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PREP NEWSLETTER

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Headmaster's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to the new half term — and what a pacey start it has been. The children's immersion in Inter-House Performing Arts Week has been both exciting and inspiring. Our College judges, along with our dance teacher and Dr McLauchlan, were hugely impressed by the standard of performance and the enthusiasm with which the children embraced the opportunity. Heartfelt thanks to everyone involved for helping to make the week such a success. Just before half term we also received the fantastic news that our U11 boys' football team has been selected to represent the South East region at the National IAPS Finals later this month. The children will be competing against some of the best teams in the country — a tremendous achievement and one that fills us with pride. The last time St Edmund's reached this stage was in 2013, and we are delighted to see the team's dedication rewarded.

As we head into the weekend, all eyes turn skywards for our annual Fireworks Night. My sincere thanks go to the Friends and our many valued volunteers for creating what promises to be another memorable community spectacular. I have no doubt it will be an evening long remembered by our children.

I look forward to seeing many of you there, and thank you once again for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mr S. Cartwright
Headmaster, St Edmund's Prep School

Forms for Completion by Parents

- Nativity Form (EYFS - Form 2) complete [here](#)
- Carol Service (Form 3 – 6 but all parents are invited) complete [here](#)

Quote

"All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players."

William Shakespeare

Mr Cartwright's quiz

Q: What is the largest planet in our solar system?
A: In next week's newsletter

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Head Commendations

Emilia Bolton	Being agile and creative across the curriculum
Oliver Drake	Being agile and enquiring across the curriculum
Ezichi John-Nwosu	For writing two very interesting passages based on The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe
Niccolò Picardi	Having an enquiring mind to extend his own learning
Martha Wylie	For writing two very interesting passages based on The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe

Important Dates - Next Week

Wednesday 12 th November	Form 4 Tower of London Trip 3:00pm – U11 Football v Duncombe – Home 3:30pm – U11 Netball v Duncombe – Home
Thursday 13 th November	Odd Socks Day 3:00pm – U9 Football v Duncombe – Home 3:30pm – U9 Netball v Duncombe – Home
Friday 14 th November	St Edmund's Prep School Goes Through the Decades – See separate letter for info

Important Dates - This Term

Wednesday 19 th November	7:30pm – Form 6 Autumn Concert All Saints' Church, Hertford
Thursday 20 th November	Flu Vaccines (mop up session)
Wednesday 26 th November	Inter-House Spelling Bee Forms 3-6
Wednesday 3 rd December	2:00pm – 3:00pm – Nativity Performance EYFS & Pre-Prep
Friday 5 th December	2:30pm – 3:30pm – Prep Carol Service Forms 3-6 3:30pm – 4:30pm – Friends Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 10 th December	10:00am – 1:00pm – Whole School Panto
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day 2:30pm – Term Ends

E-Safety

Get ready for Anti-Bullying Week

Prepare for national Anti-Bullying Week (10th–14th November) with cyberbullying advice and resources. Follow the link to guides from Internet Matters to learn more about it, find ways to prevent it and see how to deal with it if it happens.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/cyberbullying/>



Anti-Bullying Week 10th - 14th November 2025

Next week, from Monday 10th to Friday 14th November, the Prep School will be participating in Anti-Bullying week. The theme is "Power for Good." This important event aims to empower our children to stand up against bullying and create a more positive and inclusive school community. The "Power for Good" theme encourages everyone to think about the positive difference they can make by choosing kindness, empathy, and respect. It emphasizes that even small acts can have a powerful impact, and that by working together, we can create a safer environment for all students, both online and in person.

On Thursday 13th November we will be holding an Odd Socks Day. We encourage all students and staff to wear odd socks to celebrate our differences and how unique we all are. This is to also show support for the week's anti-bullying message.

What you can do to support our campaign:

- Talk to your child: Have an open conversation about the importance of kindness, empathy, and standing up for others. You can use the "Power for Good" theme as a starting point for discussing how they can use their own influence positively.
- Model good behaviour: Be a role model for your child by being respectful in your own interactions, both at home and online.
- Observe and encourage: Encourage your child to be a positive influence and to speak up when they see something that isn't right.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us make our school a place where every child feels safe, valued, and included.



November: The month of Remembrance

Should any parents or guardians have any names of loved ones that they would like remembered through Masses in school over the month ahead, please email the Prep Office directly at prep@stedmundscollege.org and we will add the names into our Book of Remembrance, preserved in the St Hugh's Chapel throughout the month of November. Thank you for the donations to the Poppy Appeal. Poppies will continue to be on sale throughout next week.

School Council will be running a tuck shop next Friday 14th November for the celebration of St Edmund and St Hugh's day. £1



This Week In The Prep



What is School Council

Our School Council consist of a group 9 students who are chosen to represent the views and ideas of all pupils. Ellis is the chair and he helps lead the meetings which take place every two weeks. Theodora is Vice chair and Sebastian is the Secretary and Form 6 representative with Jai and Orla, Samara, Emilia, Ava and Ottilie representing the rest of the school. These students give a voice for the school by sharing their opinions and suggesting improvements.

The School Council also helps to organise fundraisers and events, working with teachers and other students to raise money for good causes or to improve the school environment. Our goal is to make the school a better place for everyone!



Form 4 - Henry VIII & The Tudors

In Form 4 we are learning about Henry VIII and the Tudors. In our lesson this week we looked at the highs and lows in the life of Catherine of Aragon and created a human line graph of her life. Then we discussed why Henry VIII decided he wanted to break away from Rome and wrote our own explanations about why he did. Here are Millie and Samara's explanations.



Henry wanted a son who would be King after his regin, but cathrine of Aragon was too old to have more babies. Henry asked the pope for a divorce from cathrine so he could marry Anne Boleyn. He was cer certain she would have a son. The pope refused to grant Henry a divorce because in the catholic church the first person you marry is the person you stay married with. Henrys advisers came up with a cunning plan wich was to leave the catholic church so that is what they did.

The reason Henry broke from Rome
Henry broke from Rome because He said a pretty Lady called one bolin. but he was mad because the pope said he could divorce cathrin he had to wait till they got divorced so he could marie one bolin He only wanted to have one bolin because He thought she would have a son Henry always wanted a son because when he dies his son could be King Henry wanted to upset the pope really bad because he upset Henry

Engineering in Motion.



This week in Robotics Club, the children showed great perseverance and attention to detail as they worked on building their own "super cars." We carefully followed step-by-step instructions to assemble the vehicles, making sure each part fitted and functioned as intended.

Once the cars were built, we made predictions about how far the cars would travel. After testing, we collected data and compared the results to the original predictions.

Next week, we'll be taking our investigation even further by timing the cars and exploring how speed and distance relate. We're excited to see what discoveries our young engineers make as they continue to build, test, and improve their designs!

This Week In The Prep



U10A Football Team

On Tuesday 4th November the St Edmund's Prep U10A football team travelled to St Aubyn's to take part in their annual football tournament. After playing a friendly and winning 1-0 against an 'All-Star' side comprising of one player from each competing team, our team then went on to play two further group games. They earned 1 point from these group matches with a 0-0 draw versus Bancrofts and a 0-1 loss against Woodford Green Prep. However, alongside the friendly result this was enough to progress through to the semi finals.



St Edmund's Prep @ NE Herts District Football Tournament

On Thursday 6th November our U11A Football team finished as runners-up in the North Herts District Football tournament. They played very well but lost out to King James Academy in the end.

Drew 0-0 v Ralph Sadleir

Lost 0-2 v King James Academy

Won 4-0 v St Mary's

Won 2-1 v Edwinstree



Boomerang Art Takes Flight!



Over the past few weeks, Forms 1 and 2 have been exploring Aboriginal art and the cultural significance behind its patterns, symbols, and storytelling. Using what they learned, the children designed and decorated their very own boomerangs, applying vibrant colours and traditional-inspired motifs. After completing their artwork, we took the boomerangs outside to test them out. Although they looked fantastic in flight, we quickly discovered that these boomerangs are more for display than return—despite our best efforts, they didn't quite make it back to us!

The children are very proud of their beautiful creations, and they now have a deeper appreciation for both the art and the skill involved in making traditional boomerangs.

This Week In The Prep



Reception - Fireworks

The Reception class have been learning about fireworks. We have made firework pictures using the Purple Mash program. We selected different colours to decorate a night sky. Your child could have a go at this at home using their login details.

We visited our science lab to carry out a colour mixing firework experiment. We wore goggles and aprons (safety first!) and got our equipment ready. We carefully measured out bicarbonate of soda, used a pipette to put some food colouring in and let it settle. We then put some drops of vinegar on top and watched in wonder as the coloured fizzed and mixed together. Well done Reception!



New Trim Trail on Bounds Field

Our brand-new trim trail has been installed on Bounds Field, providing our children with a fantastic new space for outdoor play, balance, and fitness. This addition to our grounds has already proved hugely popular with pupils across the school, some of them pictured here.

The project was made possible thanks to the generous fundraising efforts of the Friends of St Edmund's, whose commitment to enhancing our pupils' experience continues to make such a valued and positive impact. We are extremely grateful for their support but have to now turn our attention to the next project that the children have requested...a 100ft zip line!



Photo of the Week

Portrait Photography Project - Millie Brennan





ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE
& PREP SCHOOL

The Friends of St Edmund's

Fireworks Night

SATURDAY **08** NOVEMBER

16:00 TO **20:00**



Scan above or click [here](#) to book your tickets

Early Bird £12

General Release £15

(Early Bird Prices apply only to
tickets purchased before 1st
November)