



THE ST. EDMUND'S NEWSLETTER

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BEGINNING OF THE YEAR MASS

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents, families and parishioners who joined us in church on Thursday for our Welcome Mass. It was a truly special way to begin the year together, and we are so grateful for the support of our wider school community.

We could not be prouder of the children – their reverence, respect and participation in the liturgy were a wonderful witness to our faith. They reminded us all of the joy and hope that comes from beginning our year with God at the centre.



Throughout the week, our reflections have centred on the Cross as a powerful symbol of love and hope. The children have explored how it reminds us of the depth of the Father's love for us, sending His only Son so that we may know His mercy. They have also been invited to remember and give thanks for the wonderful things the Lord has done for each of us. Together, through prayer and Scripture, they are learning that we must never forget God's love, and that we are called to live each day with gratitude and hope.

NEW RECEPTION STARTERS 2026

The application process has already opened for those wanting their children to start school in September 2026. If your child turns 4 between 1st September 2025 and 31st August 2026, you need to apply for a place for your child. The window is open until 15th January 2026.

We will be holding an Open Day on Monday 6th October where parents are able to turn up to the school and have a tour with Mr Kennedy. Tours will be made available throughout the day. However, we understand that working parents can't always make that day. Therefore, we encourage those applying for a place next year to contact school and make an appointment to have a look round at a convenient time for them. If you have a family member or friend who is going to be applying for a place next year, please share this information with them!

INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

October is international walk to school month, when pupils around the globe celebrate the joys of walking and wheeling to school. To celebrate International Walk to School Month this October, we will be holding some interactive assemblies which will invite pupils to think about what 'together' means – to them, their friends and family and in the wider community.

We invite your children to walk to school to collect special items and celebrate autumn with some fun activities. You may dance around mushrooms, juggle some pinecones or make up some spooky stories... We would love to hear what you get up to on your walks to school when the seasons change, so please share your seasonal stories with us.

Moving forward we look forward to inviting your children to walk, scoot, cycle to school more. Watch this space...



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WE ARE IN NEED OF A FOUNDATION GOVERNOR FROM ST. EDMUND'S – ARE YOU INTERESTED?

We are blessed with a dedicated team of Foundation Governors who play a vital role in supporting the Catholic life, mission and direction of our schools. At present, the majority of our Foundation Governors come from St. Benet's parish and we would love to see more parents and parishioners from St. Edmund's join this important ministry.

As I shared in church last Sunday, one of my priorities is to strengthen the links between our school and the parish in Bungay. Having Foundation Governors from St. Edmund's would be a wonderful way of building on this, ensuring both of our parishes are represented and helping us to deepen the partnership between school, parish and community.

If you would like to find out more about what the role involves, or if you feel you may be called to serve in this way, please do contact our school office to arrange a convenient time to speak with me.

FLU IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME – WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2025

The NHS School Immunisation Team will be visiting our school soon to offer the annual flu vaccine to all eligible children. The flu vaccine is a safe and effective way to help protect your child and others from becoming seriously ill with flu this winter.

Consent will be sent home with your child in the coming weeks. Please ensure you complete and return the form by the stated deadline, even if you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine. This helps the immunisation team to plan effectively for the visit.

For more information about the flu vaccine, including its safety and benefits, please visit the NHS website: www.nhs.uk/child-flu-vaccine

Thank you for supporting this important programme to help keep our children, families and wider community healthy this winter.

SCHOOL LUNCHESES

A reminder that school lunches are FREE of charge to ALL Reception – Year 2 pupils with some children eligible beyond this. We would like to encourage ALL children to try a school lunch. We have lots of options available daily including a hot meal option, jacket potatoes, tomato pasta and freshly made rolls as well as a dessert, yoghurt or fruit. Please feel free to also send your child to school with a packed lunch if they are feeling unsure about trying a school lunch. We are more than happy for them to have both whilst they try a few school meals. Our school office have a copy of the menu should you wish to view it.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

Monday 6th – 1:45pm – Notre Dame High School Y6 Afternoon Tour

Thursday 16th – All Day - Whole School Photographs

Wednesday 22nd October - Flu Immunisations

Thursday 23rd – 3:15pm – School Closes for Half-Term

NOVEMBER

Monday 3rd – 8:45am – School Opens