



# Digital

# PREP NEWSLETTER

29<sup>th</sup> June - 7<sup>th</sup> July Trinity Term Issue 10



## Headmaster's Message

## Religious Theme

Recreation

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the staff and Governors, thank you for the gift of your children over the past year.

At the Form 6 Leavers' Party on Monday evening, and through last week's outstanding production of *Pirates of the Curry Bean*, the children demonstrated just how articulate, confident, talented and considerate they have become. They also reflected how much they have valued their education at the Prep School and the commitment and care that so many adults invest in providing these opportunities for them.

Some of you will be aware that we had an inspection this week. It was a short compliance inspection as we continue to explore lowering our age of entry. Whilst I am not yet able to share the outcome, I can say that the inspection team was encouraging and appeared more than satisfied with what they saw. I am not surprised.

The old saying goes, 'Nothing will come of nothing' (from *King Lear*, I believe). Conversely, something must come of something. This is a community that knows how to roll up its sleeves and work together. Lessons, learning, fixtures, Exhibition Days, Fireworks, Leavers' Events, concerts, trips... the list goes on. Something good is most definitely coming of something here.

We are certainly ready for a well-earned break, but we are already looking forward to the new academic year with excitement and anticipation. In the weeks ahead, enjoy the opportunity to spend time with your families. Count your blessings in those moments together and take pride in all that your children have achieved this year. They are growing into remarkable young people... but they do so all too quickly.

I wish you all a happy, restful and safe summer.

With best wishes,

Mr Steven Cartwright  
Headmaster, St Edmund's Prep

## Quote

"Nothing will come of nothing."  
— *King Lear*, Act 1, Scene 1

## Mr Cartwright's quiz

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

A: A Gummy Bear

Q: What should pupils do before leaving for the summer holidays:

- a. Return library books
- b. Empty lockers
- c. Say goodbye to friends and teachers
- d. All of the above

A: In next term's newsletter.

## Stay connected



@stedmundscollegeandprep



@stedmundscollegeandprep



@steds\_prepsport



@stedmundsprepsport

# Head Commendations

Audrey Marçal      Creating an excellent passage using speech.

## Important Dates - Next Term

|                                                                             |                                                            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September                                           | Michaelmas term begins                                     |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> September                                         | 6:30pm – 8:00pm New Term Welcome Evening                   |
| Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> September                                         | Friends Proms Event                                        |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September                                           | Individual Photos                                          |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September                                        | 9:00am EYFS to Form 2 Phonics Curriculum Morning           |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September                                           | 3:45pm Prep Welcome Picnic                                 |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October                                            | National Poetry Day                                        |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October                                            | Prep Flu Vaccinations                                      |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October                                            | Parent/Tutor Consultations                                 |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October                                           | Parent/Tutor Consultations                                 |
| HALF TERM Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November |                                                            |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November                                             | Inter-House Performing Arts Week                           |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December                                           | 2:00pm EYFS to Pre-Prep Nativity followed by refreshments  |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December                                             | 2:30pm Prep Carol Service                                  |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December                                            | 2:30pm Immaculate Conception Mass followed by refreshments |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December                                            | Christmas Jumper Day                                       |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December                                            | 2:30pm End of term                                         |

## Exploring the Wonders of Wildlife

EYFS children had a fantastic day out at Shepreth Wildlife Park, where they enjoyed an exciting opportunity to see a wide variety of animals and learn more about the natural world.

One of the highlights of the visit was an engaging talk about how log piles provide important habitats for local wildlife and help to protect many different species. The children were fascinated to discover how they can support nature in their own gardens and communities.

There was great excitement as we visited the magnificent tigers and the adorable red pandas, which were firm favourites with everyone.

It was a wonderful educational trip, filled with curiosity, learning and plenty of smiles. A fantastic time was had by all!



# This Week In The Prep



## Eco Club

This week the Eco Club helped water all the beautiful plants in and around the school. Thank you Eco Club!



## Discovering Wildlife at Standalone Farm

Forms 1 and 2 had a brilliant trip to Standalone Farm. We learned about Shire horses and the endangered Suffolk Punch horse, of which there are fewer in the world than red pandas.

We also discovered how Standalone Farm is helping to protect local wildlife by creating habitats for hedgehogs, caring for endangered species, and providing an environment where animals can thrive.

It was a fantastic day, full of exciting experiences. We all learned so much!





## First Holy Communion News

Over the last couple of weeks, Anulika, Emmie and Theodore from Form 3 have all made their First Holy Communions in their local parishes. On Monday 29th June, the Prep School community and the parents and grandparents of the child were able to get together for a whole school Liturgy of the Word to celebrate this important milestone in the spiritual journey of the 3 children of whom we are so proud.



## A plea from Nursery!

If you are having a summer clear out and have any socks and pants for approx. age 3-5 years, Nursery and Reception would be very grateful. We are particularly short on spare socks and boys pants please.

Many thanks in advance!





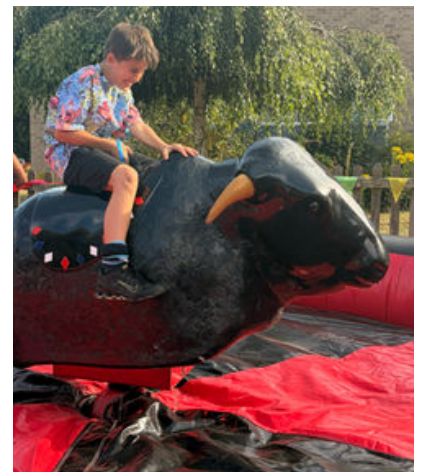
## Form 6 Leavers Party

The Form 6 children had a wonderful time celebrating at their Leavers' Party, marking the end of an important chapter in their journey at St Edmund's Prep. It was a fantastic celebration of everything they have achieved during their time at the school.

The speeches were heartfelt and truly moving, with hardly a dry eye in the room as the children reflected on the many memories and successes shared over the years.

A huge thank you to all the parents and staff who helped organise the event and made it such a memorable occasion for our Form 6.

We wish all of our Form 6 the very best of luck as they embark on exciting new adventures and embrace the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them and look forward to hearing about their future successes.



# This Week In The Prep



## ☀️ A Lovely Finale for Our Reading Ambassadors

We ended the year with a little celebration for our Reading Ambassadors — a chance to thank them for their enthusiasm, leadership, and the brilliant way they've championed our library.



## 🌸 A Heartfelt Thank You

We also want to give a very special thank you to our incredible parent volunteer librarian, Mrs Crook. Her beautiful displays, thoughtful book ordering, and talent for sourcing titles to match children's interests make our library a truly inspiring place. She gives so much of her time and creativity, and we are deeply grateful.

## Who is our 1,500th reader?

A huge congratulations to Cassius Roy, who became our 1,500th book borrower from the school library!

Thank you to all the children who have visited the library and borrowed books this year. It has been wonderful to see so much enthusiasm for reading.

We wish you all a summer full of fun, adventure and brilliant books. If you have time, we would love you to send us a photo of yourself reading during the holidays!

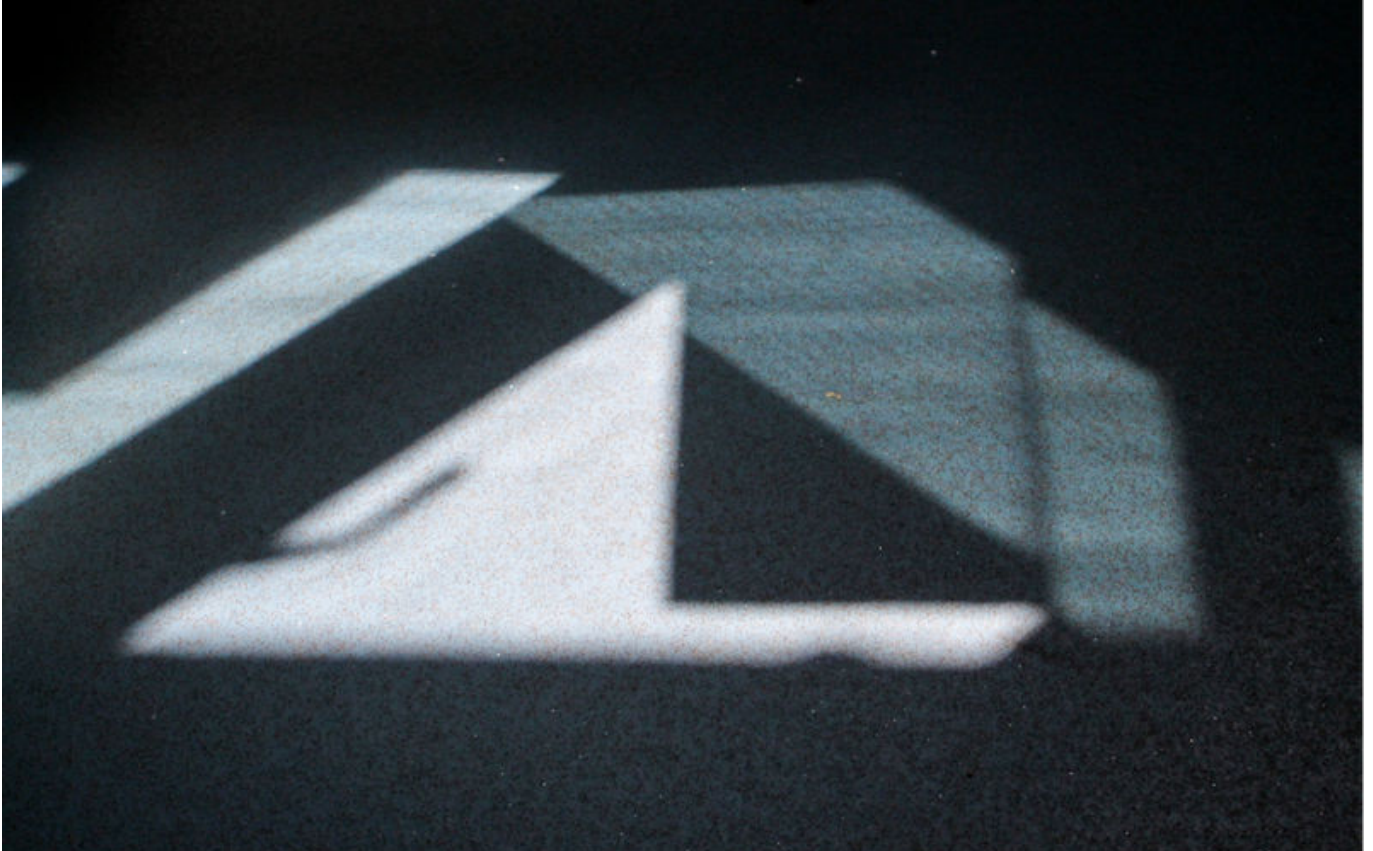




## Photo of the Week

"Anything Goes II" Photography Project  
What can you see in this photograph?

Theodore Bussmann



## 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,  
WCSA Team  
Water Creations Swim Academy  
[info@wcsacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@wcsacademy.co.uk)  
[www.wcsacademy.co.uk](http://www.wcsacademy.co.uk)



Water Creations  
SWIM ACADEMY



WARE, SG11 1DS  
ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE  
& PREP SCHOOL



ST EDMUND'S PREP

# 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  
CHILDCARE VOUCHERS / TAX-FREE CREDITS ACCEPTED



[WWW.WCSACADEMY.CO.UK](http://WWW.WCSACADEMY.CO.UK)

Ofsted  
Registered

# HOLIDAY CAMPS

**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.**

CAMP



Monday - Friday  
Every Half-Term

SAVE  
THE DATE

[www.wcsacademy.co.uk](http://www.wcsacademy.co.uk)

[info@wcsacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@wcsacademy.co.uk)

## 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!

## Call And Find Us

020 8016 4222

@wcsacademyuk



REGISTER  
NOW!

