



THE ST. EDMUND'S NEWSLETTER

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"I'M HERE"

At St Edmund's this week, the children have been reflecting on the message that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. They have explored how the disciples came to understand that, in knowing Jesus, they were also coming to know God the Father.

This has encouraged the children to think about their own relationship with Jesus and how they can follow His example in their daily lives. Through their prayers, inspired by the saints, they have been considering how their actions can reflect God's love and help to create a community filled with peace, happiness and care for one another.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

7 children, including a number from St. Edmund's will be making their First Holy Communion this Sunday during 9:15am Mass at St. Edmund's, Bungay. I'm sure they will have a wonderful day celebrating the receiving of this Sacrament. A reminder to those children that there is a practice at 10:30am on Saturday morning at St. Edmund's, Bungay. We hope members of our school community can join them at the service on Sunday morning.

WATOTO CHOIR VISIT

What a truly uplifting visit we had on Wednesday when the Watoto Choir from Uganda came to visit us here at St. Edmund's. After having lunch and playing outside with us, they taught us one of the songs they were going to be performing that night and the dance moves to accompany it. Lots of our children and families then went to see them perform at St. Mary's Church. For those who weren't fortunate enough to see them, they are performing in Newmarket tonight, Norwich next weekend and have other dates in the area. Click [HERE](#) to check out their website.



HEALTHY EATING

We have recently seen a large rise in the number of children coming into school with unhealthy snacks to eat at breaktime and lunchtime. This includes large/duo chocolate bars, large 'grab bag' packets of crisps and other sugary snacks. Eating a healthy balanced diet is essential to helping our children focus in class and learn. This comes against a backdrop of national data which states: **According to 2024/25 data for England, 10.5% of children in reception (ages 4-5) and 22.2% of children in Year 6 (ages 10-11) are living with obesity.**

As a result, from next week, we are going to start to implement some changes:

- Snacks eaten at breaktimes to be either a piece of fruit or vegetable. Our younger children will continue to be provided with this free of charge as part of Government funding. As always, leftovers will be made available to our older children.
- We will begin monitoring more closely the packed lunches children bring into school. Where we feel a child's lunch doesn't meet the standards as prescribed in Government Guidance (available [HERE](#)), we will add a note for your child to take home as a reminder of our expectations. Where needed, we will explore what support school can offer. Thank you for your support as we look to support our children to give them the best start in life!



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SCHOOL UNIFORM CHANGES FOR 2026/27 ACADEMIC YEAR

Earlier this academic year, I asked parents to contribute to a survey about our school uniform for next academic year. This follows legislation introduced from the Government limiting the number of branded items schools can ask parents to purchase. The survey unanimously highlighted three popular items for the children to wear. These are:

- Branded jumper or cardigan
- Polo t-shirt
- PE Hoody

As a result of these changes, school shirts and branded ties will not be required from September 2026.

This means that from September 2026, our school uniform will be as follows:

Boys/Girls – Burgundy school jumper, yellow polo t-shirt, grey trousers/shorts/skirt and black shoes (PLAIN black trainers will also be accepted to support children running the daily mile). In the summer, girls can continue to wear a yellow gingham dress. PE kits will be a white t-shirt, black shorts and a school PE hoody (optional). We will be moving away from PE days and so children will be required to come into school everyday in their school uniform.

There will also be a requirement that no make-up or jewellery is worn and earrings are stud ones only. This new school uniform policy will be heavily enforced by all staff at school and we ask for your support in ensuring our children wear their school uniform with pride.

We have communicated this information to Screens who will be ensuring there is adequate stocks of school uniforms. They will also be discontinuing some additional branded items they sell and have discounted them now in case you wish to purchase any of these. Items they have include a beanie hat (£3), a coat (£15), a backpack (£7.50), some water bottles (£2) and some PE t-shirts (£2.50). We will continue to have a number of uniform items available in school for parents to take.

If you wish to discuss any aspects of this, please contact me in school. Thanks, Mr Kennedy

MAY DAY DANCES OPENING CEREMONY AT ANNIS HILL GREEN

Children in Years 2–6 are taking part in the Annis Hill Green Opening Ceremony on Monday 4th May, performing May dances alongside Bungay Primary School. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to represent our school with pride and be part of a special community event in Bungay.

PTFA RAFFLE

Thank you so much for everyone who has bought raffle tickets for our Spring Draw. We have raised £345 for our school. The draw will take place in the playground after school today, Friday 1st May. We hope you can join us for this. Details of the winners will be shared in due course. Thank you to all the members of our PTFA for their time and energy in organising this event.

KEY STAGE 2 SATS – UPCOMING

A reminder that Key Stage 2 SATs Week is fast approaching. Our Year 6 children have been working incredibly hard and we are very proud of the effort, determination and resilience they have shown in preparing for these assessments.

SATs will take place during the WB Monday 11th May and we ask that all Year 6 pupils arrive on time each day and are well rested, having had a good breakfast. Breakfast will also be available in school – please see Miss Brant for more details. A calm and positive start to each day will really support them in doing their best.

We will continue to reassure the children that these assessments are just one way of showing what they know and we are confident they will approach the week with confidence. Thank you to parents and carers for your ongoing support.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

Sunday 3rd – First Holy Communion Mass at St. Edmund's, Bungay at 9:15am

Monday 4th – SCHOOL CLOSED – MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

Thursday 7th – Year 4 Oulton Broad Water Sports Trip (Group 1 – St Benet's only)

WB Monday 11th – KS2 SATs Week

Thursday 14th – Year 4 Oulton Broad Water Sports Trip (Group 2)

– Holy Day of Obligation – Ascension Day

Thursday 21st – May Flower Procession at 2pm

– Year 4 Oulton Broad Water Sports Trip (Group 3)

Friday 22nd – School Closes for Half-Term

JUNE

Monday 1st – School Opens

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