



# THE ST. EDMUND'S NEWSLETTER

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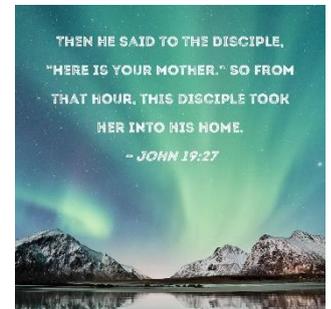
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026



## GIVING OUR HEARTS

At St Edmund's this week, we completed our Lenten journey with the theme giving our hearts as part of the SVP Lent Campaign – Heart to Heart. Over the past few weeks, the children have explored how to notice others, share what they have, give their time and include those around them. This final week has brought these ideas together, encouraging the children to live out their faith through love and compassion.

Reflecting on Jesus' example of care and kindness, even at the most difficult moment, the children have been thinking about how they can offer "heart-to-heart" moments in their own lives. By listening, showing understanding and reaching out to others, they are helping to build a school community where everyone feels valued and supported.



## END OF TERM

Thank you for all you have done to support our school this term. It has been another busy term with TT Rockstars Day, World Book Day, Parent/Teacher Meetings to name just a few of the things which have taken place. We have already started planning some exciting things for next term and we can't wait to share them with you! Have a lovely Easter break and see you all when we return! Mr Kennedy

## HOLIDAY PATTERN 2026/27

Please find below holiday pattern for the next academic year. As always, please consider these dates when booking family holidays. As a school, we follow the county guidance on absences during term time due to family holidays and fines are issued where this occurs.

|   | <b>School Opens</b>                     | <b>School Closes</b>                   |
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| <b>Autumn Term 1<sup>st</sup> Half</b>  | Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2026 | Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2026 |
| <b>Autumn Term 2<sup>nd</sup> Half</b>  | Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2026    | Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2026  |
| <b>Spring Term 1<sup>st</sup> Half</b>  | Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2027    | Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2027  |
| <b>Spring Term 2<sup>nd</sup> Half</b>  | Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2027   | Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2027   |
| <b>Summer Term 1<sup>st</sup> Half</b>  | Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2027     | Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2027       |
| <b>MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED ON MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2027</b> |   |  |
| <b>Summer Term 2<sup>nd</sup> Half</b>  | Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2027        | Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2027   |

## APPOINTMENT OF PARENT GOVERNOR

We are pleased to share that, following an increase in the number of Foundation Governors, we have been able to appoint an additional Parent Governor to our governing body. Expressions of interest were invited recently, and we are delighted that Beccie Amer has put herself forward. Beccie has previously served on our governing body and brings with her valuable experience and insight. She will be a real asset as we continue to develop and strengthen our school. We look forward to working with Beccie in this role and thank her for her continued commitment to our school community.

## REMINDER: OAK CLASS TRIP TO TIME AND TIDE

A reminder that our Oak Class trip to Time and Tide will take place on 30th April, with a cost of £6 per child. We have not yet had many responses, so we kindly ask parents to confirm their child's place and make payment as soon as possible. This will help us to finalise arrangements for what promises to be a valuable and enjoyable visit. If you have any questions, please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.



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### **MAY DAY DANCES OPENING CEREMONY AT ANNIS HILL GREEN**

Children in Years 2–6 have been invited to take part in the Annis Hill Green Opening Ceremony on Monday 4th May, performing May dances alongside Bungay Primary School. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to represent our school with pride and be part of a special community event in Bungay.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered however, to really put our school on the map, we need more of our children to be there!! Please contact the school office **ASAP** if your child can take part.

### **ASTHMA FRIENDLY SCHOOL – GOLD ACCREDITATION**

We are delighted to share that our school has been awarded the Gold Accreditation as part of the Asthma Friendly Schools programme. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the care, commitment and attention our staff give to supporting children with asthma across our school. Thank you to all staff and families who help us create such a supportive and inclusive school community.

### **EASTER IN OUR PARISH**

As we approach Holy Week, I just wanted to remind you of the timings of services in our parish churches for those of you who are able to attend. We hope to see you there.

#### **SUNDAY 29TH MARCH - PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY**

Bungay - (In Hall) at 9.00am and Beccles - 11.00am

#### **THURSDAY 2ND APRIL - MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Bungay - 7.30pm

#### **FRIDAY 3RD APRIL - GOOD FRIDAY**

Bungay - 1pm and Beccles - 3pm

#### **SATURDAY 4TH APRIL - HOLY SATURDAY**

Beccles - 9.00pm

#### **SUNDAY 5TH APRIL - EASTER SUNDAY**

Bungay - 9.15am and Beccles - 11.00am

### **ST BENET'S RESTORATION FUNDRAISER - FAURE'S REQUIEM**

Our parish community is pleased to share an upcoming fundraiser for the restoration of St. Benet's Minster, featuring a performance of Gabriel Fauré's Requiem, a beautiful and well-loved piece of choral music.

The concert will take place at St Benet's Minster Church, Beccles on Saturday 11th April 2026 at 7:30pm. It will be performed by the Academy of St Nicholas Choir and Orchestra of Great Yarmouth, alongside the Gold and Silver Singers, Gorleston, under the direction of Joseph Knight, with Martyn Marshall as organist.

Tickets are £12, which includes a drink, and can be purchased from Sweeties Shop, 15 New Market, Beccles, or by contacting Angela at [info@waveneyvalleycatholics.church](mailto:info@waveneyvalleycatholics.church).

This promises to be a wonderful evening of music, while also supporting the ongoing restoration of our church.

### **PTA SPRING RAFFLE**

Our PTA are excited to be organising a Spring Raffle, which will be drawn on Friday 1st May. There will be a range of fantastic prizes on offer, so we hope as many families as possible will get involved. Raffle tickets will be £1 each and will be sent home with children shortly. Once sold, please return any money to the school so that tickets can be entered into the draw.

We would be very grateful if you could help us spread the word by sharing the poster attached with family and friends. A copy will also be displayed on the PTA board outside school to help raise awareness. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the PTA and the events they organise for our school community.