



THE ST. EDMUND'S NEWSLETTER

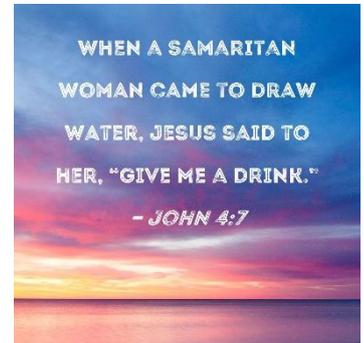
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SEEING OTHERS

At St Edmund's, we have started Lent with the focus Heart to Heart as part of the SVP Lent Campaign. This week we heard the Gospel account of Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus took time to see her, listen to her and treat her with dignity and compassion. His actions remind us that small moments of kindness can transform lives.



Throughout the week, the children have been considering how they can live "heart to heart" by noticing those around them and responding with love. As we journey through Lent together, we are encouraging one another to build a community where everyone feels seen, valued and supported.

SEASON OF LENT

We are now in the season of Lent and we marked the start of it this week by visiting church on Tuesday for a special service for Fr. Simon where each child was offered the chance to receive ashes on their forehead as a sign of our mortality, repentance and humility. The children were very respectful and sung beautifully during this service.

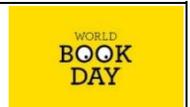
As we move through Lent, there will be different activities taking place to engage the children in the significance of this period in our church's year. Two opportunities which are already marked in our calendar are the Class Mass arrangements and the Stay and Pray sessions. You are warmly invited to both of these events. Class Mass will be on Thursday mornings at 9:15am in our church and the Stay and Pray sessions will begin at 2:45pm in class (entry via the school office). If you have any questions ahead of these times, please contact the school office or speak with your child's class teacher.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

We would like to wish all the children who are completing their First Confession tomorrow in St. Benet's Church every blessing. We hope it is a meaningful and joyful experience, and we are proud of the children as they take this important step in their faith journey.

REMINDER - WORLD BOOK DAY - MORE INFORMATION BELOW!

A reminder that we will be celebrating World Book Day on Wednesday 4th March (a day earlier than usual as Forest School will be taking place on the official day). The day will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our love of reading and stories. Children are invited to come dressed as a character from their favourite book, or they may choose to bring a book into school and wear their pyjamas, ready for a cosy bedtime story. A range of fun activities will be planned throughout the day to help bring books and reading to life for the children.



WRAPAROUND CARE UPDATE!

A reminder that our wraparound care is now offering After School care every day straight after school up until 6pm. 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!



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ENGAGING WITH TT ROCKSTARS AND NUMBOTS

Our children continue to enjoy practising their maths skills through TT Rockstars and NumBots (for Beech Class). These platforms make learning fun and interactive, helping children develop confidence with number facts, times tables and basic calculations.



Research shows that regular practice on these tools can have a real impact on children's outcomes in maths, supporting both fluency and reasoning skills. The platforms are easy to access at home or at school, giving children plenty of opportunities to strengthen their knowledge and celebrate their progress.



Every fortnight, the latest round of certificates will be printed and handed out to the children, recognising their achievements and motivating continued learning. We encourage all families to support children in making the most of these resources so that learning can continue beyond the classroom.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2026 – BOOK REFLECTION ACTIVITY

In the lead-up to **World Book Day 2026**, we would like to give children the opportunity to share some of their favourite books and reflect on how these stories make them feel. A letter was emailed out earlier today from Miss Lyons with more details and templates for your child to use to reflect on their favourite books. Once filled in, these can be turned into book cards to share with their classmates on World Book Day.

Please work on these templates together with your child and bring them into school on Wednesday 4th March. Children can choose to complete as many templates as they like, and they may also wish to bring in the book or books that match their cards. This is a wonderful way for children to celebrate reading, share their favourite stories, and explore the joy that books bring.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

- Monday 2nd – Stay and Pray – Oak Class
- Wednesday 4th – World Book Day Celebrations
- Thursday 5th – Forest School – Y5
 - Rowan Class Mass – 9:15am
- Monday 9th – 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
- Wednesday 25th – Parent Teacher Meetings
- Thursday 26th – Forest School – Y2
- Friday 27th – School Closes for Easter Holidays

APRIL

- Sunday 5th – Easter Sunday
- Monday 13th – School Opens
- Thursday 16th – Forest School – Y1