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PREP NEWSLETTER

1st - 5th June Trinity Term Issue 6



Headmaster's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

One of the great privileges of working in a school is that inspiration often comes from the children themselves. On Wednesday morning, Year Two treated us to a delightful assembly centered on the idea of wearing our "gratitude glasses" – looking at the world through a lens that helps us notice and appreciate the many blessings we enjoy each day. Through their play, they reminded us that gratitude is not simply about saying thank you; it is about consciously recognising the people, opportunities and experiences that enrich our lives – and taking the time to truly appreciate them.

At the end of the assembly, the children set us all some homework: to think of three things for which we are grateful. It is a wonderfully simple challenge, yet one that can have a profound effect. As we approach the final weeks of the academic year, there is certainly much for which we can be thankful and much to which we can look forward.

Over the coming weeks, our Form 6 pupils and teachers continue with transition meetings as they prepare for the next exciting stage of their educational journey. We also eagerly anticipate this year's production spectacular, which promises to be another memorable showcase of talent, creativity and teamwork. We will, of course, also mark the end of an era with the Form 6 Leavers' Party—a joyful occasion tinged with a little sadness as we prepare to say farewell to another wonderful cohort.

Work also continues on the development of our Innovation Hub, which is taking shape nicely ahead of its launch in September. We look forward to sharing more details as this exciting new space develops.

Next Tuesday is our Moving Up Day, always one of the highlights of the summer term. The children will have the opportunity to spend time with their teachers for September and begin looking ahead to the next chapter of their school journey. We are particularly excited to welcome new families into our community. Unfortunately, at least two of these families, currently residing in the USA and Spain, will be unable to attend in person, but we very much look forward to welcoming them properly when the new academic year begins.

As Year Two reminded us so eloquently, there is always something for which we can be grateful. Perhaps this week we might all take a moment to put on our gratitude glasses and reflect on three things that have brought us joy, hope or encouragement.

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

Religious Theme

CST – Solidarity and Peace

Quote

"Gratitude turns what we have into enough." – Melody Beattie

Mr Cartwright's quiz

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

A: Cheetah

Q: What is the largest planet in our Solar System?

A: In next week's newsletter.

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Head Commendations

Emilia Bolton	Excellent creative design of a setting
Faustine Bussmann	Detailed research on the Ancient Maya
Orla Doyle	Comparing and contrasting aspects of Ancient Mayan Civilisation
Aadam Parviev	Outstanding enthusiasm and recall in history
Imogen Rees	Excellent creative design of a setting
Josie Sharp	Excellent analysing and use of empathy to make inferences in our comprehension lesson
George Shipton	Excellent creative design of a setting
Joel Watts	Intellectual agility and keenness

Important Dates - This Term

Monday 8 th June	Assessment Week
Tuesday 9 th June	Moving Up and New Students Induction Day
Wednesday 10 th June	U11 Boys & U11 Girls Bancroft Cricket Festival – meet at 7:30am
Thursday 11 th June	U9 Cricket v Hertford Prep
Friday 12 th June	2:00pm – EYFS Teddy Bears Picnic 3:00pm – Reception to Form 1 Parent's Transition Meeting U11 Boys Cricket v Loyola U11 Girls Cricket v Chigwell
Friday 19 th 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 th June)
Monday 22 nd June	Colour Run (Southworth Charity Fundraising Event)
Thursday 25 th June	2:00pm – Prep Prize Giving, Butler Hall
Friday 26 th June	Nursery & Reception Shepreth Wildlife Park Trip
Saturday 27 th June	Exhibition Day from 12:30pm (fun filled family afternoon for all featuring music, dance, games, delicious food and refreshments)
Monday 29 th June	2:00pm – Mass (Celebration of First Holy Communion Children)
Thursday 2 nd July	6:30pm – Prep School Production with refreshments from 5:45pm
Friday 3 rd July	6:30pm – Prep School Production with refreshments from 5:45pm Reports live to parents
Monday 6 th July	Form 6 Parents & Children's Leavers Party
Wednesday 8 th July	Final Assembly 2:30pm – Last day of term finish (no Tea Time Club)

E-Safety

At what age can children start social networking ?

All social media platforms and messaging apps have minimum age limits to protect children from inappropriate content, oversharing personal information and harmful influences on their wellbeing.

Follow the link to information about age limits, and also advice about social media platforms specifically for children:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking/>

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.

Plant bulbs and flowers to promote biodiversity







Form 1 & Reception

Stanley's Stick Inspires Imagination and Storytelling

Reception and Form 1 pupils recently enjoyed a magical literacy experience based on Stanley's Stick, created in partnership with Herts for Learning and the National Literacy Trust. The children began by listening to the story's author, John Hegley, who shared how he developed the ideas behind his much-loved book.

Using their sticks, the children took on the role of conductors, leading the music of The Northern Chamber Orchestra with great enthusiasm and imagination. The adventure continued when internationally award-winning storyteller Danyah Miller joined the event. She extended the story beyond its pages, encouraging the children to use their sticks as they followed the twists and turns of Stanley's journey.

The experience sparked creativity, imagination and a love of storytelling, showing how a simple stick can become the key to endless adventures.



Reading ambassadors take on a new challenge

This week, our Reading Ambassadors took on a special challenge: dive into a range of summer-reading suggestions and give you their honest verdicts. From mysteries to fantasy to heartfelt contemporary reads, they explored it all. Their reviews are now proudly displayed in the library — and every book is ready to borrow. And remember... the race to become our 1500th book borrower is still on.



Co-curricular Round Up

As part of their Tuesday afternoon cocurricular Karate activity, Samara, Samuel, Sammuel Jr, Wilf, Lexi and Cassius all recently took part in their latest gradings with great success. The children in the group continue to make great progress in this discipline and we are very grateful to Sensei Shauna and Sensei Neil for all they do to help the children.



This Week In The Prep



Co-curricular Round Up - continued

The ECO Club have been busily planting a variety of seeds and are now beginning to reap their rewards.

Likewise, the cookery club children have had a busy term baking and cooking a wide range of delicious treats including Chocolate Weetabix cakes, crustless quiches, oat and raisin cookies and chicken wraps to name but a few!



In Pre Prep 'Explorer Club' the children have been finding out about different cultures and facts about countries around the world. They then complete a craft activity linked to the country. When finding out about Kenya they made Maasai Bead necklaces.

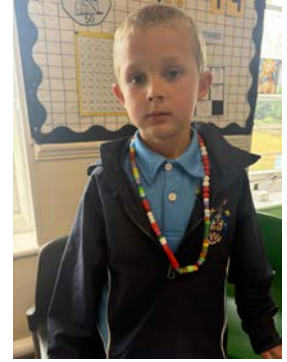


Photo of the Week

Scavenger Hunt Photography Project

A "worm's-eye" view
Theodore Bussmann





A letter from our holiday club provider

Dear Parents and Carers,




We hope you are all well.

Just a friendly reminder that our Summer Holiday Camps are now live and we have now added an extra week of camp running from Monday 24th August to Friday 28th August!


As mentioned in our previous camp email, we are also delighted to now offer Childcare Voucher and Tax-Free Childcare payments.

Our holiday camps are one of the most anticipated parts of the year, packed with swimming, sports, creative activities and outdoor adventures, all delivered in a fun, safe and supportive environment that children thoroughly enjoy.

Please see below for more information.

 Camp Dates Mon-Fri (W/C): 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th August
 Location: St Edmund's College & Prep School, Farm Ln, Old Hall Green, Ware SG11 1DS
 Ages: 3–12 years

3–4 years: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (from £24*)
4–12 years: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (from £44*)
Extended day available: 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM

 *Discounts Available UP TO 20% OFF!

Early Bird Offer
Enjoy 10% off your entire booking when you book by Saturday 4th July 2026

Block Booking Discount
Book 3 days or more and receive 10% off your total booking


How our discounts works (please read):

We've updated our block booking offer, you can now save when booking 3 days or more (previously 5+ days), giving you better flexibility and value.

You can combine up to two discounts per booking.

- ✓ Early Bird + Block Booking can be used together
- ✓ No code needed, discounts are applied automatically
- ✓ Save up to 20% off your total booking

Discounts apply to online payments only. We no longer accept BACS payments for camp bookings.

 Childcare Vouchers & Tax-Free Credits – Now Available

This has been a long-awaited addition, and we're incredibly delighted to now offer this option to our families.

How it works:

Visit our booking page: www.bookaby.me/water-creations-swim-academy/whats-on

Select your preferred day and click on Book Now at the bottom of the page

Enter your child's details and complete the required forms

To add more days, click 'Book Additional Sessions'

- You can also select early drop-off or late pick-up
- Please note: Late pick-up is not available for 3–4 yrs Half Day sessions (collection is at 1PM)
- Add your sessions to the basket
- At checkout, select the option to pay using childcare vouchers or tax-free credits
- Follow the instructions to complete payment via your provider
- Upload proof of payment (confirmation email or screenshot) to your booking

In our email, you'll find attached a visual guidance file on how to pay using childcare vouchers or tax-free credits from our Bookaby checkout page.

Please note: Bookings without valid proof of payment may be cancelled. Spots are limited and our camps fill quickly, especially during the early bird period.

We've attached our Summer Camp flyer for a quick overview, please feel free to share it with any friends or family who might be interested.

If you have any questions at all, just email us, we're always happy to help.

We can't wait to welcome your children for a fun and memorable summer holiday ☀️

Kind regards,
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Reminders & Notices



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SUMMER CAMP

W/C 3RD, 10TH, 17TH &
24TH AUGUST

CAMP

AN ENRICHING HOLIDAY
CAMP THAT CHILDREN LOVE

AGES
3-12



WHY JOIN US?

EXPERT PROGRAMMES

- Daily Swimming
- Sport & Group Activities
- Arts and Drama
- Outdoor Adventures

PRICES

3-4 Year Olds

9 AM - 1 PM

From **£24***

4-12 Year Olds

9 AM - 4 PM

From **£44***

Extended Day: 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

SCAN ME!



*EARLY BIRD (ENDS 04/07) + BLOCK BOOKING DISCOUNTS
CHILDCARE VOUCHERS / TAX-FREE CREDITS ACCEPTED



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Where every day is a new adventure!

Calling all curious, energetic and creative young explorers! This half-term, give your child more than just childcare, give them an experience they'll never forget.

What do we offer?

- Swimming lessons with qualified instructors
- Exciting sports and team games
- Creative challenges and themed dress-up days
- Friendship-building activities and outdoor fun
- Led by qualified Primary School Teachers

Your half-term plans? **Just got a whole lot better.**



REGISTER NOW!



**Monday - Friday
Every Half-Term**

**SAVE
THE DATE**

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Our Mission

At our camps, our mission is to provide children with unforgettable experiences filled with discovery and adventure where they can learn new skills, make friends, and build lifelong memories - all while having serious fun!

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