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# PREP NEWSLETTER

15th September - 19th September Michaelmas Term Issue 2

## Headmaster's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Sitting in my office during a busy day of meetings on Tuesday, one of them was interrupted by a call from the College Health & Safety Officer.

"Is everything all right there, Mr Cartwright?" he began.

I duly confirmed that all was in good order.

"It's just—I've received several reports from the Porters of sirens... perhaps an alarm?"

"No sirens, no alarms," I reassured him.

"I'm sorry, Mr Cartwright, this is very strange. No children diving under tables?"

"None whatsoever. We are all shipshape, so far as I am aware."

We both ended the call slightly confused. About ten minutes later, after investigating, I rang him back.

"Mr Gledhill," I began, "the sirens? Yes, the Porters were absolutely correct—we had a World War Two evacuee experience day."

More often than not, there is always an explanation. The experience day, which so enthralled the children, was a triumphant success. I later had the good fortune to witness it myself. Opportunities such as these live long in the memory and inspire curiosity, while helping children learn to deal with the slightly out of the ordinary. Their behaviour was exemplary and the joy, palpable. My thanks to you, parents, for your support of this experience, and of course to the teaching team for conceiving and facilitating it.

With two full weeks already under our belts, I am looking forward to next week's new-starter teas, and to hearing how life is unfolding for our new children. Open Day lies ahead on Saturday, and my effusive thanks go to all our families who have offered for their children to support the morning in various ways.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Cartwright  
Headmaster, St Edmund's Prep

## Quote

"Be sure that in your educating you are not manufacturing obedient citizens, but rather unleashing powerful, creative souls."

Vince Gowmon

## Religious Theme

Catholic Social Teaching: Option for the Poor

## Mr Cartwright's quiz

Q: How many legs do spiders have?

A: Eight

Q: What is the capital city of Italy?

A: In next week's Newsletter

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## Head Commendations

Zion Cumming	Meta-thinking for self correcting when reading.
George Howe	Hardworking: great effort with writing this week
Kyra Naik	Excellent linking of mathematical operations to junior mathematics problems

## Important Dates - Next Week

Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	2:15pm - U11 Netball v Royal Masonic - Away 2:45pm - U11 Football v Kingshott - Home
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	2:45pm - U9 Football v Kingshott - Away
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Fairtrade Tuck Shop 3:30pm - U11 Girls Hockey v Forest - Away 3:45pm - U11 Football v Forest - Home

## Important Dates - This Term

Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Fairtrade Tuck Shop
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	National Poetry Day - Forms 1-6 Poetry Cup Competition
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Vaccines
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	5:00pm – 8:00pm In-Person Parent Consultations and Display of Work
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	5:00pm – 8:00pm In-Person and Video Parent Consultations and Display of Work
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	4:30pm – School Closes for Half Term. <u>Tea Time Club</u> will run
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Return to School
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Audiology Screening
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	8:45am – 9:45am – Welcome Back Meeting – Coffee Shop
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Interhouse Spelling Bee Forms 3-6
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	2:00pm – 3:00pm – Nativity Performance EYFS & Pre-Prep
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	2:30pm – 3:30pm – Prep Carol Service Forms 3-6 3:30pm – 4:30pm – Friends Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	10:00am – 1:00pm – Whole School Panto
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day 2:30pm – Term Ends

## E-Safety

### A parent's guide to AI

Please follow the link to a parent's guide to artificial intelligence, to learn about the different and popular tools available to support education and recreation, and how to use AI as a family, e.g. for building skills, creativity and even bedtime routines:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/parent-guide-to-artificial-intelligence-ai-tools/>



## Pre-Prep Julia Donaldson Scholastic Event

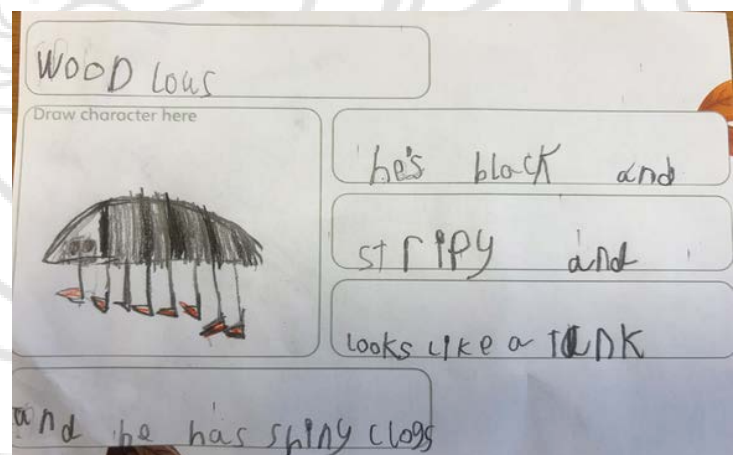
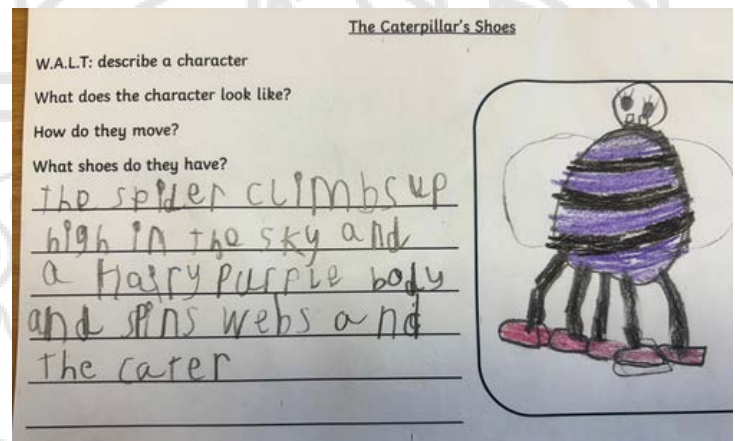
Pre-Prep went on a PAPER CHASE with Julia Donaldson and Victoria Sandøy on Monday.

Picture book stars Julia Donaldson and Victoria Sandøy spoke to us about their wonderful new book Paper Chase. We heard Julia read her story about a boy and girl who become friends... before being parted. Can a paper chase bring them together again? We joined 530 other schools for this live Scholastic school event. The children loved hearing their favourite author read her story in her own voice.



## Form 2 The Caterpillar's Shoes

Form 2 have been enjoying learning all about The Caterpillar's Shoes in English. This heartwarming short film tells the story of a caterpillar who outgrows his shoes and kindly gives them to his friends before transforming into a butterfly. We explored the different characters in the film, thinking carefully about their feelings and discussing how empathetic the caterpillar is. We also practised using expanded noun phrases to describe the characters in detail. To finish off, we had lots of fun creating our very own caterpillars!







## Performing Arts



### Taster Lessons on the Cello - one space remaining!



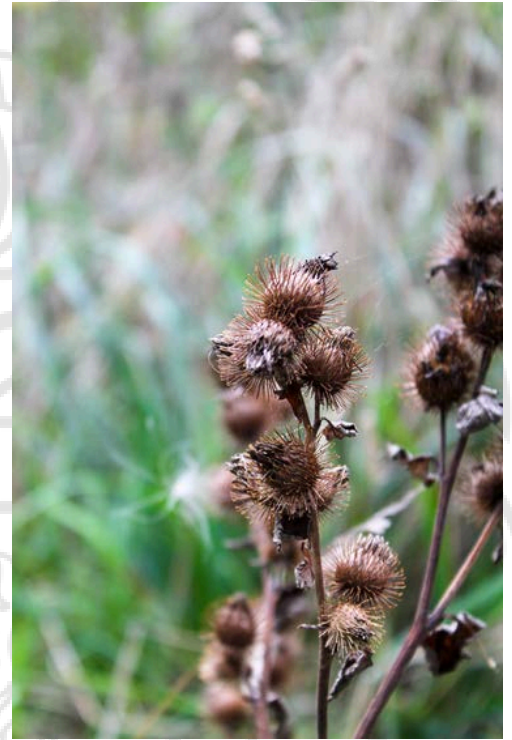
Thank you to the parents who have been in contact about 'taster' lessons on the cello. Two of these will take place on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September** and two on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**, with a view to starting lessons after half term, if the children would like to continue after their 'taster' lessons. There is still **one space** remaining for a 'taster' lesson on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. If your child is interested, please contact **Miss McLauchlan** who will arrange it for you.

## Photo of the Week

Aperture (Depth of Field) Photography Project



Ophelia Easton-Brewer



Tryaksha Pagolu

## New to You Announcement

We are pleased to advise that we have now opened the shop for orders. If you have the link saved there seems to be a bug so please use as below and resave.

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DGXN>

Best wishes  
N2Y team

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OCTOBER  
DATES

MON 27TH

TUE 28TH

WED 29TH

THU 30TH

FRI 31ST

# Autumn CAMP

St Edmund's

College and Prep School

FROM £44.55\*  
PER DAY  
\*IF BOOKING 5 DAYS+

9AM-4PM  
STANDARD

8:30AM-5:30PM  
EXTENDED



## Outdoor Adventures

ROUNDERS

NATURE WALKS

AND MORE!

## Fun Sports

DAILY SWIMMING

FOOTBALL

GYMNASTICS

## Creative Activities

ARTS & CRAFTS

FANCY DRESS

TALENT SHOWS

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