St Edward's Newsletter

November 2026



Dates for the diary

Wednesday 11th November 2026
Remembrance Day Liturgy
10:50am in Church

Wenesday 11th November 2026
Nursery & Reception Open Evening
5:00pm

Wednesday 18th November 2026
Whole school Mass in church
10:00am

Friday 20th November 2026
SEND Coffee Morning in school
9:00am - 10:00am

Tuesday 1st December 2026
Advent Liturgy in Church
5:00-5:40pm

Wednesday 2nd December 2026
Whole school Mass in church
10:00am

Tuesday 8th December 2026
Nursery and Reception Christmas Play
2:00pm

Wednesday 9th December 2026
Year 3 & Y4 Christmas Play
5:00pm

Thursday 10th December 2026
PTFA Christmas Bingo
6:00pm in school

Wednesday 16th December 2026
Christmas dinner and jumper day

Thursday 17th December 2026
Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 Pantomime Trip

Friday 18th December 2026
Carols 'round the tree
1:20 pm in Church

Friday 18th December 2026
Break up for Christmas
3:15pm

Monday 4th January 2027
Return to school.

Autumnal Greetings

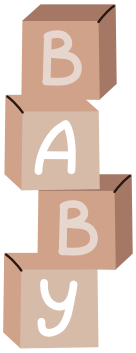
We have had a fantastic first half term back after the summer break. It has been a delight to see all the children back in school enjoying their learning! Thank you all for your continued support in all areas of school life. We are a thriving community here in Swadlincote and we value all our families and friends. We look forward to welcoming you all into school for our upcoming events. **Mrs Methven**



New baby on the way!



We are delighted to announce that Mrs Brown, our Reception teacher, is expecting a baby in the spring. We wish to congratulate her and her family and can't wait to meet the new addition to the St Edward's family.



New governors needed!

We are looking to appoint **two foundation governors** for our governing body. To be a foundation governor you must be a practising Catholic and have a keen interest in life here at St Edward's. Application forms will be sent shortly and if you are interested please complete these and send them back as soon as possible. Our governing body is important as it both supports the school and provides challenge to ensure St Edward's continues to offer the best education possible for the children in our care. If you would like more information please speak to either **Mrs Methven** or **Mr Ward.**



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Inclusion Hub

We are delighted to introduce our new **Inclusion Hub** here at St Edward's. This is an area within our school where children come to learn and overcome any barriers to their education and wellbeing they may have. This space is designed and led by our **Inclusion Team** and is accessible to all children who need it. Within the Inclusion Hub we have a range of designated spaces where children can feel safe, comfortable, ready to **learn** and **thrive** in their **progress** and **achievements**. The Inclusion Hub is already proving a success with our children and we look forward to seeing more children benefit from the **supportive, inclusive atmosphere** it provides. If you want to find out more and meet our inclusion team please come and join us on our **SEND Coffee morning on Friday 20th November at 9am in our hall**.





Our Inclusion Team



Mrs Methven

Our Headteacher, will coordinate the Inclusion Team to ensure your child's success.



Mrs Cashmore

Our dedicated SENDCO (Special Needs and Disability Coordinator), Mrs. Cashmore, will coordinate the comprehensive support for all special educational needs and disabilities



Mrs Gibbs

Working closely alongside Mrs Cashmore, Mrs Gibbs, our Family Support Worker and Assistant SENDCO, will assist with any necessary referrals, offering support to both home and school environments.



Mrs Hallam

Mrs. Hallam serves as our Specialist Teaching Assistant and Inclusion Mentor; she expertly manages our Inclusion Hub and is dedicated to providing additional support whenever it is needed, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to succeed.

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Our food and clothes bank

Our food and uniform bank is fully stocked and ready to be used. Feel free to pop into our school office and have a look. Uniform of all shapes and sizes is available and if you can not find what you want please ask and our PTFA will check if we have any in stock! You can also use the QR code below to order uniform from our bank.





As Christmas draws near we are also stocking hats and gloves for the cold weather. We will be running our **Christmas Jumper** rail again this year. We welcome donations of Christmas jumpers. All donated jumpers will then be available in the uniform bank for anyone to come and take one. This is a great way to recycle and reuse jumpers that have only been worn over Christmas.



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

Attendance matters because every day missed is a day of learning missed.

Better attendance builds brighter futures!

100%	97%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
0 days absent	6 days absent	9 days absent	19 days absent	28 days absent	38 days absent	47 days absent
No learning missed	39 hours missed	58.5 hours missed = 2 weeks + 1 day	123.5 hours missed = 4 weeks	188.5 hours missed = 6 weeks	247 hours missed = 8 weeks	305.5 hours missed = 10 weeks

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Goodbye and thank you!



Mr Hadley has left St Edward's after 52 years as part of our school family. During that time he has been a parent, groundsman, handyman and respected friend. He was always there to help us with anything to do with our building and grounds. We will greatly miss him but we wish him all the best in his retirement. There are many new adventures for him ahead and we can't wait to hear all about them. Thank you Mr Hadley for everything you have done for us!

PTFA

We wish to thank the hard working members of our PTFA. They work tirelessly to support the children and staff of St Edward's. They have many exciting plans for our school and are busy behind the scenes providing new books, resources and planning amazing events.



Spontaneous Prayer



Within our Inclusion Hub we now have a designated space for spontaneous prayer. Children can access this whenever they need it. In November we are praying for those who have died and our children are drawing the people they wish to pray for and hanging their intention on our prayer tree.

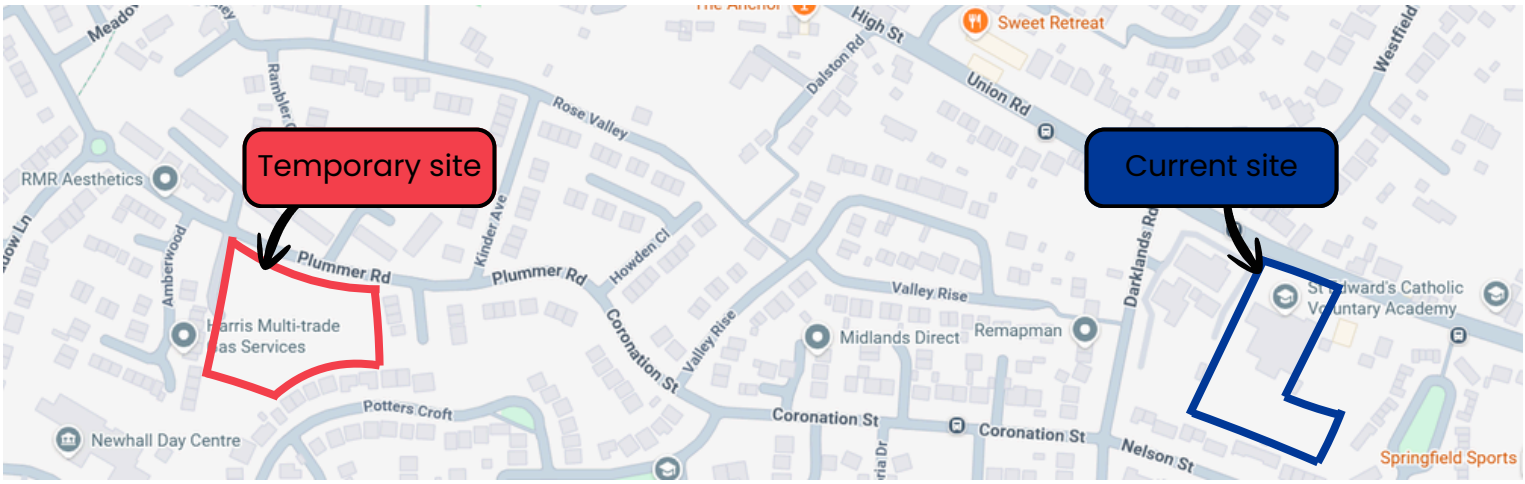
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. **Amen.**

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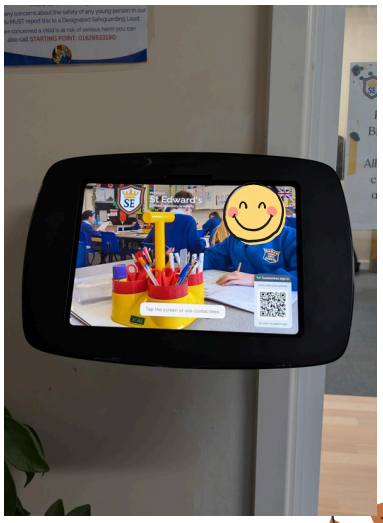
New build update

In October we sent out an update regarding the work that has been ongoing regarding the rebuild of St Edward's Catholic Academy. As the school building contains RAAC concrete, the decision was made by the Department for Education (DfE) to rebuild the school. The school will be rebuilt on the existing site on Newhall Road, therefore a temporary site is needed for the school to continue to operate on while the building is demolished and our new school built. This temporary site will be on Plummer Road and the building of a temporary school on this site will begin shortly. This is an exciting time for our school community, but we understand that this also comes with change. We will work tirelessly to ensure that any disruption is as minimal as possible. The education and wellbeing of our pupils at St Edward's is our upmost priority. Mrs Methven and Mr Ward are continuing to work with the DfE to design both the temporary site and the new school and we will share updates with our school community when we are able to. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.



Breakfast and afterschool club

With effect from **Tuesday 3rd November** we will be implementing a new system of collection from the school run after school club. Parents/Carers will now be required to **sign their child/ren out on the screen in the foyer when they are collected**, this ensures that there is an accurate record of exactly who is in the building at all times for fire purposes.



The wraparound care facilities run by the school are operated on a break-even basis, unfortunately there are occasions where children are collected after the session time which then has a knock-on effect to our staffing costs as a minimum of two members of staff are needed at all times. To bring us in line with all other establishments, and to ensure that we are able to keep costs down, we are introducing a late collection charge. If your child is collected up to **15 minutes late there will be a £5 charge**, if your child is collected **more than 15 minutes late there will be a £10 charge**. This is not a decision that we have taken lightly, thank you for your continued understanding.

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