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## PREP NEWSLETTER

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### Headmaster's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Effusive thanks to the staff team, led so ably and creatively by Mrs Sayer, supported by Miss Dee. Further thanks to the Friends and to all parents and grandparents for enabling such a memorable, productive and inspirational World Book Day. From chocolate rivers to delicious dinners and Dragon's Den creative product pitches, Dahl-themed magic clearly continues to have great impact. For the children, the chocolate consumption will surely be a moment on the lips but a lifetime in the memory and for us onlookers...well, we will all be able to count ourselves proud of being a part of something born of love and of course, pure imagination!

We were fortunate too to receive a visit from the Deputy Chair of Governors, Mrs Jane Ranzetta who was enthralled by what she saw, from marshmallow piano playing – yes, really – to Golden Goose Egg Orienteering. What a sensation. Most of all though, the greatest joy has to have come from seeing the children's smiles and wide-eyed enthusiasm as they involved themselves in all that was on offer.

To close then, these may well be, globally and perhaps nationally, interesting times. But, we together in this moment have been lights and leaders for our blessed young children and shown, if even in small part, the power of community spirit, the importance of creativity and underlined in chocolate, the significance of what a good book can do.

With heartfelt thanks,

Mr S Cartwright,  
Headmaster, St Edmund's Prep

P.S Golden Tickets for your child's memory boxes are available by request from the school office or your child's classroom.

### Chocolate Capers

Please send in any and all pictures of your children in their World Book Day attire for a bumper newsletter edition next week. Thank you again, one and all for your efforts for our wonderful World Book Day celebration.

### Quote

"A little nonsense now and then, is cherished  
by the wisest men."

Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator

### Mr Cartwright's quiz

Q: What are animals that eat both meat and plants called?

A: Omnivores

Q: What are the primary colours?

A: In next week's Newsletter

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# Head's Commendations

Paloma Hatton	English
Arabelle Olowookere	English
Jack Dodds	English
Annie Howe	RE

## Upcoming dates - Next week

Monday 11th March	Travelling Book Fair here (until 14th March) - please visit after school when you can! 3:15pm - U10 Rugby v Manor Lodge - Home
Tuesday 12th March	9:00am - U7 St Edmund's Prep Tag Rugby Tournament - Home 1:00pm - U9 St Edmund's Prep Football Tournament - Home 9:30am - 10:30am - Reception Trip to Ware High Street
Wednesday 13th March	3:00pm - U11 Girls Football v Heath Mount - Away ABRSM Exams - College Music School
Thursday 14th March	4:15pm - U9 Boys Hockey v Bishops Stortford College - Away Form Two trip to Reveley Lodge ABRSM Exams - College Music School Forms 1-4 STEM workshops
Friday 15th March	3:15pm - U11 Rugby v St Aubyn's - Home 3:15pm - U11 Girls Football v St Aubyn's - Away

## E-Safety

### How to make a report online

It is important to know how to make a report – to know where to go and what to do if your child is upset or worried about something that they have seen online. There are many places you can go to report and get help.

Follow the link below for more information and tips for parents, including knowing when to report, reporting to the correct place, understanding community guidelines (many online platforms have these) and encouraging reporting.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers/how-to-make-a-report-online>

## Prep School Open Morning

We are looking forward to our Open Morning which is taking place on Friday 19th April 2024 at 09:30am-11:30am. We would be grateful if you could spread the word by sharing this link or QR code with all of your family and friends to register for the event.

<https://www.stedmundscollege.org/#:~:text=Friday%2019%20April%202024>





## Easter Hamper Fundraiser



The Friends' Easter Hamper fundraiser is approaching. Please look out for a letter coming shortly with instructions on how to buy your tickets and make donations. The cut-off for donations will be Friday 15th March with the draw taking place on Friday 22nd March. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Hockey in the Community

A reminder to all parents whose children have signed onto the Friday after-school Hockey Club (currently over-subscribed). The participants should go to the Nursery classroom each Friday where they will be registered and supervised by a teacher before being collected at 5:00pm. There is no need to register them with our Tea Time Club.

## This week in the Prep

### Form One Super Scientists

Form 1 Super Scientists have been busy investigating again. This week the children were trying to see which material would block out the most sound. They filled their 'headphones' with tissue paper, cotton wool, fabric, and paper towels. They tested the volume whilst listening to some pop music. Which one do you think blocked out the most sound?







## This week in the Prep

### Form Three Minibeast Hunt

Form Three arrived back from an amazing explorative two days at The Hive, in Epping forest last Friday. The children had a bugtastic time searching for minibeasts, handling different animals and identifying different species of trees. The overnight stay in their own pods was magical and they all had an excellent time.





# This week in the Prep

## U11 Girls Football

The U11A Girls Football team played Duncombe School on Monday 26th February. They won this game 10-0 and played impressively well.

On Friday 1st March the U11A Girls Football team played in the U11 East Herts Prep Partnership Cup. There were 5 teams in attendance and the tournament was played on the St Edmund's College Astro Turf due to the heavy rain that had fallen throughout the week. The change in playing surface led to a quicker game with a different challenge to competing on grass.

Our first game against [Stormont](#) finished in a 0-0 draw. We had a few more chances to score but came up against an opposition goalkeeper on inspired form. Our next game was against [St Francis' College](#) and even though we hit the crossbar on several occasions another goalless draw followed our first. Despite playing the majority of the match in our opponents' half, our team were finding it difficult to score when coming up against sides that were defending in numbers. The third games finished in a 3-0 victory against [St Joseph's In The Park](#), in a match where we finally managed to find the back of the net! Needing to win our final game to claim a place in the final, we only managed to draw 0-0 against [Duncombe](#). The 3rd/4th Playoff match was against Duncombe, but this time we found a late winner to claim 3rd place in the tournament. Congratulations to Stormont School who won the final against St Francis' College after a thrilling penalty shoot-out!



## U11 Rugby

On Friday 1st March, the St Edmund's Prep U11A Rugby team travelled to Hertford Rugby Club to participate in the East Herts Prep Partnership Cup. Our first match was against [St Joseph's In The Park](#) and we won 9-5. The second match ended in a 5-1 victory against Duncombe before we finished off the group stage with a 9-0 win versus [Keble](#).

These results earned first place in the group and a place in the final with St Joseph's In The Park. The boys carried their fine form into the last game and produced a fine 6-2 victory to win the game and finish as champions.





# Chaplaincy Chatter...

This week in assembly Toby spoke to the school about the Prayer Garden and reminded the children about using the garden respectfully.

On Tuesday, Mr Gallagher from the Grounds Department came and met with the Chaplaincy Team so that we could tell him what improvements we would like to see.

We are excited about making the space a beautiful place to reflect and spend time in prayer.



## Photo of the Week

Nature Photography Project - Sienna Grange



Pictographs (Music) Photography Project  
"Love Story" - Florence Bell



# Performing Arts



## ABRSM (music) exams - Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th March NOTICE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN TAKING EXAMS



The ABRSM exams are taking place in the College Music School.  
Children will be called for at least 15 minutes ahead of their exams and escorted to and from the College.

Good luck to all children with their final few days of preparation for their exams.  
If you have any queries, please contact Miss McLauchlan ([fmclauchlan@stedmundscollege.org](mailto:fmclauchlan@stedmundscollege.org)).

## Easter Story – Tuesday 26th March at 2:00pm in the College Chapel NOTICE FOR ALL PARENTS

All children in Forms 1-6 are going to be involved in this retelling of the events of Holy Week in drama and song, and all parents, including those of EYFS children, are warmly invited.

As we are casting and rehearsing now, please could you contact your child's Form Tutor [if you know that your child is not going to be in school on 26th March](#).  
Thank you.

