



Digital PREP NEWSLETTER

26th January - 30th January Lent Term Issue 3



Headmaster's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to Mayne House for organising the dress-down day on Wednesday, and thank you to parents for your generous and thoughtful contributions to their chosen charity, Roots and Shoots.

Speaking of roots and shoots, you will have noticed in my letter earlier this week a note regarding considerations to enhance our Nursery provision. Those of you with children who have benefitted from the current provision will no doubt be advocates for it, but I encourage you all to engage with the marketing survey as we explore this area. While there is thankfully no immediate urgency, your perspective is respected and truly matters. A link to the survey, for your convenience, is [here](#).

This week in school, we have reflected on the Catholic Social Teaching theme of Human Dignity. The children have been encouraged to demonstrate God's love to others through their actions, but also through their thoughts, by considering the needs and feelings of others, and always striving to recognise the good in everyone. As we close out another full and engaging week, we give thanks for the opportunities that we have had and for the people of the Edmundian community, everyone - loved and valued.

Wishing you a restful weekend ahead,

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Cartwright

Quote

"Human dignity does not come from what we do or achieve; it comes from being human and is the foundation of a just society."

– Adapted from Pope Francis

Religious Theme

Catholic Social Teaching - Human Dignity



Mr Cartwright's quiz

Q: What is the world's longest river?

A: Nile

Q: How many books are there in the Harry Potter series?

A: In next week's newsletter.

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Head Commendations

Millie Brennan	For excellent independent work in maths, finding related multiplication and division facts
Grace Brown	For writing an interesting passage about 'Peter's Last Battle' using figurative language
Theodore Bussmann	Showing excellent empathy in R.E
Zion Cumming	Excellent reading
Sebastian Drake	Excellent use of the key structure for a non-chronological report based on the CSI experience
Noah Haines	For using ambitious language, carefully constructed phrases and sentence structures in creative writing
George Howe	Good participation during carpet time
Eliz Kunduru	For writing an interesting passage about 'Peter's Last Battle' using figurative language
Hannah Osinibi	For showing wonderful creativity and focus in her dramatic and tense story, 'The House at the End of the Lane'
Tryaksha Pagolu	Showing excellent empathy in R.E
Alistair Perry	Excellent endurance and resilience shown to win the Cyclo-cross central league for the under 12s
Alistair Perry	Excellent short story using ambitious language in a creative way
Jude Weston	Showing excellent empathy in R.E
Martha Wylie	For writing an interesting passage about 'Peter's Last Battle' using figurative language

Important Dates - Next Week

Wednesday 4 th February	3:00pm – U11A&B and U10A Rugby v Manor Lodge – Home
Friday 30 th January	3:15pm – U11A&B Netball v Forest – Away 3:15pm – U11A+B Boys Hockey v Forest – Away

Important Dates - This Half-Term

Tuesday 10 th February	LAMDA Exams (Forms 5&6)
Thursday 12 th February	Krishna Temple Visit Bhaktivedanta Manor (Form 6)
Friday 13 th February	2:00pm – 3:30pm Nursery Stay & Play
Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February – Half Term	
Monday 2 nd March	Travelling Book Fair selling books until Tuesday 3 rd March
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March	8:45am – 9:45am – Welcome Back Coffee Morning with Mr Cartwright
Tuesday 10 th March	Fab Science Workshops: Potions (Forms 1-6)
Thursday 12 th March	Exotic Animal Encounter Workshops (Nursery – Form 6)
Friday 13 th March	9:00am – Mother's Day Celebrations (Forms 1&2)
Friday 20 th March	9:30am – 12:30pm College and Prep Open Morning
Monday 23 rd March	5:00pm – 8:00pm Parent Consultation Evening
Tuesday 24 th March	2:00pm – Easter Story Production (Forms 1-6)
Wednesday 25 th March	5:00pm – 8:00pm Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 26 th March	2:30pm – Lent Term Ends. No Tea Time Club
Tuesday 14 th April	Trinity Term Starts

E-Safety

Roblox is one of the most popular online gaming platforms and as a parent it can be hard to work out whether you should give your children access and how to do it safely.

When your child is playing Roblox, they can choose from multiple games to play and at the time of writing there are over 40 million games, which are often called experiences.

In this BBC Bitesize article, experts on internet safety answer your most searched questions about Roblox - including everything you need to know about the new verification checks. This should help you decide whether Roblox is the right game for your child and how to help them stay safe when playing.





Little Edmundians Forest Fridays

Discover the St Edmund's Prep community at our free toddler group, with woodland walks, music, rhyme time and stories, crafts and activities.

A weekly morning of stay and play with coffee for parents and carers, especially for little ones aged 6 months to 3 years.

Every Friday morning from 9am to 10.15am, join our team and discover our woodland forest school (weather permitting).

[Book here](#)



Little Edmundians Mini Mondays

Our Mini Mondays toddler group sessions offer a free weekly morning of stay and play, with coffee for parents and carers, for little ones aged 1 to 4 years. With staff-led indoor and outdoor activities, including plenty of engagement in an educational environment, this is an ideal opportunity to explore imagination, communication, and social skills, while encouraging motor skills and coordination through play.

Join us on Mondays from 23rd February 2026, 9.15am–10.30am, in the Prep School. [Book Here](#)

Eco Corner

Eco Ideas

The Eco Ambassadors have thought of little ways we can try to be more Eco conscious in and around the school as well as in our lives.

Recycle your rubbish where possible into the correct sections



Breakfast Club

Late arrivals Breakfast Club: The Breakfast Club doors close at 7:55am promptly each day. In the event of reported bad traffic, every effort is made to afford some latitude to the door. We will endeavour to make a final check at the door shortly after 8am, but no later than 8:05am.

For all bookings, please continue to email wraparoundcare@stedmundscollege.org

Labelling Uniform

Please can you ensure that all uniform is labelled so that in the event of it getting misplaced we can return it to the correct child.

We have a number of items in our lost property that we believe have been purchased via New To You, as they have names in of children that no longer attend the Prep. Please can you also label any items purchased via New To You.

This Week In The Prep

Form 3

Form 3 were measuring the school grounds using measuring wheels, practising accurate measuring and recording. By calculating the perimeter of playgrounds and fields, they were applying maths to real spaces and building problem-solving skills, working as a team.



Form 3 investigated rocks through hands-on science, testing buoyancy, hardness, and absorption. They predicted, observed, and recorded results, comparing how different rocks floated or sank, resisted scratching, and absorbed water. The investigation encouraged curiosity, careful observation, and an understanding of the properties of different rocks.



Eco Ambassadors

The Prep Eco Ambassadors visited the school polytunnel with College students to help plant over 400 saplings, preparing them for planting across the site. The work supports our Earth Day celebrations planned on the 22nd April, giving pupils hands-on experience of sustainability while helping our school grow greener for the future through teamwork, care, and environmental responsibility.



This Week In The Prep

Form 1 & 2 Trip to RAF Hendon

Form 1 & 2 had an amazing time visiting RAF Hendon, bringing our History of Transport topic to life. We learned all about different aeroplanes, from the oldest models to the newest, and enjoyed a fascinating talk on the Lancaster. We discovered so many interesting facts and it really helped us understand how transport has developed over time. A fantastic day of learning.



Debate Club

In debate club this week the motion put forward was that, "Homework is a good idea." There were some interesting arguments for and against the motion, for example, "Homework is a good way to help you learn and remember what has been taught in class." and, "Learning is for school and home is for resting and relaxing."

After an interesting and, at times, fiery debate the children voted against the motion and decided that homework is not a good idea.

I wonder what the teachers and parents think!

Form 1 & 2 Little Detectives Club

Form 1 and 2 Little Detectives Club uncovered a mysterious "blank" piece of paper... or so they thought. With a splash of paint, invisible ink was revealed and a secret code appeared. The children then used their new skills to write and share their own secret messages. Another case solved!



This Week In The Prep



Books we love to read ❤

The Reading Ambassadors picked the books that they love to read. We took the books to Mr Stripe in College Repographics who kindly made copies of their covers which we put with the heart shapes we had cut out to create our new Prep library display.



Performing Arts



The Nursery children were using scarves for expressive dance. Their freedom to dance around the hall to music was a joy to watch. The dance techniques learnt were used to promote:

- Fluidity and Extension: Scarves act as extensions of the arms, allowing for flowing, continuous movements that create trails in the air.
- Spatial Awareness: Dancers use scarves to explore personal and general space, such as waving them high, low, or in zigzags.
- Types of Movement: Common actions include swaying to the rhythm, swirling, tossing, hiding (peek-a-boo), painting motions, and freezing in shapes.



Photo of the Week

People Cut-Out Photography Project

Edwin Webster





February CAMP

FEB 16-20

AN ENRICHING HOLIDAY
CAMP THAT CHILDREN LOVE



AGES
3-12



ACTIVE GAMES & SPORTS

"BUILD SKILLS,
TECHNIQUE AND A
LOVE FOR SPORT"

- Mr Goodfellow
Director of Sport - St Eds Prep

LEARN TO SWIM

"BUILD CONFIDENCE,
SKILLS
AND A LOVE FOR WATER"

- Cory,
Director of WCSA

ART THROUGH THE AGES

"INSPIRE
CREATIVITY AND
EXPRESSION"

- Miss Dee,
Art & Drama Specialist - St Eds

ACTIVITIES

- Daily Mile
- Football / Fustal
- Dodgeball
- Gymnastics
- Musical Theatre
- Lacrosse
- Laser Tag
- And Much More!



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ME!

Prices

10% OFF BEFORE 31ST JAN!

Sibling and multi-day discounts will be automatically applied at checkout.

Times

Standard Day

9am - 4pm

Extended Day

8:30am - 5:30pm

Per Day

£55

£60

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