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PREP NEWSLETTER

8th - 12th June Trinity Term Issue 7



Headmaster's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I write with a respectful request.

Before the half-term break, parents were invited to complete an online questionnaire designed to gather parent voice and opinion. Thank you to those who took the time to do so and for the thoughtful and helpful responses that I have already begun to read and reflect upon.

However as we had decided to wrap the Prep School questionnaire up with the College survey, I worry that some families may have overlooked it or perhaps underestimated just how important your views are to me and to the future development of our school.

With sincere thanks - and with the utmost respect, particularly to those who have already completed the survey - on the following page, I include a link to a revised version that focuses exclusively on our beloved Prep School. I don't want this 'job' to be hanging over us for weeks and weeks so have set a deadline of this coming Thursday 18th at 7:45pm. I have asked the office to send reminders via the Whatsapp group later today, on Monday and again on Wednesday.

Prior to half term, we achieved a response rate of 27%. Whilst I am grateful for every response received – all of which were just perfect in either praise or balanced constructive feedback, I believe this falls short of providing a sufficiently representative picture of our parent community. I would greatly value hearing from more of you so that I can better understand your views, celebrate what we do well, and identify areas where we can continue to grow and improve.

Your feedback—whether positive, constructive, or developmental—is genuinely important. It helps shape our decision-making and ensures that the school continues to meet the needs and aspirations of the children and families we serve.

Thank you, once again, for your time, support, and partnership. I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable weekend.

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

Quote

"The only constant in life is change." — Aristotle

Religious Theme

The Sacred Heart of Jesus

Mr Cartwright's quiz

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

A: Jupiter

Q: Which fruit has its seeds on the outside?

A: In next week's newsletter.

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Head Commendations

Form 5 Vaughan
Zion Cumming
Cassius Roy

Creativity and collaboration in English
Using initiative and showing kindness to others
Helping others to achieve

Important Dates - This Term

Wednesday 17 th June	U11 Boys Cricket v Hertford Prep
Thursday 18 th June	U9 Mixed Cricket v Howe Green
Friday 19 th June	8:45am-9:45am – Forms 1 & 2 Father's Day Celebration (Prep Hall) U11 Girls Cricket v St Francis Form 2 Big Camp Out (until 7.30 on 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)

Forms to Complete

Parent survey (Prep School) – Click [here](#) to fill in form

Prize Giving & Art Exhibition (for Forms 3 to 6) on Thursday 25th June, 2pm – 3:30pm

For catering purposes, kindly confirm whether you will be able to attend, here:- Prize Giving & Art Exhibition: Thursday 25th June 2:00pm – 3:30pm – Fill in form [here](#)

Please reply by Thursday 18th June

Production (Pirates of the Curry Bean), Thursday 2 July (6:30pm) & Friday 3 July (6:30pm)

For catering and capacity purposes, kindly confirm whether you will be able to attend, here:- Production (Pirates of the Curry Bean), Thursday 2 July (6:30pm) & Friday 3 July (6:30pm) – Fill in form [here](#)

Please reply by Monday 22 June

E-Safety: Tackling Screen Addiction

Screens are now a regular part of children's lives, helping them learn, socialise and relax. However, too much screen time can sometimes affect sleep, concentration, physical activity and emotional wellbeing.

Signs that a child may be developing an unhealthy relationship with screens include becoming upset when devices are taken away, losing interest in other activities, or struggling to switch off from games, videos or social media.

Parents can help by setting clear boundaries, creating screen-free times (such as during meals and before bedtime), and encouraging a healthy balance of online and offline activities. Having open conversations about what children are doing online can also help families develop positive digital habits together.

This week, we are sharing a National Online Safety [poster](#) with practical tips and advice to help families manage screen time and promote healthy technology use at home.

For more information and tips head to the National College Website [here](#)

This Week In The Prep



Forest School Inspired by Nature

The children have had a great time exploring the Forest School, discovering various insect species, our ecosystem, and biodiversity, while also discussing how we can collaboratively develop and manage our woodland.

The children explored various species of ladybirds and were assigned to discover an interesting fact about their chosen ladybird. We created clay sculptures inspired by nature.

Clothing

This is a gentle reminder that, to prepare for varying weather conditions and to guarantee the safety and protection of the children, it remains essential to have the following items for Forest School:

- Long trousers or leggings
- Walking boots, trainers, or wellington boots
- Long-sleeved top
- Waterproof coat/trousers

As the weather starts to warm up, please make sure your child is equipped with a sun hat, has sunscreen applied, and carries a water bottle.



Ahoy there Nursery!

Our Nursery children have had a fantastic time setting sail on a pirate adventure! Our topic this term is pirates and we have incorporated learning about underwater sea creatures too. The Nursery children worked together to create a wonderful pirate ship display in the classroom.

The children have loved dressing up as pirates and searching high and low for hidden treasure. They are perfect pirates and shipmates. Oh yes they arrrrrr!





World Cup Week

For the final week of term, we are planning a World Cup Week for the children. This will involve a range of activities, culminating in a 'World Cup Final' football match on the last day.

In addition, there will be several competitions running. Children are welcome to enter as many of these as they wish. Winners will be chosen from each Key Stage.

Finally, there's still time to enter our World Cup Fantasy Football League.



Bancroft Cricket Report

The Under 11 cricket squad travelled to Essex for the annual Bancrofts cricket festival on Wednesday 10th June. It started off as a sunny morning and both boys' and girls' teams were all very excited for a day of cricket, not withstanding the very early start with a 7:15am meet in the coach park.

The Under 11 girls started off with a match against Avon House. They narrowly lost this by one wicket. They then played Bancrofts, Avon House again, and then Bancrofts for a second time. Although all four matches ended with a narrow defeat by a small number of runs, the girls learnt a lot throughout the morning with some of them having their first taste of hardball cricket too. The games were all really close and there were some good batting and bowling displays on show from our girls.

The boys started off with their first group game against Brentwood. The match was very close going into the final over with Brentwood just needing a run to win off of the final two balls. They managed to get to their run total with just one ball to play as we fell to a narrow defeat in our opening game. However, we won our second and third match matches against Bancrofts and Avon House with some excellent team displays. This meant that we finished in joint second place in our group.

Unfortunately, rain then halted play and we did not manage to complete the afternoon programme. After adding up all of the scores, our boys were awarded silver medals for finishing in second place in the shield competition. The girls finished in tenth place.



This Week In The Prep



U11 Athletics Meeting - 5th June

On Friday 5th June, the U11 St Edmund's Prep Athletics Squad welcomed Kingshott and Saint Nicholas to take part in our annual North East Herts Prep Sports Partnership Athletics meeting. The events included 75 Metres, 75 Metre Hurdles, 200 Metres, 600 Metres, Foam Javelin, Howler Throw, Long Jump and High Jump.

Congratulations to the following for medal position finishes:

Hannah O- 75 Metre Hurdles (1st in Heat)
Ellie M- 75 Metre Hurdles (1st in Heat)
Deborah A- 75 Metre Hurdles (1st in Heat)

Gabriel D- 75 Metres Sprint (2nd in FINAL)
Hannah O- 75 Metres Sprint (2nd in FINAL)

Oliver H-G- 200 Metres (3rd in FINAL)
Deborah A- 200 Metres (3rd in FINAL)

Dylan R- 600 Metres (3rd in FINAL)

Ellis E-W- Howler Throw (3rd Overall)
Oliver H-G- Howler Throw (2nd Overall)

Noah H- Foam Javelin (3rd Overall)

Dylan R- Long Jump (1st Overall)

Harvey L- High Jump (1st Overall)

Ezichi J-N- High Jump (2nd Overall)



Year 2 Athletics Festival

On Friday 5th June, St Edmund's Prep invited some local schools to take part in our annual Athletics Festival, led by our Form 5 pupils. We were pleased to host Layston, St Cross, Tannery Drift and St Joseph's, Bishop's Stortford on a lovely sunny morning. The form 5 pupils were in charge of team management, scorekeeping, field event supervision and finish line place judges. At the end of the festival, the team managers also chose their own all-star performer from their teams and stood confidently to explain to the gathered crowd their reasons for doing so. As well as some excellent performances on the track and field from our Form 1 and 2 athletes, there were some confident performances in leadership roles from our Form 5 group too. This was an excellent opportunity for them to showcase the HPL values that we focus upon at St Edmund's Prep.

A particular well done to the following athletes:

Cassius R- 1st in 200m (Heat 1)
Max L- 2nd in 200m (Heat 2)

Cassius R- 1st in 50m (Heat 1)
Max L- 2nd in 50m (Heat 2)
Artie E-W- 3rd in 50m (Heat 4)
Varena I- 1st in 50 m (Heat 2) and 2nd in 50m Final

Max L- 1st in Mini Howler Throw
Zion C- 2nd in Foam Javelin
Cassius R- 1st in Long Jump
Audrey M- 2nd in Long Jump
The St Edmund's Prep Girls finished 4th Overall (/5)
and the Boys finished 3rd Overall (/5)

Well done to all involved.

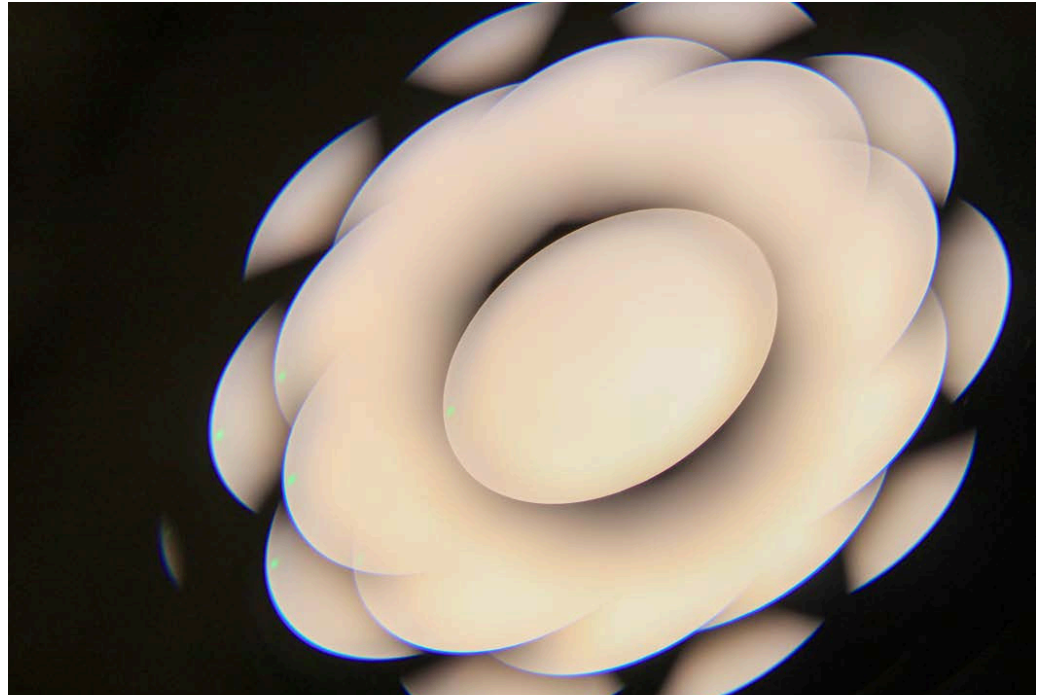




Photo of the Week

Kaleidoscope (Multi-Image) Effect Filter
Photography Project

Bluebelle Guinchard



Exhibition Day

We are eagerly looking forward to the College Exhibition Day on Saturday 27th June.

If you are a parent of a pupil in Form 5 or Form 6, we kindly ask that you complete the attendance form that was sent out on 29th May, if you have not already done so. Forms 5 and 6 have been invited to perform a short programme of songs that they have been working on throughout the year, and we would be delighted to know how many families will be joining us for the afternoon.

We look forward to celebrating the childrens' achievements with you.

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.

Use bin stickers to help you remember what items can be recycled.





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

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

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AN ENRICHING HOLIDAY
CAMP THAT CHILDREN LOVE

AGES
3-12



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EXPERT PROGRAMMES

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

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