



THE ST. EDMUND'S NEWSLETTER

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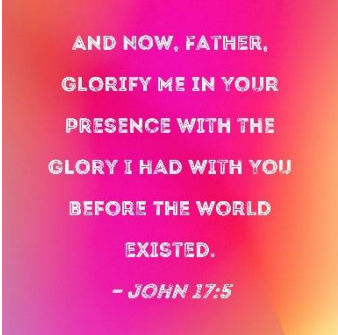
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LIFT UP OUR EYES

At St Edmund's this week, the children have been reflecting on Jesus lifting His eyes to God in prayer and remaining focused on God's will, even during difficult times. Through our worship and prayer activities, the children explored how prayer can help guide us when distractions or challenges arise in our own lives.

The children also spent time considering all that they are thankful for and how they can use their gifts and actions to bring glory to God. Through moments of reflection and gratitude, they have been encouraged to recognise God's love in their everyday experiences and to share that love with others through their words and actions.



Thank you to all those who joined us for our special service to Our Lady which took place on Wednesday. It was lovely to see so many members of our school community coming together and joining in the service in church before joining our procession to the Prayer Garden dedicated to Our Lady within the school grounds. A special thanks to all of those who brought flowers in and to Mrs Holden for planning our service.

UPCOMING PHONICS AND MULTIPLICATION CHECKS

Over the coming weeks, our Year 2 children will complete their Phonics Screening Check, while our Year 4 children will take part in the Multiplication Tables Check. These are national assessments that help schools understand how children are progressing in these important areas of learning.

As always, we want to reassure families that there is no pressure placed on the children by school. We encourage them simply to try their best and approach the checks with confidence and positivity. The children have been working hard throughout the year and staff will continue to support and encourage them.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents across all year groups of the importance of continuing to hear your child read regularly at home and encouraging them to access Numbots and TTRockstars. Just a few minutes of regular practice can make a huge difference to children's confidence and progress in reading and maths.

SCHOOL DINNER BOOKINGS

We have noticed that an increasing number of school dinners are not being booked in advance through the system. This creates a significant amount of additional administration for the school office and makes it more difficult for the kitchen to plan meals accurately.

After the half-term break, if meals are not booked by 8:30am on the day, children will automatically receive a chef's choice option, which will be selected from the meals we have additional portions of available that day. We would be very grateful for parents' support in ensuring meals are booked on time wherever possible. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



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WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK - THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all of the children and families who have taken part in our Walk to School Week activities. It has been wonderful to see so many children walking, scooting, cycling and travelling actively to school, as well as hearing about the creative and fun things they have been doing along the way.

The children have engaged brilliantly with the activities in school, reflecting on healthy lifestyles and celebrating their achievements throughout the week. Thank you for your continued support in helping to promote healthy habits, wellbeing and positive journeys to and from school.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

On Friday the 17th of July at 9-10am, Year 6 will be hosting an assembly to celebrate their time at St Edmund's. We would be delighted if the parents of children in our Year 6 class could attend to celebrate the successes of the students this year. Please could those attending arrive straight after dropping children off (around 8:50am) so that we can begin promptly at 9am. Thank you for your continued commitment to your children and our school.

WE HOPE YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL HALF-TERM BREAK!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

Friday 22nd – School Closes for Half-Term

JUNE

Monday 1st – School Opens

– Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check to take place this week

Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th – Year 6 Residential Visit

Friday 5th – NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Sunday 7th – Deanery Corpus Christi Procession at St. Benet's Church – 3pm

WB Monday 8th – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check to take place this week

Wednesday 10th – Sir John Leman Awards Ceremony – 6:30pm

Thursday 11th – Beech Class Trip to Norwich Castle

– Rowan Class Mass – 9:15am

Thursday 18th – Beech Class Mass – 9:15am

Wednesday 24th – Rowan Class to attend Trust Mass in Lowestoft

– Marina Theatre Dance Show – 6:30pm

Thursday 25th – Oak Class Mass – 9:15am

Monday 29th – Judo British Athlete to visit school

JULY

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd – Y6 Transition Days at Bungay High School

Thursday 9th – Y5 Taster day at Bungay High School

Friday 10th – Y6 Transition Day at Notre Dame High School

Friday 17th – Y6 Leavers' Assembly – 9:00am