

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

### Newsletter

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Tel: 0161-205-1700

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://stpattricksliveseyst.yolasite.com/>

School Website: [www.stedmundsrcprimaryschool.co.uk](http://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](mailto:paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

Our 'Statement to Live by' after half term is:  
'We are filled with the Holy Spirit this Pentecost.'

**PEACE:** Jesus said to his disciples, "Those who love me will listen to my words and keep them, and my Father will love them, and we shall come to them and make our home with them. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all the things I have said to you. Peace I leave to you, my own peace I give to you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. I am going away, and shall return. I am going to the Father." Enjoy your special family time this half term and listen to your children's thoughts on this week's word, 'PEACE.'



*Coming to Church helps us to have peace in our lives, and we 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.*

*"Dear young people, let us pray for peace in our hearts." (Pope Francis)*



### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS:

It's no surprise that our Year 6 pupils won last week! Of course they were all in school every day for their SATs examinations. We do hope they enjoyed their non-uniform celebration yesterday. Congratulations go to Years 3 & 4 as well who were so close to 100%. They enjoyed some extra leisure time with their friends too. All children are reminded each week about our TRIPLE 'A' challenge and as you can see from the table below, they are making a real effort to be Attendance HEROES!

Nursery: 95.9%	Reception: 96.4%	Year 1: 94.1%	Year 2: 95.2%
Year 3: 99.3%	Year 4: 99.2%	Year 5: 96.3%	Year 6: 100%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 97.1%			

**TOP TIPS FOR ATTENDANCE:** Ask your child about their day and praise them for things they have done well. Check out Facebook and our newsletter to find out about everything we do so you can discuss all of the things they get up to!



*We've had a busy and memorable week in school...*



**JUBILEE YEAR – PILGRIMS OF HOPE:** The Diocesan anchor arrived on Monday which caused great excitement! We welcomed children and staff from Christ the King school who had walked with the anchor all the way from Newton Heath!! They were true Pilgrims of Hope. Our GIFT team then led a beautiful prayer and worship service followed, of course, by refreshments, games and lots of chatter! We then had our own assembly and learned more about the origins of the 'hope anchor' and what it symbolises for us today. We had a moment to touch the anchor and say our own little prayer of hope to God. On

Tuesday it was then our turn to continue the pilgrimage and our GIFT team and staff walked to St. Malachy's school to pass on the anchor to them!! Well done and thank you to all those who were involved in making this such a memorable celebration and one the children won't forget.

**SPORTS DAY 2025:** What a day we had!! We were blessed with superb sunshine and the children had the best day of their lives! They were all superb and were able to show off all of their fantastic sporting abilities. We do hope everyone enjoyed themselves, and thank you to all those parents/carers who were able to attend and encourage the children to participate with such energy and enthusiasm. Our thanks to Sports First Coaching who led and facilitated all of the activities. A special mention to our Y6 Sports Captains and other prefects who supported our younger children. We couldn't have done it without you!!!



**READING TOP TIP:** Our top tip this week is: **DON'T READ A STORY BOOK!!** "What??" We hear you say! "Have the teachers gone mad!!" Don't worry too much about the 'what' and 'how' of reading each day. Story books are great — but leaflets, comics, recipes and instructions on a webpage can all be great too. Following a recipe to make some cupcakes is valuable reading. Be on the lookout for reading, wherever it is!

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](#).

**'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!](#)



**GOVERNANCE UPDATE:** Thank you to those parents/carers who returned their ballot papers. Mr. Dawodu has been elected to serve on the Local Governing Board for a term of 4 years. We would like to extend our thanks to both parents for standing for election and indeed for their service for the last term of office. Special thanks to Mr. John Mensah who has been a fantastic servant for a number of years on our governing body and been a superb advocate for parent voice at a strategic level. Governance is a voluntary role and we really appreciate the time John has given for such a long time





**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 after the half term. The deadline for paying the balance isn't far away now - Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

**ONLINE-SAFETY TOP TIP:** Our top tip this week is: **TAKE AN INTEREST IN YOUR CHILD'S ONLINE WORLD**

- Find resources to keep your child safe online
- Be honest if you don't understand apps and games they're using, ask them to explain their online world to you
- Tell your child that they can come and talk to you about anything they are experiencing online
- Notice changes in behaviour, as this could be a sign that something may be wrong
- Accept that young people will take risks on and offline. However, encourage your child to talk to you even if they make a mistake and think it's too late!
- Be open to what you're being told. Be mindful of the words you use especially if you're upset by something negative you discover about your child's online activity
- Most importantly seek help and advice if needed, don't think you must do this alone!



**END OF YEAR TRIPS:** All children have been set a TRIPLE 'A' challenge again this year. To be invited to get a seat on the coach... children need to meet the following three targets:

- ✓ ATTENDANCE - be an attendance hero - Here, Everyday, Ready, On time
- ✓ ATTITUDE - be a good listener and learner in school
- ✓ ACHIEVEMENT - improved results in spelling tests, read every night, complete homework



**Advance notice:** More important details about the trips, as well as donations needed, will be sent out to parents at the start of next half term so please look out for an important letter. However, please do start to budget for a minimum of at least £15 per child.

**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) should have received a £15.00 e-voucher from Wonde on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> 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, Mrs. Rehan & family, Miss James & 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, thank you for sending the Holy Spirit so that we can know your perfect peace. Please help us to share that peace with others. Amen

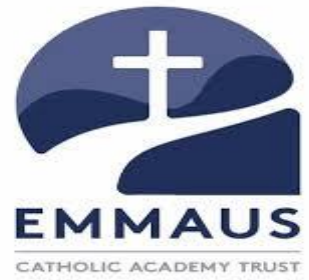
*Stay with us, Lord...on our journey.  
Guide us on our journey  
as pilgrims of hope.*



Humility

Faithfulness

Service



## IMPORTANT DIARY DATES (subject to change and updates)

DATE	ACTIVITY	To note
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 (Thu)	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	
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)	<b>Annual reports go out to parents</b> (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