



THE ST. EDMUND'S NEWSLETTER

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BROTHERS AND SISTERS

This week's Gospel calls us to reflect on what it means to trust when life feels uncertain. Jesus speaks to His disciples about troubled times ahead, yet His words are filled with reassurance. He reminds us that God walks beside us through every challenge, steady and faithful.

At St Edmund's, the children have been exploring this message through prayer and reflection. Inspired by Joshua 1:9 and the 'Litany of Trust,' they have been thinking about how Jesus supports us when we feel worried or afraid. We have also taken time to pray for those around the world who suffer for their faith, remembering that we are part of one global family.



Through daily reflection, the children are learning that trust in Jesus is something that grows through practice. It shapes how we respond to others, how we manage our worries, and how we find courage even in uncertain moments.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES – REMINDER! (AND CLARIFICATION OF INFORMATION)

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 28th November** – Non-uniform Day in exchange for anything chocolate related which will go towards our PTFA Christmas Market
- **Friday 5th December** – PTFA Christmas Market in the school hall from 3:15 – 5pm. Families are warmly invited to attend. Entry is £1 for adults (including a free mug of mulled wine), and children enter for free. There will be a range of games and stalls, including children's Enterprise Products!
- **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.

INFORMATION AND CONSENT WILL BE SENT HOME NEXT WEEK

- **Wednesday 17th December** – Children are invited to come into school wearing their Christmas Jumper. They will have their Christmas Dinner in the school hall and then in the afternoon we will be holding our Christmas Carol Service and Nativity which will start at 2pm and be followed by tea, coffee and mince pies provided by our PTFA.
- **Friday 19th December** – School closes for the Christmas holidays.

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

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

We are holding an election for a new Parent Governor. This role supports governance across both of our schools and is an important way for parents to contribute to our community.

Nomination forms are available from the school office or can be downloaded from our school website. A letter with further information is attached to this newsletter email. We encourage any interested parents to consider putting themselves forward or speak with Mr Kennedy for further information.



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PUNCTUALITY IN THE MORNING

A prompt start to the day helps children feel settled, confident and ready to learn. Those first few minutes in the classroom are important, as children receive key information and begin activities that set the tone for the day. Arriving late can be unsettling and means pupils may miss valuable learning. Thank you for supporting us by ensuring children arrive on time each morning.

CLOTHING DONATIONS WELCOME!

As the colder weather sets in, we are once again inviting donations of good quality outgrown coats. If your child has a coat they no longer wear, we would be grateful to receive it. These donations make a real difference to families and help ensure every child stays warm through the winter months. If your child needs a coat, please contact the school office to see if we have one available in the right size.

BREAKFAST CLUB/AFTER SCHOOL CLUB PLANNING

We are in the process of planning to launch a breakfast club and after school club facility in January 2026. We are currently in the recruitment phase of this and more details for this can be found here: <https://mynewterm.com/school/St-Edmund's-Catholic-Primary-School/142770>

As part of the provision, we are planning the following timetable of activities. If you have any thoughts, ideas and suggestions around this, please speak to Mr Kennedy or Mrs Reeve-Smith.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Club operating daily from 7:45am – 8:45am with a range of activities!				
After School Club running daily from 3:15pm – 5:45pm with the follow activities scheduled				
				
Forest School	Cooking Club	Sports Club	Art Club	Board Games

UNIFORM

As mentioned last week, we are consulting on changes to our uniform arrangements for next academic year following legislation currently working through parliament. We have only had a short number of responses so, if you haven't already, 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>

STAY AND PRAY – OAK CLASS

We have our Oak Class 'Stay and Pray' session on Monday. This session will take place at the end of the day, around 2:45pm, before the children are collected. 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

Monday 24th – 2:45pm – Stay and Pray for Oak Class

Thursday 27th – 9:15am – Beech Class Mass

DECEMBER

Friday 5th – 3:15pm – PTFA Christmas Market

Thursday 11th – 9:15am – Oak Class Mass

Friday 12th – Pantomime Trip – Marina Theatre, Lowestoft

Wednesday 17th – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
– Christmas Carol Service and Nativity

Friday 19th – School Closes for the Christmas Holidays