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## PREP NEWSLETTER

18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> May Trinity Term Issue 5



### Headmaster's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

One of the great privileges of working in a school is witnessing growth in real time — not simply outcomes, grades or trophies, but the gradual shaping of character, confidence and independence.

Sports Days provide just such an opportunity and, in advance of this afternoon's competition, it has been enthralling to hear stories of aspiration and perseverance as the children have striven to break records through the field events earlier in the week. Their enthusiasm, determination and encouragement of one another have been wonderful to see.

There has been spiritual growth too. Mrs Celano and Mrs Colley were delighted to spend a few days away at the SPEC retreat centre with Form Four and returned enormously impressed by the children's commitment to growing in faith and self-awareness. Perhaps even more delightfully, they spoke warmly of how well the children got along together, supporting one another throughout the retreat experience.

As we close out the half-term, we are all ready for a change of pace and an opportunity to gather strength in order that we can all fully enjoy the end of year events. I do hope that families are able to enjoy some well-earned rest and recovery over the break.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support throughout this term.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Cartwright  
Headmaster, St Edmund's Prep

### Religious Theme

Pentecost and the Holy Spirit

### Quote

"Champions aren't made in the gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them — a desire, a dream, a vision"

Muhammad Ali

### Mr Cartwright's quiz

Q: How many hearts does an octopus have?

A: Three

Q: What is the fastest land animal in the world?

A: In next week's newsletter.

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# Head Commendations



Emily Bischoff	An excellent reflective analytical account of the Form 6 trip.
Phoebe Eklund	Being curious and asking lots of questions.
Ellis Elsom-White	Excellent precise work in his homework completing the challenges of multi-step equations.
Añulika Mayes	Excellent analysis of time word problems in mathematics.
Karan Naik	Excellent analytical and reflective recount of the recent school trip.
Aadam Parviez	Intellectual agility.
Derry Tillbrook	Independence in swimming lessons.

## Important Dates - This 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 and Art Exhibition
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery & Reception <u>Shepreth Wildlife Park Trip</u>
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Exhibition Day (fun filled family afternoon for all featuring music, dance, games, delicious food and refreshments)
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 <u>Tea Time Club</u> )

## 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.

Upcycle any items of clean rubbish to usable items.





# This Week In The Prep



## Woodland Trust Award

We are delighted to share the exciting news that we have been awarded the Bronze Woodland Trust Green Tree Award!

This achievement recognises our commitment to environmental learning and sustainability. We earned this award through our recent Earth Day celebrations, alongside our continued dedication to nurturing the whole child through Forest School experiences and Eco activities.

Environmental learning is woven throughout our curriculum and enriched further through our co-curricular opportunities, encouraging children to explore, care for, and connect with the natural world. From outdoor learning and conservation projects to eco-focused initiatives, our pupils have shown great enthusiasm and responsibility in helping to make a positive difference.

A huge well done to all our children, staff, and wider school community for your enthusiasm and commitment in helping us achieve this fantastic milestone. We look forward to continuing our green journey together!



## Form 4 Retreat to SPEC: "Life to the Full"

On Monday and Tuesday this week, our Form 4 pupils enjoyed a very special retreat at the SPEC retreat centre in Pinner, centred on the theme "Life to the Full" (John 10:10). Over the course of two days, the children were given the opportunity to step away from their usual routines and reflect on what it truly means to live a full and meaningful life.

Through a range of thoughtful and engaging activities, the pupils explored this message in ways that were both personal and creative. They spent time writing their own prayers, considering their hopes, worries, and aspirations, and how these connect to living life in its fullness. One particularly reflective session involved making crosses, allowing the children to express their faith through art while thinking about the significance of the cross in their own lives.

Prayer was at the heart of the retreat, and the children approached this with reverence and maturity. They came together to pray the Rosary, sharing a peaceful and reflective time as a group. The retreat concluded beautifully with a Mass, providing a meaningful end to their shared experience before returning home.

Of course, there were also moments for relaxation and enjoyment. During their breaks, the pupils made the most of the beautiful grounds at SPEC—spotting wildlife, enjoying the fresh air, and (perhaps most memorably!) doing their best to stay upright on the muddy paths!

It was a wonderful opportunity for Form 4 to grow spiritually, strengthen friendships, and reflect on how they can embrace the message of "Life to the Full" in their everyday lives. We are very proud of the respect, enthusiasm, and thoughtfulness they showed throughout the retreat.





## Chess Champions

Our annual Form Five and Six Chess Tournament began this week with sixteen courageous students battling it out in the group stages to see who might win through to the quarter-finals after the half-term. The matches were timed at 10 minutes a piece with a simple game of rock, paper, scissors to decide on who might gain the initial advantage. The final eight are, from Form Six, George, Denzel, Louis, Alex, Dylan and Marcus and from Form 5, Sebastian and Edwin.



## Photo of the Week

B&W (Monochrome) Photography Project

Emilia Bolton



# Reminders & Notices



## New To You Summer Sale

Our New To You Uniform Shop is offering 15% off all items from 1st to 24th June, before closing for the summer until the start of the new school year. The discount will be automatically applied and all orders received by 9pm on 24th June will be picked before the end of term.

Please note that there will be no outdoor sale this year and we are unfortunately unable to offer refunds unless an item is damaged.

Please do get in touch with the team if you would be able to volunteer with sorting donations and/or picking orders on a fortnightly or monthly basis.

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/57395>

## Stevensons Uniform Shop Bookings

Stevensons are now taking bookings for fittings during July and August. Please contact them directly if you wish to book.

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Wednesday Closed  
Thursday Closed  
Friday 9:30am - 5pm  
Saturday 9:30am - 5pm  
Sunday Closed

**Online**  
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You can select home delivery or opt for convenient Click & Collect from your local store.  
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**In Store Opening Hours**  
Will be open for pre-booked fitting appointments from Monday 20th July - Friday 2nd August.  
We recommend booking a fitting appointment so we can offer you dedicated one-to-one service during the summer period.  
Walk-in customers are welcome. Saturdays are a great option for visiting without an appointment, and our team will assist you as soon as they are available.  
Please visit our website to check extended opening hours over the summer.

## Dance Fusion Summer School



Join Buntingford School of Dance this summer for an inspiring and high-energy dance course designed to help you grow in confidence, technique, and performance. With special guest teachers from across the industry, you'll experience fresh styles, expert guidance, and new creative challenges in a supportive and inclusive environment.

Alongside our highly experienced BSD faculty we welcome 2 West End stars on selected days:  
Charlie Bruce (winner BBC TV 'So You Think You Can Dance' & West End - 'Dirty Dancing')  
Reiss Hinds (Choreographer & West End - 'Into the Heights')

Scan the QR code on the flier to book or email [admin@buntingfordschoolofdance.co.uk](mailto:admin@buntingfordschoolofdance.co.uk) for more info.

## E-Safety

### Online Scams

It is important to be aware that scammers can target your child whilst online through social media, messaging apps and games.

These scams often look genuine, and children may not have the digital literacy skills to question their authenticity. This can happen across lots of platforms that your child is accessing, for example Roblox or TikTok.

### Scams can include:

- Offering in game currency.
- Befriending your child, which can then lead to requests for money or account details/personal information.
- Phishing links, with the intention of sharing malware or requesting account details/personal information.

### What can I do?

It is important to have regular conversations with your child about what they are doing online and remind them to:

- Never share passwords or verification codes.
- Speak to you or another trusted adult if they are unsure about anything.
- Ensure appropriate parental controls and privacy settings are in place.
- Talk to your child about the different scams that can appear online and remind your child to check links before clicking on them.
- Remind your child that if they do think that they have been scammed, then to tell you straightaway.

### Further Information

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/how-deal-online-scams-parent-guide>

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