



St Edward's Newsletter

September 2025

A message from our Headteacher

Welcome back everyone! It has been fantastic to see all the children back looking smart and happy for the start of our new school year! The children have made an excellent start in their new classes and it has been such a blessing to go into their classrooms and see all the great learning they have been busy with their new teachers! I hope this year continues as it has started and I look forward to supporting your children as they grow in the image of Christ here at St Edward's.



Mrs Methven

..... Dates for the diary

Thursday 25th September 2025

PTFA meeting in school

3.00pm - 4.00pm

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Friday 26th September 2025

MacMillan Coffee Morning

9.00am - 10.30am in the school hall

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Wednesday 1st October 2025

Whole school Mass 10.00am in Church

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8th - 10th October 2025

Y6 Children trip to Whitemoor Lakes

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Friday 10th October 2025

Hello Yellow Day

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Friday 17th October 2025

PTFA Coffee Morning 9.00am in hall

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Wednesday 22nd October 2025

Whole school Mass 10am in Church

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Friday 24th October 2025

INSET day - school closed to pupils

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Monday 3rd November 2025

Return to school

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Tuesday 4th November 2025

Individual Photos Day

School Uniform

At the start of the Advent term all children can either wear the summer uniform or the winter uniform. After half term **all children** should be wearing our winter uniform. The winter uniform consists of:

Girls

- Plain white blouse (not fitted)
- Black/Silver school tie
- Grey skirt or pinafore dress
- Grey pleated culottes or Black/grey tailored school trousers
- Royal blue cardigan or sweatshirt
- White or grey socks or grey/black tights

Boys

- White shirt
- Black/silver school tie
- Black or grey trousers
- Royal blue sweatshirt or jumper
- Grey or black socks

All children 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.

PE kits

PE kits are an integral part of our school uniform. The PE kit for **all children** is as follows:

- White polo shirt
- Trainers
- Royal blue shorts or navy blue joggers.
- Navy blue hoodie

No black shorts or joggers should be worn. All items of clothing should be **plain and not have logos on them**.

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Arbor App

All communication from school is now being sent via the **Arbor parent app**. Key information for all children regarding the **upcoming flu vaccination** has been sent out last week. If you do not access the app or check it regularly you will miss important notifications from us at school. **Please ensure you interact with the app to stay up to date with all information for your child.**

The Arbor parent app is 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



School Dinners



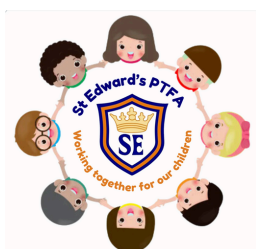
From September 2025 the cost of a school dinner went up to **£3.40 per day**. The price of a school meal had remained at £2.60 for the past three years, however, due to rising costs, we are unable to keep it at the same amount as last year.

Childcare Vouchers



As a school we accept payment via the government childcare voucher scheme. This can save parents **20% on their childcare costs**. The payments are accepted for wrap around care and lunchtime nursery cover, however it **cannot be used for school trips**. If you wish to use these vouchers you must notify the school office of any payments made with your child's reference number to enable our finance department to confirm receipt.

PTFA

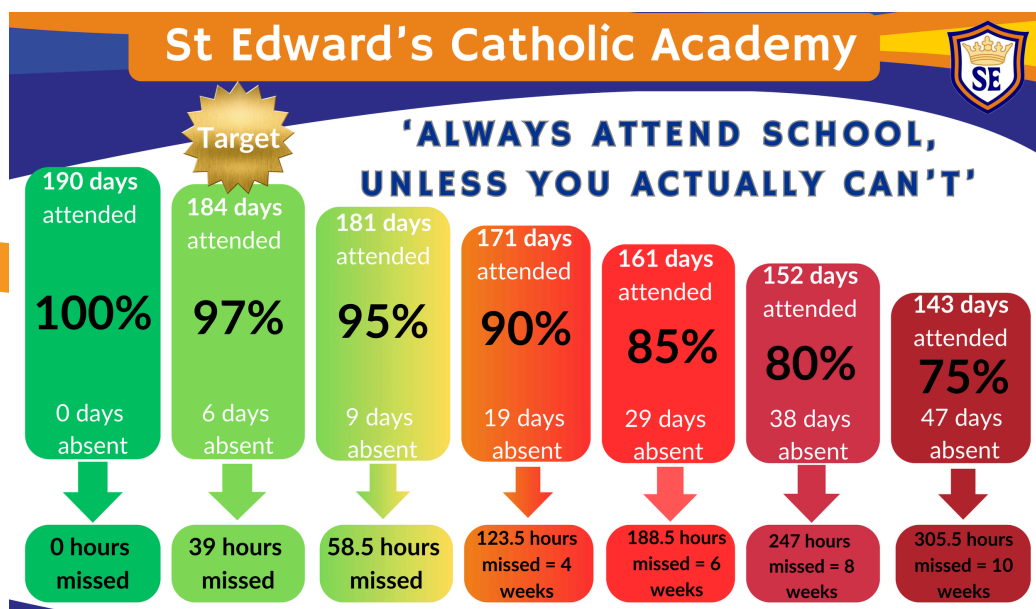


Our PTFA have become a vital part of our school community and we are so grateful for all their hard work! They have been pivotal in our **Preloved Uniform** initiative and the events they organised last year were amazing! Their first event this year will be the **MacMillan coffee morning** on Friday. If you are interested in joining our PTFA there is a meeting on **Thursday 25th September at 3.00pm** in the school hall. All are welcome!

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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 must 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.



RE – Our curriculum

This year, St Edward's will be continuing to implement the new RED (Religious Education Directory), 'To know You more clearly'. Last year we trialled the new curriculum being created by the Diocesan working group and the children and staff both enjoyed this new, enhanced curriculum approach. The RED has its own specially designed model curriculum, made up of six branches. Each half term, we will explore one of these branches as a whole school. Each one focuses on a core theme, helping the children to grow in their understanding of key aspects of the Catholic faith including Revelation, Scripture, life in Christ and life in the Church. If you wish to find out more or ask any questions please speak to our RE lead Mr Ward.

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