



St Edward's Newsletter

February 2025



Ofsted Inspection

Our ethos shining through

What a start to the new term! On January 14th and 15th 2025 we welcomed an Ofsted Inspector to St Edward's. We are delighted to share that this was an immensely positive experience and that it was identified that: **"St Edward's Catholic Academy has taken effective action to maintain the standards identified at the previous inspection."** This is great affirmation for us as a school that we are continuing to maintain high standards in spite of considerable challenges with our building.

The Inspection highlighted:

- Pupils speak **proudly** about the school virtues, 'True Mind, True Heart and True Spirit'. They appreciate how qualities such as **friendship, citizenship and service**, guide their journey through school. Pupils understand that these qualities help everyone in school to **'live well' and 'be a good person.'**
- 'The school's **positive culture** encourages pupils to behave well. Pupils show **kindness and love** to each other and are clear that everyone is **welcome.'**
- 'The school has **high expectations for all pupils**. Pupils work hard and enjoy their learning.'
- 'Pupils, including children in the early years, **achieve well.'**
- 'Well-trained staff provide close guidance to support these pupils (SEND). Staff break down concepts into manageable steps. This allows **pupils with SEND to achieve well** across the curriculum.'
- '**Knowledgeable staff** teach the phonics curriculum effectively.'
- 'Leaders have **successfully navigated** a difficult period for the school.'
- 'Pupils show **positive attitudes** and concentrate well in class. They **listen carefully** to their teachers and respond appropriately to instructions. **Classrooms are studious.'**
- 'Pupils benefit from an **extensive and well-considered personal development programme**. This helps to broaden pupils' understanding of significant world events.'

We were so proud of all our pupils and staff! Thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported us, our school community continues to thrive and we couldn't have achieved this without all the love and care all our pupils and staff receive. We will continue to strive to improve the experience and education of our pupils and look forward to celebrating this next year at our Catholic School Inspectorate inspection.

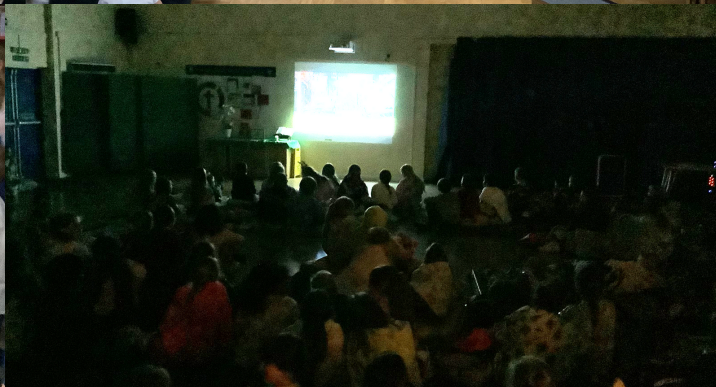
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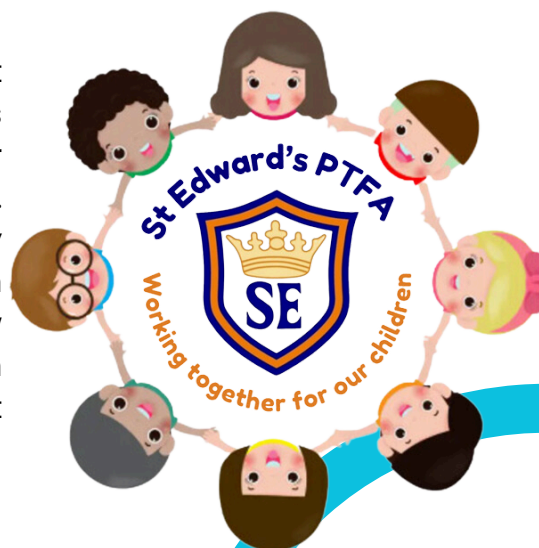
PTFA Party, film night and Santa visit!

Our PTFA Party and Film Night was an amazing success! The children thoroughly enjoyed both events and the feedback we have had from parents has been very positive! A huge thank you to all the members of the PTFA for preparing and running both events. The sweet cones were a marvel and the children were so excited to tuck in! We look forward to hosting many more events in the future to continue to enrich the lives of our children and our school community. Both of the events combined raised a total of £416!! Santa took time to visit St Edward's in his busy life! The children loved seeing him and they all received a small gift! Thank you to Santa and his Elves.



A message from the PTFA

We are delighted with the £416 raised from the party and film night! This money was used to ensure every child received a gift from Santa when he visited school in the last week of the Advent term. A special thanks goes to Tet's Treats, a local celebration cake and treat business, for donating Christmas keyrings for KS1 and popcorn for KS2. Also a special thanks to Platinum Hair who have kindly donated a large number of gifts to add to those bought with the money raised. The PTFA of St Edward's is a new organisation, and held their first Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 7th January. All parents, carers and friends of St Edward's are welcome to come join the PTFA if they wish to! The more the merrier! If you are interested please email stedwardsptfa.chair@gmail.com for more information. The next PTFA meeting will be on **Tuesday 18th March at 5:30pm** at Hartshorne Cricket Club.



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New arrival on the way



Congratulations to Mrs Thacker and her husband on the news that they are expecting their first child! This is such wonderful news!

Best Wishes

Mrs Moyes is going on maternity leave after February half term! We wish her all the best and hope she enjoys the last few days before baby number two arrives! We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Miss Isbern to teach Nursery during Mrs Moyes' maternity leave. Miss Isbern will start with us after half term.



Pantomime



Before Christmas all our children had the chance to enjoy watching Cinderella! It was amazing and even the teachers got involved dancing the Macarena! A huge thank you to all the donations sent in for the pantomime and to Miss Winspeare for organising the events! It was, as they say, 'a right old laugh'. Oh no it wasn't! OH YES IT WAS!

Jubilee Prayer



Father in heaven,

may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the
seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

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