



# Digital

## PREP NEWSLETTER

20<sup>th</sup> April - 24<sup>th</sup> April Trinity Term Issue 1



### Headmaster's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Tempus fugit, as the Latin saying goes. Indeed it may, but my, oh my, how I wish it wouldn't. Time spent at St Edmund's seems, these days, to be time very well spent. In school, I have been impressed by the children's approach to their studies and enrichment experiences – notably Earth Day this week, and I am continually proud of the conscientious and creative efforts of both our teaching and support teams.

Two of our esteemed Governors visited on Monday (all thanks to them), observing an assembly, lessons across the school and engaging in discussions with staff and pupils. Fr. Alban, a priest of considerable experience, left us with three words in summarising the school: precious, edifying, and inspirational. If you are unsure about the second of the three, you are probably not alone but I would recommend looking it up.

"Precious", for me, felt particularly apt. Our children, after all, are our be-all and end-all, and our community is, consequently, deeply valued and cherished. Our joint partnership in education so vital in shaping well-rounded, resilient servant leaders. This first edition of the term's newsletter is once again packed with events, aspiration, and inspiration. We hope you enjoy it.

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

### Religious Theme

Dignity of Workers

### Quote

"Edification elevates the spirit."

— Lailah Gifty Akita, Pearls of Wisdom: Great Mind

### Mr Cartwright's quiz

Q: What is the world's longest river?

A: The Nile

Q: What bird can fly backwards?

A: In next week's newsletter.

### Earth Day - Charitable Giving Option

Thank you for your support of our chosen charity and of Earth Day this week. We recognise that, while cash may be king, it is seldom carried these days. We hope that the QR code provided will prove useful whenever needed.



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# Head Commendations



Lucy Berkley	For using a range of sentence structures and vocabulary to convey a sense of mystery and suspense.
Teddy Courtice	Agile: improving his handwriting.
Artie Elsom-White	Creating: Making good use of our recycling materials.
Georgie Gujral	Hard working in humanities.
Max Leonard	Excellent problem solving and reasoning.
Kyra Naik	Wonderful piece of creative writing that used sentence length and structure to convey tension and suspense.
Rupert Neale	Critical and independent thinking approached in mathematics.
Arabelle Olowookere	Excellent linking within mathematics.
Rome Ramsay	Hardworking: progress with his writing.
Ava Siah	Asking good questions, to further understanding of topics.
Wilfred Siegle	Good articulation of personal views in R.E based on evidence.
Theadora Yiannoullou	Super use of vocabulary to build tension and suspense in creative writing.

## Important Dates - Next Week

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Inter-House Swimming Gala Forms 3-6 7:30pm-9:00pm – F5 & 6 Prep & College Concert
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	2:00pm – Prep Musical Concerts for Forms 3-6, Prep Hall
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	3:00pm – U11 A-D Mixed Cricket v Duncombe - Home
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Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Forms 5 & 6 Residential to Norfolk Lakes (return Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bikeability Level 1 (Forms 3 & 4)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Inter-House Cross Country
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	6:30pm-8:30pm – Form 5 Parent's Cheese and Wine Evening, College
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Pre-Prep Music, Drama and Dance Morning Whole School Mass (Ascension)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Southworth Charity Fundraising Event
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Form 4 Residential to SPEC
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Sports Day Field Events
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Sports Day – Nursery and Reception in the morning, Forms 1 to 6 in the afternoon After School Parent & Staff Sport and Social 3:30pm/4:30pm – Last Day of Term
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Half Term	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	First day back to school after half term
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	8:45am-9:45am – Welcome Back Coffee Morning with Mr Cartwright, Griffiths Room (College)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Assessment Week
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Moving Up and New Students Induction Day
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	2:00pm – EYFS Teddy Bears Picnic 3:00pm – Reception to Form 1 Parent's Transition Meeting
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	8:45am-9:45am – Forms 1 & 2 Father's Day Celebration (Prep Hall) Form 2 Big Camp Out (until the morning of Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> June)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Colour Run (Southworth Charity Fundraising Event)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	2:00pm – Prep Prize Giving, Butler Hall
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery & Reception Shepreth Wildlife Park Trip
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Exhibition Day
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	2:00pm – Mass (Celebration of First Holy Communion Children)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	6:30pm – Prep School Production with refreshments from 5:45pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	6:30pm – Prep School Production with refreshments from 5:45pm Reports live to parents
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Form 6 Parents & Children's Leavers Party
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Final Assembly 2:30pm – Last day of term finish (no Tea Time Club)

# Reminders & Notices



## Performing Arts



The children have been immersing themselves in rehearsals for the exciting range of concerts and projects taking place this Trinity Term. Forms 5 and 6 have been working particularly hard on their repertoire for the Monday Night Is Music Night concert, taking place on Monday 27th April. Pupils will be supporting the College's Schola Cantorum as well as performing a short piece independently.

Parents of children in Forms 5 and 6 are kindly reminded to refer to the information form that has already been sent out with further details about the concert.

We are also very much looking forward to the Prep Concert on Tuesday 28th at 2.00pm, which promises a wonderful variety of music and a fantastic showcase of talent from across the Prep School. We kindly ask parents to remind all performers to attend school in full uniform, including blazers, and to ensure that all instruments and music are brought into school that morning.

## Inter-House Swimming

On Monday, we have our inter-house swimming competition. Children who are taking part will have received a letter to take home. Please remember to bring your swimming kit.

## 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](mailto:wraparoundcare@stedmundscollege.org)

## E-Safety

At school, we regularly talk to children about staying safe online, and we appreciate your support in continuing these conversations at home. For younger children, online activity should always be supervised, with clear rules about which apps and websites they may use. For older children, it is important to talk about being kind online, keeping personal information private, and telling a trusted adult if something worries them. Simple steps such as keeping devices in shared family spaces, using parental controls, and agreeing screen-time boundaries can make a big difference. Most importantly, children should feel confident that they can ask for help if they are unsure or uncomfortable online.

Helpful websites for parents:

- NSPCC – [www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety)
- ThinkUKnow (National Crime Agency) – [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)
- Internet Matters – [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)
- Childnet – [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)

Thank you for working with us to help the children become safe, confident and responsible digital citizens.

## 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.

Turn off your engine when in traffic.



# This Week In The Prep



## A Voyage Back in Time: Form 1 & 2 Discover the Titanic

Form 1 and 2 have been thoroughly engaged in their History learning this week, exploring the story of the Titanic.

Through a range of historical sources, the children have been comparing life on board for first class and third class passengers, carefully observing details and analysing what these reveal about different experiences.

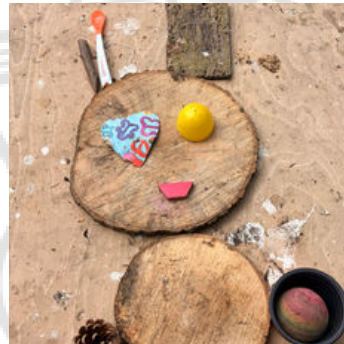
It has been wonderful to see them applying their HPL skills — questioning, thinking critically, and drawing thoughtful conclusions from the evidence in front of them.

Did you know? One special passenger on the Titanic has a link to St Edmund's. Father Thomas Roussel Davids Byles (1870–1912), who attended our College, was a Catholic priest on board. He was travelling to New York to officiate his brother William's wedding. Today, there is a plaque dedicated to him at the entrance to the College chapel.



## From Forest Floor to Art Gallery

Using just ten items that could be found in the forest, Forms 2 and 3 worked together to create wonderful works of art from nature. It was a fantastic display of collaboration, teamwork, and creativity, with some truly beautiful and imaginative artwork produced.



## Rooted in History: Exploring the Ancient Maya

Form Five Vaughan are beginning to immerse themselves in studies of the Ancient Mayan civilisation. The children, pictured here, started their topic with a consideration of what 'ancient' means. The discussion took place around a rare Hornbeam tree in our Forest School which has recently been classified as ancient, being some 600 years old.





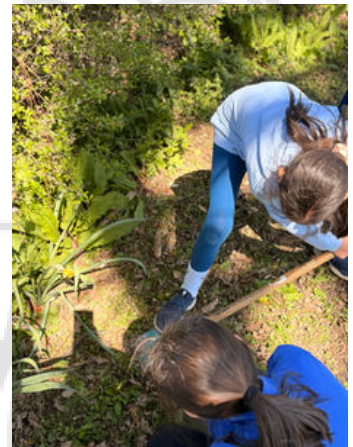
## Little Lambs and Big Questions!

Children enjoyed a lively visit with Farmer Matt, meeting newborn lambs and discovering how they grow. By asking thoughtful, high-level questions, they learned about caring for animals, life on the farm, and the importance of nature. It was a hands-on experience that sparked curiosity and confidence in young learners.



## Earth Day in Action

Our Earth Day celebrations were a wonderful success, with children enthusiastically taking part in a wide range of activities that helped them connect with nature and care for our environment. Throughout the day they carried out litter picks, planted trees, built bug hotels, created colourful rock-painting scavenger hunts and made bird feeders to support local wildlife. These activities also linked to our Southworth charity this term, the Jane Goodall Institute, whose mission inspired our efforts. Thank you for your generous donations and for wearing green and blue to show your support and commitment to protecting our planet.





## Triangles, Thinking and Problem-Solving!

In Form 4 maths lessons this week, the children have been busy sharpening their problem-solving skills. Using just four triangles, they explored how many different 2D shapes could be created. So far, they have discovered eight unique shapes — but the class suspects that there may be even more to uncover. This challenge prompted lively discussion, careful reasoning and plenty of perseverance as the children tested ideas and justified their thinking.



## Photo of the Week

Aperture (Depth of Field) Photography Project

Faustine Bussmann

