



# St Edward's Newsletter

July 2025

## A message from our Headteacher

Another phenomenal year has passed! I wish to take this chance to thank everyone for their support this year! I am so proud of our school community and we will need to continue to stay strong as we move forward into the future and think about the upcoming new build of our school.

I wish to say a heartfelt goodbye to our special Y6 children leaving us this week! They have brought such joy to us over the years and I wish to thank them for being exemplary role models in our school!

This year many long serving families will be saying goodbye to us too, I wish to thank them for trusting us with their children and hope that they always carry St Edward's with them in their hearts. I look forward to another amazing year next year!

**Mrs Methven**



### Dates for the diary

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025**  
Children back to school

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025**  
Nursery stay and play sessions  
9.30am – 10.30am    1.30pm – 2.30pm

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025**  
Nursery stay and play sessions  
9.30am – 10.30am    1.30pm – 2.30pm

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025**  
Nursery children start

## 2024-25

### What a school year that was!

This year seems to have gone past in the blink of an eye! This year has seen many notable events:

- The introduction of the St Edward's Path
- Our Ofsted inspection
- Easter Bingo
- Summer fayre
- Sports days
- Trips
- Residential
- A visit from Santa
- Christmas plays

We have grown so much as a school community and we look forward to all the challenges and joyful moments 2025-26 will bring!

## Our School Prayer

As we finish another year we reflect on our journey together and thank God for all the good he gives us. Try to make time this summer to say our school prayer together at home and remember the love we have for all in our school community.

### St Edward's School Prayer

O Lord, bless our school so that  
working together and playing  
together we may receive a:

**True Mind  
True Heart  
True Spirit**

As we grow in the image of Christ.  
St Edward, pray for us.

**Amen**



**True mind, true heart, true spirit; as we grow in the image of Christ.**





## Sports day

Each sports day this year was special in its own right! From our EYFS sports day, to the KS1 races up to the ultra competitive KS2 morning (especially the parent race)! Luckily the weather stayed fair for all three days and the children all did themselves proud!



## Uniform

The summer uniform may be worn up until the October half term. After October half term all children must be wearing our winter uniform. Information on our school uniform can be found on our school website under the 'Parents' tab.

## PE Kits

PE shorts and joggers **must** be blue (either royal blue or navy blue). **No black or branded sportswear to be worn for PE.** This includes black cycling shorts and leggings which are not part of our school uniform.

We have a number of good quality used items which have been donated to school after being outgrown. We are now collecting and distributing 'Preloved' uniform with the help of our PTFA. If you would like to request uniform please scan the QR code in the image on the right. The request will be directly emailed to Mrs Gibbs our Family Support Worker, who will ensure that the items requested are returned with your child as soon as possible.



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## Year 6 Leavers' Play

The Year 6 Leavers' Play was an absolute amazing showcase of all the talents our children have! They sang beautifully, acted theatrically and truly embraced their characters! The staff could not believe how much confidence the children have gained and we enjoyed watching them blossom on stage. A special thanks to Miss Dani Eyre, our Chair of Governors, who helped us in our hour of need! Our lighting system broke just before the performance and Miss Eyre let us borrow the lighting rig, microphones, sound system and two experts (Sam and Daniel) to help us create the best show ever! A huge thankyou to Chellaston Academy, Derby for their amazing support!



## A message from Y6

This week we celebrate the end of one chapter, and the start of another. The time we have spent here will never be forgotten and we will always remember the people who stood by us. We dreamed, we struggled, we succeeded. Every morning, every hard test, every small victory led us here. We didn't do this alone and we never gave up. Thank you for every teacher, family member and friends for helping us on our journey. You believed in us when we didn't have faith in ourselves. We are stronger, braver and ready for the new beginning. Thank you for leading us and supporting us.

We all had ups and downs, but we got here together to the end!

This is a time in our lives we will never forget. You all have a special place in our hearts. St Edward's is a wonderful place with such amazing staff. You are all so nice! It is very hard to say goodbye to a school that has been our world for many years.

But it's time to move onto bigger, braver things. We love you all!

In our time here we have grown to love St Edward's. All the staff are nice, kind and helpful. The list of what they have done for us would be endless... we would need all the paper in the world to write it down! This is not goodbye, but a hello to a new beginning.

### Year 6

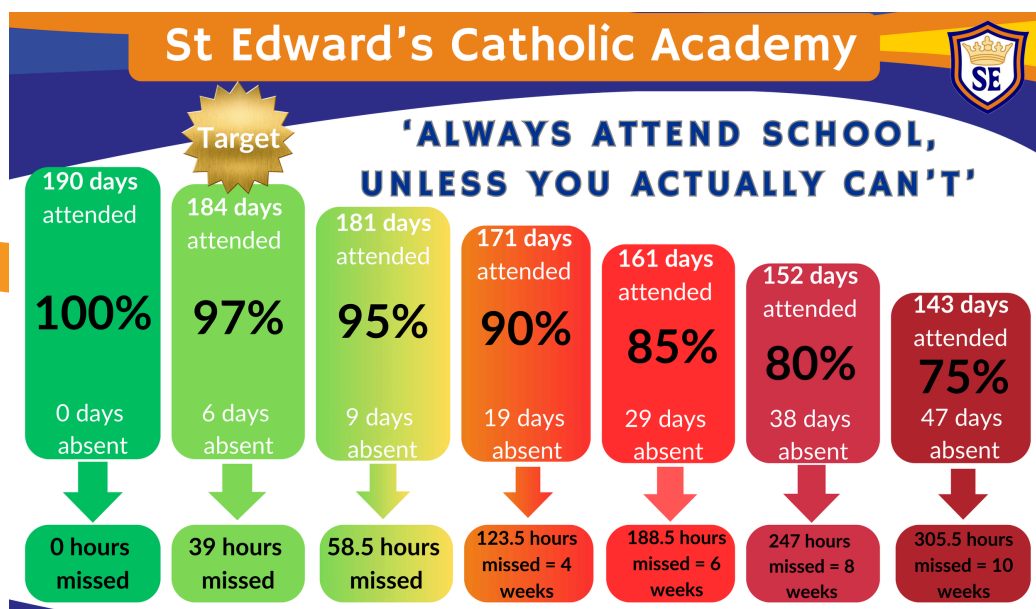


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## Attendance

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.



## The PTFA

Our PTFA planned and ran a fantastic summer fair this year! Our children and families have benefitted from all the amazing fundraising and events the PTFA have ran this year. The summer fair was a wonderful event, everyone joined in and we raised an amazing £700 which will support the school! We are always looking for more parents, carers and friends of St Edward's to join the PTFA and help us to plan and run events that benefit our school!

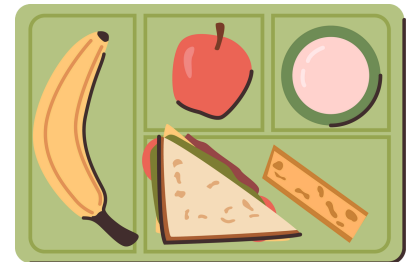


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## Dinner Money

From September 2025 the cost of a school dinner will be going up to **£3.40 per day**. The price of a school meal had remained at £2.60 for the past three years, however, due to rising costs, we are unable to keep it at the same amount next year.



## Arbor Parent App

Please ensure you have downloaded and signed into the Arbor Parent app. An email was sent out with detailed instructions on how to log in to the app. If you need the email resent please contact the office. The Arbor parent app will be used to :

- Book and pay for wrap around care (breakfast and afterschool club)
- Pay for your child's school dinner
- Pay for trips or afterschool sports clubs
- Give consent for any activity your child is taking part in
- Update any personal information (change of address, email address, phone number)
- Update medical information for your child

Therefore, it is vital that you have this app downloaded and working. School must have at least one current email for communication purposes next year as there will be no texts being sent out, all communication will be via email. If school does not have an up to date email address for you then you will miss key information that is sent out regarding your child or events in school.

## Keeping up with payments

Please ensure that all outstanding payments for dinner money, school trips and wrap around care are made **no later than the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025**. All balances positive or negative will be transferred over onto Arbor. Any outstanding payments, as of 23.7.25, will be passed onto our trust who have a policy of pursuing all outstanding debts.

## Breakfast Club

Next year there will be some important changes regarding breakfast club. There will be a letter sent during the school holidays to confirm this, but the changes include:

- **All children** will need to be booked into Breakfast Club via the Arbor App (we will only accept children who are not booked in if there is an emergency). This is to ensure that our staffing ratios are correct.
- **All children** will need to be signed into breakfast club on the school sign in system in the foyer by the adult who drops them off.
- Bookings will not be able to be made for breakfast club if there is an **outstanding balance** in your account.

