



# Digital

## PREP NEWSLETTER

22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> June Trinity Term Issue 9



### Headmaster's Message

### Religious Theme

Saint Peter and Saint Paul

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As many of you now know, my week started with the discovery of a note reflecting the effusive joy and excitement that only a first school sleepover can bring. The week has finished on another high following Thursday's Prize Giving and, of course, Exhibition Day tomorrow.

Reflecting on the meaning of Prize Giving, we considered that the greatest measure of success isn't to be found in test scores or trophies, but in the young people our children are becoming. Academically, whilst a full analysis is yet to be undertaken, progress across the school looks very strong indeed. It is on an inter-personal level though, where I see the greatest gains. Our children continue to grow into thoughtful, relatable and responsible young people. Alongside this, I see resilience emerging. In today's world, that quality alone will prove to be an invaluable attribute.

Speaking of resilience, the children, staff and all at home continue to do an admirable job of weathering this heatwave. Cooler temperatures are forecast for next week—just in time for our eagerly anticipated Production Week—but please do continue to send children in with a water bottle, sunhat and, if you wish, a fully charged handheld fan. The children have been wonderfully responsible in using them. We plan to revert to our usual uniform procedure next week and I hope that this de-stresses your washing machine...and the pressure to dry clothes overnight, again and again and again.

Finally, my enormous thanks go to the Friends and the organising committee for all the hard work that has gone into preparing for tomorrow's Exhibition Day. I hope to see many of you there. Thank you too, to the families and children who are giving up their time to sing, perform or simply enjoy a game of football together. Your support helps to make days like these such special occasions for our school community. Have a wonderful weekend.

With best wishes,

Mr Steven Cartwright  
Headmaster, St Edmund's Prep

### Quote

"The sun does not shine for a few trees and flowers, but for the wide world's joy" — Henry Ward Beecher

### Mr Cartwright's quiz

Q: Which animal has a tongue that can be longer than its body?

A: Chameleon

Q: What do you call a bear with no teeth?

A: In next week's newsletter.

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# Head Commendations



Noah Haines	For creating an excellent answer to the Ancient Wonders of the World debate that showed knowledge of the period and an appreciation of how the chosen structure reflected how society functioned during the time of its construction.
Marcus Hartley	For creating an excellent answer to the Ancient Wonders of the World debate that showed knowledge of the period and an appreciation of how the chosen structure reflected how society functioned during the time of its construction.
Kyra Naik	For consistently applying analytical skills to her comprehension work.
Rome Ramsay	Hard working in reading.
Imogen Rees	Creating a brilliant piece of artwork, using 2D shapes, based on work by Joan Miro.
Emmie Stark	Creating a brilliant piece of artwork, using 2D shapes, based on work by Joan Miro.

## Important Dates - This Term

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 from 12:30pm (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	Form 1 & 2 Trip to Standalone Farm 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)

## E-Safety

Technology brings wonderful opportunities for children to learn, create and connect, and when used safely, it can be a fantastic part of everyday life.

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping children safe, we have become aware of some inappropriate language that has found its way into school. This language appears to have originated from social media influencers and online gaming communities and is not suitable for primary-aged children.

Children can easily be exposed to this type of content through scrolling online, watching videos or participating in gaming forums. To help protect children, the NSPCC recommends keeping open conversations about online activity, using parental controls where appropriate, and regularly checking the content children are accessing.

Here is a quick-read list of tips, but as we approach the summer holidays, we encourage you to read the guidance in the link below, which offers practical advice for supporting your child's online safety.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/access-to-technology-for-different-ages/>

Under 5s	Under 10 years old
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervise use</li> <li>• Use family devices, accounts and services .</li> <li>• Check content first</li> <li>• Set up your parental controls</li> <li>• Start safety conversations</li> <li>• Establish healthy habits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enable access to devices with limited features</li> <li>• Keep tech use visible in the home</li> <li>• Follow age ratings</li> <li>• Use safety settings</li> <li>• Revisit parental controls</li> <li>• Have regular safety conversations</li> <li>• Build healthy habits</li> </ul>



## Colour Run - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>

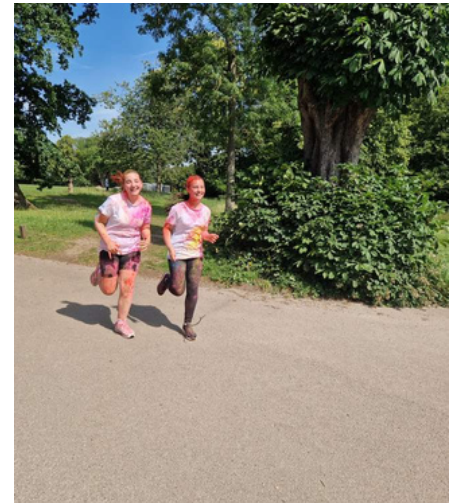
The Prep School was bursting with colour and excitement as pupils took part in a fantastic Colour Run to raise money for our chosen charity, the Jane Goodall Institute. Blessed with warm sunshine, the day was the perfect setting for an energetic and joyful event that brought the whole school together.

The children started the run on a thrilling bouncy castle obstacle course, from there, they tackled hurdles with determination and carefully made their way through a tricky rope web. Just when they thought they couldn't have any more fun, they were met with refreshing sprays of water—much appreciated in the sunny weather! Of course, the highlight for many was being showered in vibrant, colourful paints as they ran the course. By the end, the field was filled with smiling faces and a rainbow of colours, showing just how much fun everyone had.

Savannah summed up the day perfectly, saying, "It was fun, colourful and really enjoyable."

We were also delighted to welcome Jasmina from the Jane Goodall Institute, who joined us to enjoy the event and see first-hand the incredible enthusiasm and generosity of our pupils. It has been a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the important work the charity does to protect wildlife and the environment.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who took part and supported the event. Thanks to your efforts, we have raised valuable funds for a truly worthwhile cause—all while having an unforgettable day of fun!





## Form 2 Big Camp Out

Last Friday, Form 2 enjoyed a fantastic overnight camping experience on the school grounds. The evening began with the children making their own delicious pizzas before settling into their tents and exploring the school grounds as dusk fell.

After a cosy bedtime story, everyone tucked into their sleeping bags for the night. Despite insisting they hadn't slept, the children all had a great night's rest and even had to be woken up in time for breakfast the next morning!

Our camping adventure was a wonderful success and provided the children with their very first overnight residential experience. It was a memorable evening filled with fun, laughter, and growing independence, and one that we are sure they will remember for years to come.





## Keeping Our Cool with a Good Book

Form 1 and Form 2 found the perfect way to stay cool during this week's warm weather by taking their reading time outdoors. Armed with their favourite books, the children settled into the peaceful school grounds, dipping their feet into trays of cool water as they read.

It was a wonderfully calm and relaxing way to enjoy a good book while making the most of the sunshine. The children loved combining reading with a little creativity to beat the heat!



## Designing Pirate Boats

Nursery have been developing their Design and Technology skills as part of their exciting Pirates theme by designing and making their own boats.

They carefully considered which materials would work best before creating their fantastic models. The children had great fun designing and building their boats, showing creativity and teamwork throughout the activity.

We can't wait to find out—will their boats float or sink?





## Photo of the Week

Deborah Adegbite

"Anything Goes"



## 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.

Buy second hand,  
where possible, to  
prevent waste.





## 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](http://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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# SUMMER CAMP

W/C 3<sup>RD</sup>, 10<sup>TH</sup>, 17<sup>TH</sup> &  
24<sup>TH</sup> 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  
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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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