



St. Edmund's R.C. Primary, a Voluntary Academy

Newsletter

9th May 2025

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Weekend Masses: Vigil Mass - Saturday, 6.30 p.m. at St. Malachy's
9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (signed for the deaf) at St. Patrick's

Parish Website: <https://stpatricksliveseyst.yolasite.com/>

School Website: www.stedmundsrcprimaryschool.co.uk

Facebook page: [St. Edmund's Roman Catholic Primary School](https://www.facebook.com/St.EdmundsRomanCatholicPrimarySchool)



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

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

GREAT NEWS FROM THE VATICAN!

A new pope has been announced! Cardinal Robert Prevost will be the 267th pope, becoming the head of the worldwide Catholic Church and history's first ever North American pope. His name was announced after Cardinal Mamberti spoke the words, 'Habemus papam!', Latin for 'We have a new pope!' His appointment was revealed yesterday evening from the Sistene Chapel in Rome, confirming the news to the world! Catholics across the world are celebrating the news!! Pope Leo XIV's first words to us were, 'Let's stay united and hand and hand with God as we move forward together.'



LIFE: This Sunday is traditionally known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and that, if we listen to him, we can rely on him to guide our lives in the right direction. Sheep are so unpredictable and undependable. They are easily startled and often run in the wrong direction, appearing constantly to change their mind. Sometimes we too can head in the wrong direction and we need help to keep our lives on the right path. Jesus is the patient shepherd who never gives up on us. He came so that we could experience the fullness of life here, and to lead us into the joys of eternal life. Enjoy your special family time this weekend and discuss this week's word, '**LIFE**.'

Coming to church helps us to be more joyful and grow closer to God. Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel by joining us at St. Patrick's or St. Malachy's at the above Masses. Alternatively there are other local churches with other Masses available: all are very warmly invited.

"To live well is to love God with all your heart." (St. Augustine)



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS: Our winning class last week was....our Year 1 class with a fantastic score of 99.3%. What a fantastic achievement! They've been rewarded with extra leisure time this week. The only other class to meet our target last week were Y4. They were rewarded with an extra 5 minutes play with their friends today too. Each month, we give the class with the best attendance an ice-cream treat and the winners for April were....Year 1! Amazing Attendance Ambassadors!! Remember, we have set all children a target to do their very best to improve their attendance and punctuality this term if it needs to. Results for all classes are below.

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| Nursery: 94.1% | Reception: 96.5% | Year 1: 99.3% | Year 2: 95.9% |
| Year 3: 96.3% | Year 4: 97.7% | Year 5: 95.3% | Year 6: 95% |
| WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.2% | | | |

TOP TIPS FOR ATTENDANCE: Do NOT take holidays during school time. You have 13 other weeks to take them. Help your child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time).



'OH MARY WE CROWN THEE': What a momentous morning we had on Wednesday when we came together as a school community to honour Mary our Mother, Queen of Heaven. Our youngest and oldest pupils 'crowned' our statue with flowers whilst other children walked in procession to surround the statue with flowers. The scent from the bouquet of flowers is an absolute delight. Our thanks and appreciation to all of you for your donations. You are welcome to come into school and visit and we invite you to come and spend a moment in prayer or meditation.

JUBILEE YEAR - PILGRIMS OF HOPE: As we await the arrival of the diocesan anchor, it's good to reflect on how this can help us a family. Jesus wants us to share in his life because he loves us so much. He offers us eternal life and that's a gift which we can begin to receive today. When we listen to Jesus and follow him we can already begin to experience eternal life, to live in God's love, here and now!



READING TOP TIP: Manchester libraries have it all going on! Get yourselves reading for the festival of libraries during the whole month of June. Other exciting events going on include: 'Look For A Book' - Five hundred copies of *Am I Made of Stardust?* by Dame Maggie Aderin-Pocock will be hidden in Greater Manchester's libraries, parks, and trams this half term. Follow the clues for a chance to find a book and meet Maggie. Find all the details at [Manchester City of Literature](https://manchester.gov.uk/cityofliterature).
'Board Games Club' Drop into Central Library's new board games club—play old favourites, try something new, or bring your own! Free and open to all. [Find out more!](#)



EARLY PICK-UPS: We have seen an increased amount of parents/carers requesting early collections of children. This is causing considerable disruption to our administration team not to mention learning time. After the mid-term break, any early collections will have to be supported with evidence of an appointment. Our school day finishes at 3.15 p.m. and parents/carers are asked to collect from the usual collection points. Many thanks for your co-operation with this matter.

SATS EXAMS: Like every other school in the country, our children in Y6 will be sitting their end of year assessments next week. The children have worked incredibly hard towards these examinations and we know that they will shine next week. Don't forget to come to breakfast club from 8.00 a.m. and get an early night on Sunday! Best of luck children!



YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL: This is a reminder to Y6 parents that the Y6 residential is costing £300. We urge you to start making payments, no matter how small so that you aren't left to make a large payment in June. The deadline for paying the balance isn't far away now - Monday, 2nd June.

NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE: Are you looking for a nursery place or know someone who is? Is their date of birth on or before 31.08.2022? If so, we have places within our nursery available for your child to start after Summer! For more information about the admissions process please call in at the school office.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS FOR HALF TERM: A message for parents/carers whose children are eligible for free school meals. Manchester City Council has again approved funding for supermarket vouchers for the Half Term break to help with the financial pressures that many of our families will face. Families with children eligible for free school meals (FSM) will receive a £15.00 e-voucher from Wonde on Wednesday, 21st May. This voucher can be redeemed at a supermarket of your choice



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: Pope Leo XIV, Jo Phillips and family, Miss Rehan & family, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, Caritas, our families on the Sacramental Programme those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Father Paul, Father Anthony, the Presentation Sisters, the Missionary Brothers of Charity, our children and staff and all other private intentions at this time.



BEDTIME PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who knows us by name and guides us through life. Please help us to follow you always. Amen

GOVERNANCE: Parent elections will take place over the coming weeks and our administration teams will be sending out ballot papers early next week.

*Stay with us, Lord...on our journey.
Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.*



Humility

Faithfulness

Service



IMPORTANT DIARY DATES (subject to change and updates)

| DATE | ACTIVITY | To note |
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| 12/05/25 (Mon) | SATS for Y6 pupils all week. Children to come to school for 8.00 a.m. for breakfast club | |
| 12/05/25 (Mon) | Art workshop for Y5 | |
| 12/05/25 (Mon) | Sacramental Programme meeting for parents, preparing for First Holy Communion, 3.30 p.m. & 5.00 p.m. | |
| 15/05/25 (Thur) | Rounders competition at St. Matthew's for Y5 pupils | |
| 16/05/25 (Fri) | P.E. kits to go home | |
| 19/05/25 (Mon) | We receive the diocesan anchor for the Jubilee Year of Hope from Christ the King School. School liturgy | |
| 19/05/25 (Mon) | Interviews for Y5 pupils for future prefects | |
| 20/05/25 (Tue) | GIFT team & some prefects take the diocesan anchor to St. Malachy's | |
| 21/05/25 (Wed) | SPORTS DAY!!!! Morning (9.30 - 11.30) - Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 2 & 3 Afternoon (12.30 - 2.30) - Years 4, 5 & 6 | Wear P.E. kit to school (no football kits) |
| 23/05/25 (Fri) | FANTASTIC FRIDAY for the winning house | |
| 23/05/25 (Fri) | Non-uniform day for school fund School closes at the usual time of 3.15 p.m. | 50p a child £1 a family |
| | SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR ONE WEEK ONLY | |

2nd half of the Summer term

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| 02/06/25 (Mon) | School opens at the usual time Deadline for Y6 parents to pay for Robinwood Residential Year 4 children have their assessment of timestables | £300 |
| 04/06/25 (Wed) | Mass in the school hall for Y5 & Y6 (led by Y6) - all welcome | |
| 06/06/25 (Fri) | Non-uniform day to raise funds for CARITAS & Jubilee Year of Hope | 50p a child £1 a family |
| 06/06/25 (Fri) | Ice-cream treat for May winners for attendance | |
| 09/06/25 (Mon) | Phonics screening check for Y1 children | |
| 13/06/25 (Fri) | Y3 children making their First Holy Communion go to St. Patrick's Church for a rehearsal | |
| 15/06/25 (Sun) | 9.15 a.m. First Holy Communion Mass & celebration at St. Patrick's Church - all welcome | |
| 18/06/25 (Wed) | 9.15 a.m. First Holy Communion Mass & celebration in school - all welcome. Official photographs and party day for the children | Bring party clothes |
| 19/06/25 (Thur) | Vision and hearing checks for children in Reception | |
| 20/06/25 (Fri) | PROVISIONAL - NURSERY & RECEPTION TO SMITHILL'S FARM | |
| 23/06/25 (Mon) | Meetings for Y6 parents for Robinwood residential - 3.30 & 5.00 p.m. | |
| 24/06/25 (Tue) | PROVISIONAL - YEAR 3 TRIP TO CLICK & CLIMB | |
| 25/06/25 (Wed) | PROVISIONAL - YEAR 5 TRIP TO BROCKHOLES, CUMBRIA | |
| 26/06/25 (Thur) | PROVISIONAL - YEAR 1 TRIP TO GULLIVERS' WORLD | |
| 27/06/25 (Fri) | PROVISIONAL - YEAR 2 TRIP TO BEWILDERWOOD | |
| 01/07/25 (Tue) | Art Exhibition in the school hall. Children display their art work - all welcome | |
| 02/07/25 (Wed) & 03/07/25 (Thur) | Y6 transition days for children going to MCA | |
| 04/07/25 (Fri) | Ice-cream treat for June winners for attendance | |
| 07/07/25 (Mon) | Year 6 children go to Robinwood until Wednesday | |

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| 07/07/25 (Mon) | PROVISIONAL - YEAR 4 TRIP TO VENTURE OUT | |
| 09/07/25 (Wed) | Mass in the school hall for Nursery & Reception (led by Nursery) - all welcome | |
| 10/07/25 (Thur) | Stay & Play for Nursery & Reception parents, 9.15 a.m. | |
| 11/07/25 (Fri) | FANTASTIC FRIDAY for the winning house | |
| 16/07/25 (Wed) | 1.30 p.m. 'EDMUNDSBURY' - all children to perform | Wear festival clothes |
| 18/07/25 (Fri) | Annual reports go out to parents (parents can make appointments with teachers to discuss reports next week) P.E. kits go home, staff collect in reading books, childrens' work can be sent home | Plastic bag |
| 21/07/25 (Mon) | Transition day | |
| 22/07/25 (Tue) | Whole school Mass & Y6 leavers' celebration party day | Bring party clothes |
| 25/07/25 (Fri) | 9.15 a.m. Final assembly - all welcome 1.00 p.m. SCHOOL CLOSES | Wear school uniform |