



A message from our Headteacher

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of you again for your unwavering support and understanding this year. What a year it has been for us all! One that we could definitely never predict, but we are all stronger for having survived it. I also would like to thank all of the staff for their resilience, determination and hard work that has ensured that the children have had the best possible education and wellbeing support. Last, but not least, thank you to all the children, their perseverance and adaptability have astounded me. We are so lucky to be part of such a wonderful community here at St Edward's in Swadlincote. I hope you all have a lovely, restful break. It is very much deserved after a rollercoaster of a year.

Thanks and God bless,

Mrs Methven

Upcoming Events

Last day of term

Friday 19th July 2024

Inset Day

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

School closed to **all** pupils.

First day back

4th September 2024

Return to school for pupils in Y1-6

Reception first day

Thursday 6th September 2024

Nursery first day back

Monday 9th September 2024

The year that was!

A tail of perseverance and challenge!

Well... 2023-24 is a year we are likely to never forget! From RAAC to coach travel, from props to properly fun times. All throughout this the perseverance and adaptability of the children at St Edward's has shone through. They have proved themselves to be such an amazing community in Christ and we have appreciated all the help and support from parents and carers. The future may continue to bring challenges and changes, but we can rise to these as long as we stay strong as the St Edward's family. True mind, true heart, true spirit.



Wedding bells!

Miss Sidwell will be getting married in the 6 week holidays! We wish her all the best for her big day. In September she will be known by her married name Mrs Thacker. Congratulations from all of the children and staff at St Edward's!



Year 6 2024



This week we have said goodbye to our lovely Year 6 class! They have been such amazing role models and ambassadors for our school and we are proud of all they have achieved! We wish them all the best for their future. They will always be part of St Edward's and we hope they carry the lessons they learned here with us to enrich the world around them!

Parish news

Father Neil will be moving to a new Parish in the summer. We wish to thank Father Neil for all the support he has given us. His guiding voice was essential to helping us create the new EYFS building and he has always been a person we can rely on for help and guidance. He has been pivotal in how we have developed as a school and all the children will dearly miss him. In September we will have a new priest joining us in and we wish to welcome Father Prince. We look forward to celebrating our first Mass together in September.



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Sports Days



Sports days this year were an enormous success! The EYFS and KS1 sports days were fantastic events at school and it was great to see so many people come out to support our wonderful athletes. Our KS2 event in Eureka Park was a real showcase of the sportsmanship and athleticism of our pupils and they were cheered on loudly by everyone who attended. Thank you to all who came to support our children and we look forward to welcoming you back next year. The teachers will get into training early next year to ensure the dream of a teachers race becomes a reality!



This term lots of exciting trips have taken place. Reception enjoyed exploring life on a farm at Ash End House Farm. They had the chance to meet lots of animals and see how they are taken care of. Y1 investigated Tamworth castle and what life was like for people living in the past.





Trips



Y5 had a fun filled day at Warwick Castle. They saw birds of prey and watched the mighty trebuchet in action, they walked through the Great Hall and explored the corridors of the castle looking at the armour and weapons used during the English Civil War.



Our Y3 children had the chance to explore life in prehistoric England. They studied cave paintings and the different techniques prehistoric man used to create these wonders. Working as a team they constructed a shelter and also tried hunting a target using spears (wooden sticks). The children experienced life inside a real stone age cave and practiced using the tools people living in this time period would have used in their daily life.



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Hello and goodbye!

We are delighted to announce that **Mrs Voyce** has been appointed as the new Y5 teacher and will teach this class together with Mrs Cashmore. We also wish to welcome **Mrs Kwiatkowska** who will be joining us as a teaching assistant in Y5.

Sadly, three members of staff will be leaving at the end of this year. **Miss Richardson** has left St Edward's, we wish her all the best for the future. **Mrs Shaw** has done an amazing job teaching across the school this year and our children have benefited greatly from her caring approach. **Mrs White** will also be leaving us this year, we wish to thank her for her hard work and loving attitude towards all the children she has worked with. We wish them both all the best for the future.

Nursery Places



We still have places available for our Nursery in September. If you are interested and wish to look around please contact the school office. There is also an expression of interest form available on our school website.

Food bank

The food bank at St Peter and St Paul Church (next to school) is still running each Friday. We also have food available in school, if you need to access this please contact the school office.

Uniform

A quick reminder that for the first half term next year your children can continue to come to school in the summer uniform. This will change at the October half term and will change into the Winter uniform. The summer uniform includes:

Girls

- As per winter uniform OR
- White and blue striped or checked dress or
- Grey skirt or pinafore dress or
- Black/grey tailored school trousers or shorts
- White polo shirt and no tie
- Royal blue cardigan or sweatshirt
- White socks

Boys

- As per winter uniform OR
- White polo shirt and no tie
- Black or grey trousers or shorts
- Royal blue sweatshirt or jumper
- Grey or black socks

Both boys and girls should wear sensible black footwear; not trainers, fashion shoes with heels or long or high boots. Sports logos on shoes are not allowed, or shoes that are made out of canvas or fabric material. Summer sandals should be black, brown or navy blue and fit securely with no open toes.

Sweatshirts, cardigans and polo shirts may be embellished with the school crest if you wish, but this is not a necessary part of the uniform.

