



THE ST. EDMUND'S NEWSLETTER

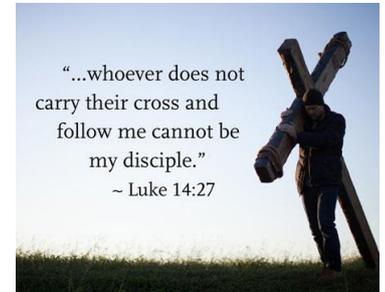
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FOUNDATION OF LOVE!

We have enjoyed another wonderful week in school, with the children proudly sharing their fantastic work and impressing their teachers with their enthusiasm for learning. In our assemblies and prayers, we have been reminded of teachings from Luke's Gospel: God's dream for each of us is to know Him, to love Him, and to share His love with others. This is our purpose—and it is what allows us to live life to the fullest.



The beginning of a new term is always a special time for fresh starts. As the Book of Wisdom teaches us, we are never alone—God walks alongside us and guides us on our journey. This week, our children have been asking the Holy Spirit to help them: to look back with thankfulness, to live each day with gratitude, and to look forward with hope and excitement for all that lies ahead. These moments of prayer are helping them to grow as confident, joyful young people.

Looking ahead, we are excited to come together as a school community to celebrate Mass next Thursday, 18th September, at 9:15am. Everyone is warmly invited to join us in church for this special occasion.

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!

FACEBOOK PAGE

Our official school Facebook page will be utilised to share some of the amazing things we get up to in school during the course of this year. It is a platform to inform you of events we have coming up whilst also celebrating some of our children's achievements and what they have been getting up to during the day.

At the minute, we have two Facebook profiles operating: a Facebook Page and a private Facebook Group. Over the coming weeks, the private Facebook Group will be closed down and all information and communication will move over to our Facebook page. Please make sure you follow this school page to get all the latest information. If possible, please share some of our posts so that as many people as possible see the amazing things happening at St. Edmund's. If you are not sure where to find our school page, please click this link: <https://www.facebook.com/StEdmundsBungay>

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YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS LETTER

Our Year 6 parents should have received a letter this week detailing the arrangements for applying for a place at high school. If you haven't received a copy of this email, please contact the school office and a paper copy will be sent home. **A reminder that the deadline for applying for a secondary school place is Friday 31st October 2025.**

CLASS NEWSLETTERS

You should have received a copy of your child's class newsletter today. This details lots of important information about your child's Curriculum, Homework Expectations, PE, Forest School and other useful information. Please make sure you look out for this and speak to your child's class teacher should you have any questions.

FOREST SCHOOL

We are pleased to inform you that we have been given the opportunity once again to attend Forest School sessions run by Beccles Forest School at their site on Beccles Common.

Forest School is a child-centred inspirational learning process that offers opportunities for holistic growth through regular sessions. It is a long-term program that supports play, exploration and supported risk taking. It develops confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired, hands-on experiences in a natural setting. There are many benefits for children attending sessions and we are excited to be able to allow our children to experience this.

The sessions will be held on a Thursday morning during school time. The children will take a minibus to Beccles Common after registration at 9am and will be collected and returned to school for 11:45am in time for lunch. Forest school will start on Thursday 6th November 2025. Please look out for the letter coming out soon.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 18th – 9:15am – Whole School Mass in St. Edmund's Church
5 – 8pm – Notre Dame High School Y6 Open Evening

OCTOBER

Monday 6th – 1:45pm – Notre Dame High School Y6 Afternoon Tour
Thursday 23rd – 3:15pm – School Closes for Half-Term

NOVEMBER

Monday 3rd – 8:45am – School Opens