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PREP NEWSLETTER

15th - 19th June Trinity Term Issue 8



Headmaster's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Just now, as I was walking to my office, a child was hurtling down the stairs—two, three steps at a time. As Headmaster, I would normally have bellowed a reminder about safety, but in that moment I found myself struck instead by the enthusiasm and purpose with which the boy was making his way to his lesson.

That same sense of purpose seems to be evident across the school. Empty, galleon-ready barrels have appeared in the hall as preparations continue for the Production; posters for Exhibition Day, our own reimagining of the World Cup and the summer reading challenge are appearing everywhere. The Prep School feels delightfully purposeful indeed.

Thank you to those of you who were able to complete the Parent Questionnaire. I appreciate that, for some, this may have felt repetitive, and I value all the more the time you have invested in sharing your views. Over the coming week, I shall review, summarise and disseminate the findings. Your opinions are hugely valued and genuinely count.

Like the child on the stairs, we are now hurtling towards the end of term. Thank you in advance for attending the Prize Giving and Art Exhibition next week, which will be presided over by our Vice-Chair, Mrs Ranzetta. Thank you, too, for ensuring that the children attend looking smart and ready for the occasion, with polished shoes, pressed shirts and dresses and sensible haircuts.

There is much to celebrate and enjoy and I look forward to seeing you at the many events that will mark the close of the term. Masses included, of course!

With every best wish for the weekend ahead,

Mr Steven Cartwright
Headmaster, St Edmund's Prep

Religious Theme

Honesty

Quote

"Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction."

- John F. Kennedy

Mr Cartwright's quiz

Q: Which fruit has its seeds on the outside?

A: Strawberry

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

A: In next week's newsletter.

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Head Commendations



Alex Bates	A reflective piece of writing on how a person can be motivated by their faith in Christ
Gabriel Daodu	An excellent analytical piece of work on how St Francis was motivated by his faith
Sebastian Drake	An excellent piece of analytical writing explaining how a Saint bore witness to Christ through their actions
George Howe	Creating: A brilliant poem
Karan Naik	A thoughtful piece of research on the life of a Saint

Important Dates - This Term

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	Form 1 & 2 Trip to Standalone Farm 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

Please complete the parent survey, [here](#). This survey will close at 9am on Monday morning. All views are gratefully received and helps inform future planning.

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](#)

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

Colour Run - Monday 22nd

On Monday 22nd June, all students in the College and the Prep will have the opportunity to walk, run, skip and/or bounce the whole school charity Colour Run. The course will be on-site with bouncy castles, lots of paint (all washable!) and obstacles along the way.

All students will be issued with a white t-shirt on the morning of the event. As the Prep School is due to run between 10am and 11:30am, we suggest students wear old clothes and trainers to come into school and then bring a change of clothes and shoes to wear afterwards. The change of clothes can be their own clothes, rather than uniform, unless they are in a fixture at the end of the day and it would be easier to change into kit. A plastic bag for used paint clothes would be advisable. Please note, no watches or jewellery should be worn on the bouncy castle.

Announcement of Social Media Ban for Under 16s

The government is planning to introduce a ban on some social media platforms for children under 16 from spring 2027. The aim is to support children's wellbeing, give parents more help in managing screen time and encourage young people to spend more time on other activities.

While details of how the ban will work are still being developed, the most important thing families can do now is keep talking openly about online experiences. It has been reported that many parents welcome the proposal, while others highlight the need for more opportunities, clubs and community activities to help children stay connected, active and engaged away from screens.

This Week In The Prep



EYFS Teddy Bears' Picnic

Nursery and Reception had a wonderful time getting ready for their Teddy Bears' Picnic on Friday. The children put their culinary skills to the test by making their own delicious sandwiches, carefully cutting them into squares or triangles.

Luckily, the rain stayed away, allowing everyone to enjoy a range of fun outdoor activities. The children created colourful badges and keyrings, decorated Teddy Bear-shaped biscuits, and chose sparkly glitter stencils for their arms.

Our recent singing practice certainly paid off, as the children sang *Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear and Love is Something if You Give it Away* beautifully, delighting everyone who listened.

A huge thank you to all our parents for their continued support throughout the year. The Teddy Bears' Picnic was a lovely way to celebrate our time together and create some special memories as we approach the end of this academic year.



Forms 1 & 2 Father's Day Celebrations

Forms 1 and 2 were delighted to welcome their dads into school this morning for a special Father's Day celebration. We shared a song and a poem, taking time to reflect on all the wonderful things our dads do for us. Together, we also created herb gardens to take home. It was a lovely morning filled with smiles, laughter, and special memories. Wishing all our dads a very Happy Father's Day!

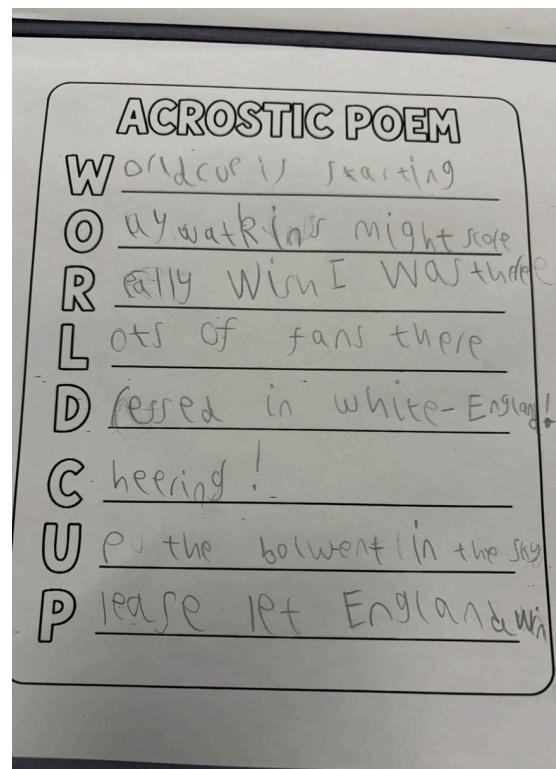
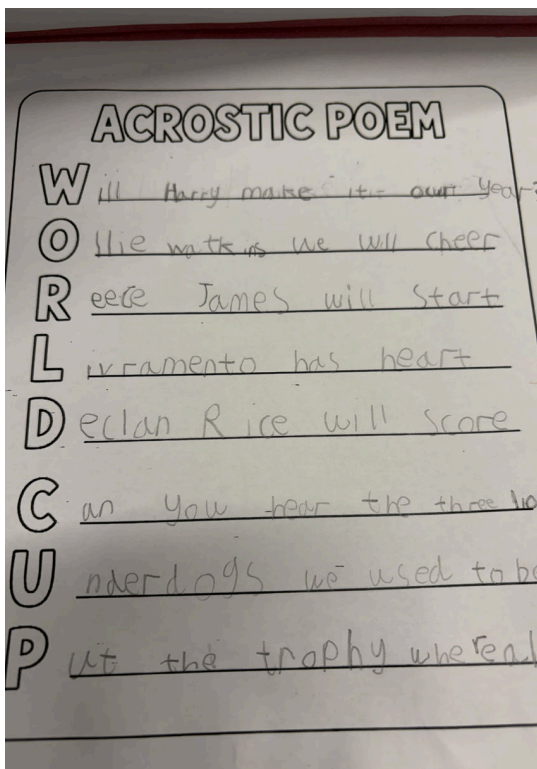




☀ World Cup 2026 Competitions – Get Involved!

There's still plenty of time to enter our exciting World Cup 2026 competitions running across the school. Whether you love English, Geography, Science, or simply enjoy getting creative, there's something for everyone. Look out for the colourful posters around school with all the details you need.

This week, we're delighted to share two marvellous Year 1 entries for the English acrostic poem competition. Their task was to write an acrostic poem inspired by the word WORLD CUP — and they rose to the challenge beautifully.



The Big Future - A National Survey

As Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza is conducting a national survey called The Big Future. At a time of significant change for children and young people, it is more important than ever that their views are heard and reflected in decision-making. Through this survey, Dame Rachel can take the voices of children and young people directly to the heart of government, helping to shape future policies and services.

We encourage all children to take part and share their thoughts. The survey has been added as a task on the VLE for easy access, or you can complete it by following the link below.

Thank you for supporting your child to have their voice heard.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TheBigFuture/>

This Week In The Prep



Annual Prep Chess Competition

Battle commenced some weeks ago as pupils from Forms Five and Six pitted their wits against one another across the great 64-squared battlefield. On Wednesday this week, Dylan and George emerged as worthy finalists and sat opposite one another, eye-to-eye, over a beautiful mahogany board and pieces kindly donated by a generous grandparent some years ago.

Both competitors adopted a mature and measured approach, taking their time over their opening moves. It was an aggressive start from Dylan who, in the eyes of the spectators, appeared to establish an early advantage. However, a strong counter-attack from George in the middlegame proved decisive and gradually turned the match in his favour.

After a fascinating contest, the boys shook hands warmly following the final checkmate. Dylan can rightly be proud of a superb tournament, but on this occasion George was the worthy winner. The standard of play throughout the competition has been among the strongest we have seen in recent years and bodes well for the future of chess at St Edmund's.



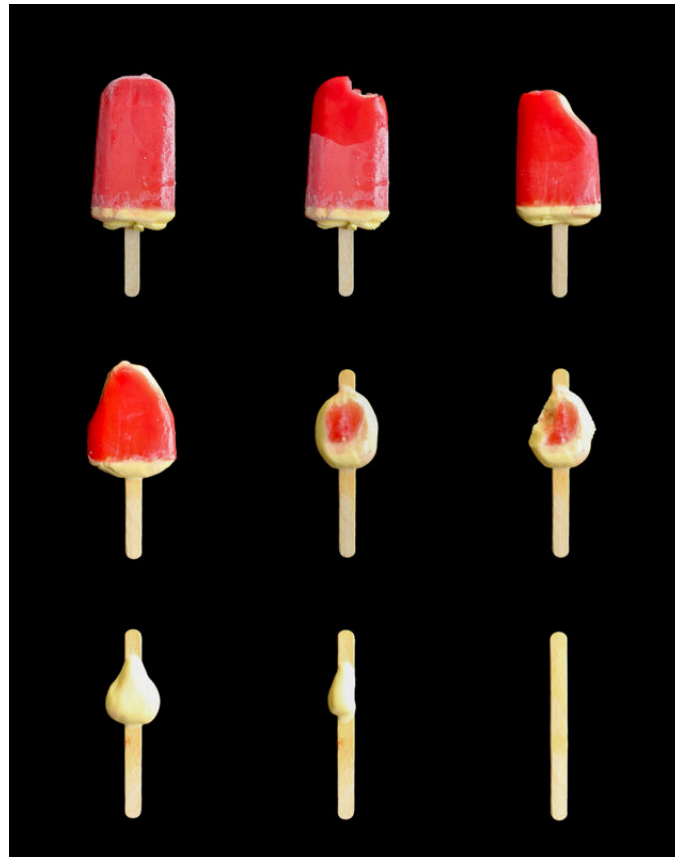


Photo of the Week

Creative Art (Ice Lolly) Photography Project

Or just a great excuse to eat an ice lolly!

Isobel Ward



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.

Donate to charity
to help those in
need.





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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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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CAMP THAT CHILDREN LOVE

AGES
3-12



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

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9 AM - 4 PM

From **£44***

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

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