



# THE ST. EDMUND'S NEWSLETTER

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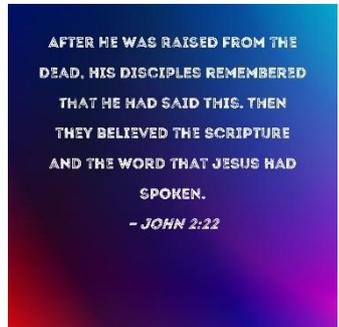


Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025

## TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

At St Edmund's this week, the children have been reflecting on what it means to be a Temple of the Holy Spirit — created uniquely by God and called to share His presence with the world. We have considered how our words and actions can reveal God's love to others and how welcoming the Holy Spirit into our hearts helps us to grow in kindness and compassion.

This message has linked closely with Remembrance Day this week. As we paused to remember those who sacrificed so much for the lives we enjoy today, the children reflected on how recognising God's presence in every person invites us to be people of peace. Our acts of remembrance have encouraged the children to think about how they can honour others through the way they live, showing courage, gratitude and love in their daily lives.



## CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

As we move into this joyful season, we have a number of Christmas events planned for our children and families to enjoy. We hope the coming weeks will be filled with celebration, community and festive spirit across the school.

- **Friday 5th December** – St Edmund's PTFA Christmas Market. Families from our school are warmly invited to attend. Entry is £1 for adults (including a free mug of mulled wine), and children enter for free.
- **Friday 12th December** – The whole school will be heading to the Marina Theatre in Lowestoft for our annual visit to the pantomime, always a much-loved Christmas tradition.
- **Wednesday 17th December** – We will be enjoying Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day before our Christmas Carol Service and Nativity which will take place at 2pm, followed by tea, coffee and mince pies for families and the PTFA Raffle draw. We look forward to sharing this special occasion with you.
- **Friday 19th December** – School closes for the Christmas holidays.

We look forward to celebrating these festive events together as we journey through Advent towards Christmas.

## STAY AND PRAY – ROWAN CLASS

We have our Rowan Class 'Stay and Pray' session on Monday. This session will take place in the morning after drop-off at around 8:50am. We warmly invite parents and carers to join us for a special time of quiet reflection which allows families to pause together and share in our school's prayer life.

The week after, Stay and Pray will be for Oak Class.

## UPDATE TO SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA ABSENCE GUIDANCE

We would like to inform families of a change to our guidance regarding absence following sickness or diarrhoea. In the past, children were advised to remain off school for 48 hours after any instance of sickness and/or diarrhoea. However, in the majority of cases, sickness is a one-off episode and children do not need to remain away from school for the full 48 hours. From Monday 17th November, the updated guidance is as follows:



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- Children should remain off school for 48 hours only if they experience a serious bout of both sickness and diarrhoea.
- If a child has sickness only, or diarrhoea only, and it is a single, short-lived episode, they may return to school once they are well enough.

As always, we ask parents and carers to use their judgement and consider whether their child is well enough to participate in a full school day. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community healthy and safe.

### **PTFA CHRISTMAS MARKET AND RAFFLE**

Our PTFA Christmas Market will take place on Friday 5th December from 3:15pm to 5:00pm in the school hall. This is always a lovely community event and a wonderful way to begin the festive season.

As part of the market, we will be holding a Christmas Raffle, which will be drawn on Wednesday 17th December after the Christmas Nativity and Carol Service. If you are able to donate any items for the Christmas hamper or other raffle prizes, please bring them to the school office — all contributions are very gratefully received.

To support the preparations, we will be holding two non-uniform days in exchange for donations:

- Friday 21st November – non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle
- Friday 28th November – non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

### **UNIFORM**

As mentioned last week, we are consulting on changes to our uniform arrangements for next academic year following legislation currently working through parliament. Please can you take a few minutes to click on the link below and share your thoughts on changes to our uniform policy.

<https://forms.gle/trMGTwdSDiYQtwjh6>

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **NOVEMBER**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Stay and Pray for Rowan Class – Time 8:50am

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Stay and Pray for Oak Class – Time 2:45pm

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> – 9:15am – Beech Class Mass

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate

### **DECEMBER**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> – 3:15pm – PTFA Christmas Market

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> – 9:15am – Oak Class Mass

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – Pantomime Trip – Marina Theatre, Lowestoft

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner  
– Christmas Carol Service and Nativity

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – School Closes for the Christmas Holidays