



**St. Edmund's R.C. Primary School - Newsletter**

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**WEEKEND MASSES - Come to the table, everyone is welcome!**

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass -6.30 p.m. at St. Malachy's

**Sunday:** 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (signed for the deaf) at St. Patrick's

**Sunday:** 11:00 a.m. at St. Malachy's

If there is any parent who wishes their child to be baptised, please contact the Parish Priest of the parish in which you live. If you live within the boundaries of this parish, please see Father Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, Father Paul can be contacted on 07764791889 or at [paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Our statement next week is: At Easter, love one another as I have loved you.**

**GROWING:** In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses an image that would have been familiar to people of his time and he reminds us that we all depend on God for life. We all make mistakes, but God is loving and patient and gives us time to grow into the people we were created to be. God loves us, and wants us to live and grow in him - just like a branch grows on a vine - to be full of God's own energy. Keeping lively contact with Jesus helps us to grow in goodness and to live fruitful family lives, filled with peace, kindness and love. All parents want to help their children to grow into the best people that they can be. Growing in goodness is for parents and children alike. Enjoy your weekend together, growing in God's love.



*'May nothing keep you from growing in friendship with God.'* (Pope Francis)

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS:** As you are aware, attending school regularly and on time is a legal requirement for parents. Often we can wake up in the morning feeling a bit groggy but this is usually because we've not had enough sleep. This is the same for children. Children of Primary school age need between 9-12 hours sleep. This will ensure they are feeling happy and ready for the day ahead! Below are the results for last week. Congratulations to Reception and Year 6 who were our attendance heroes!



Nursery - 93.4%	Reception - 98.2%	Year 1 - 94.3%	Year 2 - 94.7%
Year 3 - 94.7%	Year 4 - 96.1%	Year 5 - 93.8%	Year 6 - 97.9%
Overall total 95.8%			

**PRAYER & WORSHIP:** Many thanks to those Y3 parents who joined us for Mass on Wednesday. Didn't the children do remarkably well with their readings and contributions?! Our next Mass will be next Wednesday when we will celebrate & honour, Mary, Queen of Heaven with our May procession. Parents are very welcome to join us for this most beautiful & memorable celebration. Mass starts at 9.15 a.m. in the hall. *Please send your children with bunches of flowers so that we can 'crown' our statue of Mary.*



**ANNUAL MADONNA DEL ROSARIO PROCESSION:** This magnificent procession will take place on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> July at 1:15 p.m., departing from St. Michael's Church in Ancoats. All are welcome to walk with the parish of St. Patrick's!



**CREATION WALK FOR EARTH DAY:** Inspired by Pope Francis, led and planned by our GIFT team and Junior Leadership team, the classes went out on a creation walk this week. Children were given the opportunity to identify and admire God's creations around us, to pray for our common home and reflect upon our actions moving forward on how we can take more care of our planet.

**CURRICULUM NEWS:** As always, we've had a busy week in school. Reception children have been learning about the life-cycle of a butterfly, Year 1 have been busy sharing into quarters, Year 2 have been rocking with Freddie Mercury whilst Y5 have been learning about the reproductive system in Science.



**YEAR 4 VISIT:** Our Y4 class will be visiting Manchester's Science & Industry Museum on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May. Parents, please pay your £5 donation on School Gateway as soon as possible so the trip can go ahead.



**READING TOP TIP:** Our top tip this week is: **Enjoy bedtime stories.** Read with your child at bedtime as often as you can. It's a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with them. Sharing a book at bedtime helps develop your child's vocabulary, gets them used to the idea of regular reading, and gives you both a great opportunity to bond.

**SO LONG, FAREWELL:** Next Tuesday we will say a very fond farewell to Mrs Wade, one of our caterers in school. Mrs Wade has worked at the school for many years and has been a valued member of our school meals team. She has helped and supported nearly all of our children to make healthy meal choices as well as enjoying their dining with their friends. We will really miss her but wish her a lengthy, happy and healthy retirement with her family. It's time for her to put her feet up! Congratulations!!

**LOCAL ELECTIONS ON 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY:** We've been asked to remind parents/carers that when voting, you'll need to take your photo ID. Please pass this message on to family and friends.

Bring  
photo ID  
to vote



**ANYONE FOR TENNIS?:** Manchester Tennis Centre is hosting a FREE fun open day for families and children this Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Try out their newly resurfaced indoor courts at the Ethiad Campus, M11 3DU

**SPORTS DAY:** Weather permitting, this year's sports day will be on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May - yes, earlier than usual! Please put the date and times in your diaries:

9.30 a.m. - Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2

12.30 p.m. - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6



**SLOW DOWN!!!** Again, we make the request that any drivers dropping off or collecting children and using the car park, you do so with careful consideration of your speed. Children are using the car park and could easily walk out in front of a car. If drivers aren't driving safely and with care, they will be directed to park elsewhere. Thank you to those who do co-operate and drive safely.



**FACEBOOK:** If you aren't doing so already, please 'like' our page on Facebook so you can keep up to date with all of the latest news! Teachers will be posting about what the class are up to during the week and they'll post photos also! Search us as **St. Edmund's Manchester** and we should pop up!

**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Ken Derbyshire (RIP) & the Derbyshire family, Oliver O'Leary (RIP) & the O'Leary family, Carole Donovan (RIP) & the Donovan family, Margaret Williams, Angeline Holt, Alice Ritchie, Leanne Clegg, Jo Phillips, Shirley Wade & family, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Father Paul & Father Moses, the Presentation Sisters, our children and staff, all those working with environment agencies, the homeless & rough sleepers, CAFOD, Caritas, the Lalley Centre and all other private intentions at this time.



**2024 THE YEAR OF PRAYER:** Pope Francis has declared 2024 as a special Year of Prayer. Here is a bedtime prayer for you to say with your children this week: **Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for the people who help us to grow in your love and please help us to keep growing in goodness. Amen.**

*Stay with us, Lord...on our journey.*