



St Edward's Newsletter

October 2024

A message from our Headteacher

Welcome back everyone! It was amazing to see all your smiling faces back after the summer holiday and we have made a brilliant start to our new school year! All the staff have worked tirelessly over the summer to ensure all the classes looked amazing ready for the start of our school year and I am so proud of our amazing school community! We continue to keep you updated about the building and RAAC issue when we have something new to share. We appreciate all the messages of support we have received during this time. It has been such a joy to have our nursery building back as an education space and all the children are thriving every time I pop in to say hello!

Mrs Methven



Upcoming Events

Hello Yellow Day

Thursday 10th October 2024

St Edward's Mass (Whole school)

Wednesday 16th October 2024

10am St Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Reception open morning

Wednesday 23rd October 2024

9:30am - 11:00am

Last day of half term

Friday 25th October 2024

First day of next half term

Monday 4th November 2024

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for your support!

Thank you to everyone who came by to support our Macmillan Coffee Morning! We have never seen such a variety of scrumptious cakes and are grateful to everyone who donated to this amazing cause. A special thanks to the members of our PTFA who helped run the event both in the morning and at the end of the day outside school. We raised an amazing **£267.59** for the Macmillan Cancer Support Trust and we know this money will make a huge difference to the lives of people living with cancer and their families who care for them. Thank you everyone involved for your generosity.



CCTV



This week new CCTV cameras have been installed in the front office and the school drive. These cameras capture images, but not audio. They are part of our focus on safeguarding all our

pupils, families and staff. Only Designated Safeguarding Leads and our GDPR manager have access to these images.

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The school drive



The school drive is only for school staff to park in.

All parents must park in the church car park or surrounding roads when dropping off and collecting children. **This includes breakfast and after school club.** The new cross hatchings on the third space are to keep the gate clear for the Y1 children at the end of the day. Please do not park here. We are continuing to have complaints from local residents regarding the parking of parents and carers on the roads around school. This led to the presence of the Police Safer Neighbourhood team this week. Please be respectful when parking on roads around school and **do not** park across any drive.

Medicine

If your child has been prescribed medicine by their GP we need you to bring this medicine to the front office and complete a form so that we can give them this medication. We will no longer be providing other unprescribed medication within school. This includes paracetamol (Calpol) and antihistamines (Piriton).



Father Kurian

Father Prince Kurian is our new parish priest and we have enjoyed celebrating the Mass together this half term. The children have welcomed him warmly and we look forward to working together to strengthen our links with the parish.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion classes will be beginning in the parish after Christmas. This is for children who are in the current Y4 class or any other children older than this. If you wish your child to take part in this sacrament you will need to collect a form from the back of St Peter and Paul Church. Once completed this form needs returning to Father.



Snacks

Please ensure that the snacks your child is bringing into school are fruit or vegetables. They should not be sugary snacks or crisps. Also please ensure there are **no nuts** present in your child's snack or lunchbox as we are a nut free school.

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Attendance

There have been important changes to our Attendance Policy that all parents need to make themselves aware of. These changes centre around term time holidays and the new guidance on what can be authorised as an absence. The new policy is live on the school website. We updated this following the guidance from Derbyshire local authority. If you have any concerns or questions please speak to the school office. If you are reporting your child not being in school this needs to be reported to the school office **not on ClassDojo**. This can be done via an email or leaving a message on the absence answer phone. This is important as absences **will not be authorised** unless there is a valid reason. If your child has a medical appointment you will need to provide evidence of the appointment in terms of a letter or email. Attendance is being rigorously monitored and meetings will be arranged if your child's attendance is below the expected level.



Reception Open Days



If you are interested in your child starting with us in Reception in 2025-26 we have two open sessions where you can come in and explore our Reception classroom and meet our staff. The two sessions are on Wednesday 23rd October 2024 9:30am - 11:00am and Wednesday 13th November 2024 1:30pm - 3:00pm. If you are interested in attending please register your interest by following this QR code or the link on our website to the Microsoft form.

Whitemoor Lakes

Our Year 6 children had a wonderful time this week on our residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes. They conquered many fears, shared great times with their friends and learned more about themselves! We were so proud of their perseverance and how they represented our school!



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