their thoughts, and we will also be working with a small group of children so that pupil voice forms an important part of the process.

If you would like to contribute your thoughts or comments, please use the link to the feedback form included below. Your views are very important as we shape a mission, vision and set of values that truly reflect our whole school community. Our school rules of 'We are ready. We are respectful. We are kind' will remain in place.

Vision – what do we aspire for the children?

For our children to flourish as confident, compassionate and resilient individuals, rooted in faith, guided by strong values and equipped to shape the world for the better.

Mission – how are we going to achieve this?

Our Faith is at the heart of everything we do every day. We see every person in our school as a child of God and reflect on how to grow as better Christians. We challenge everyone to develop their skills, character and understanding, providing support and guidance as they grow. We recognise that we are one big family — as a school, within our parish and in our local community — and we seek out positive role models to inspire our children. We provide engaging lessons that reveal the beauty of the world around us and the opportunities open to our children, guiding them to become better individuals and make a meaningful difference. We give our children a voice, empowering them to shape their own future and contribute positively to the communities they belong to.

Values – the overarching principles that provide a moral compass for our setting

Faith – Compassion – Resilience

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ANNIS HILL GREEN KITE FESTIVAL – SATURDAY 22ND MARCH

Bungay Town Council will be hosting a Community Kite Flying Event on Annis Hill Green, beginning at 10:00am on Saturday 22nd March. This free event is open to people of all ages, with a particular focus on children and young people. Members of the East Anglian Kite Flyers group will be there on the day presenting a range of kites in the sky, with the display depending on the wind conditions.

We are very grateful to our PTFA, who have kindly purchased a kite for every child in our school. Over the coming weeks, the children will have the opportunity to decorate their kites in school, and we hope many families will be able to bring them along to the event so the children can join in with the community celebration. We should have a couple leftover if you'd like to purchase one for a sibling.

Families are also encouraged to bring their own kites along and enjoy the opportunity to fly them with help and guidance from the experienced volunteers attending the event. Refreshments, including tea, coffee and snacks, will also be available, or you may wish to bring along a picnic and make the most of what we hope will be a lovely early spring day.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to those children who made their First Confession last week at St. Benet's. The service went well and Fr. Simon commented on how the children gave very thoughtful responses which is very pleasing. The children will now continue their preparations towards their First Holy Communion. A reminder that the next session is tomorrow in the hall at St. Benet's at 10:30am.

WRAPAROUND CARE UPDATE!

A reminder that our wraparound care is now offering After School care every day straight after school up until 5.45pm. Bookings for this can be made through Wisepay. All children attending will receive a warm snack and a variety of activities to take part in. Our Breakfast Club continues to operate on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and we hope to share an exciting announcement about this in the coming weeks! Please spread the word to help make these facilities a success!

WORLD BOOK DAY – THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all parents and carers for helping the children prepare for World Book Day. It was wonderful to see so many fantastic costumes inspired by favourite book characters, as well as plenty of cosy pyjamas ready for a day of stories.

The logo for World Book Day, featuring the words "WORLD BOOK DAY" in a bold, sans-serif font. "WORLD" is in a smaller font size above "BOOK", which is above "DAY". The text is black on a yellow rectangular background.

The children clearly had a fantastic time taking part in the activities throughout the day, and it was lovely to see their enthusiasm for books and reading. It was certainly a day they will remember.

PARENT AND TEACHER MEETINGS

Our Spring Term Parent/Teacher Meetings will take place on Tuesday 24th March. Like the Autumn Term, all appointments will be held on one evening. A link to the book of appointments will be circulated at 8am on Tuesday 10th March 2026. Please look out for this link and get your appointments booked. Appointments will be starting at 2:30pm.

These meetings are an opportunity to discuss the progress your child is making this academic year. If you require a longer appointment (for example, if your child is on the SEN Register or you have specific matters to discuss), please contact the school office directly.

If you are unable to attend on the evening, please get in touch with the school office to arrange an alternative time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

Wednesday 11th – Stay and Pray – Rowan Class

Thursday 12th – Forest School – Y4

– Beech Class Mass – 9:15am

Monday 16th – Stay and Pray – Beech Class

Thursday 19th – Forest School – Y3

– Oak Class Mass – 9:15am

Friday 20th – Baking Club 3.15pm-5.00pm

Wednesday 25th – Parent Teacher Meetings

Thursday 26th – Forest School – Y1/2

Friday 27th – School Closes for Easter Holidays

APRIL

Sunday 5th – Easter Sunday

Monday 13th – School Opens

Thursday 16th – Forest School – YR