



ST EDWARD'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we have approached the end of our fourth week in school. Please enjoy reading this newsletter compiled by each year group in order to update you on all the fantastic learning that has taken place this week. We must also compliment the children once again on their maturity and attitude towards learning. They are continuing to support each other in all that they do and do so with a ready smile and a great sense of fun. As always, thank you for your continued support and good wishes.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Brown, Mrs Teasdale & Mrs Fox



#### Faith Space

Churches are beginning to open but with limited capacity - and some of us may still feel unable to make it to Mass; this place is a space where we can connect as a faith community while remaining physically distant.

As it is the 1600th anniversary of St. Jerome next week, we will be celebrating this with a theme week, centred on the Year of the Word. Pupils will be looking at how scripture is at the centre of everything the Church does. The word of God shapes our prayer and worship. The Bible shows us how to understand the world, how we are called to live and related to each other.

*"That is why the Lord gives you his word, so that you can receive it like a love letter..." - Pope Francis*

Upcoming feasts: 29th September - Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael; 30th September - St. Jerome; 1st October - St. Thérèse of Lisieux; Holy Guardian Angels/Harvest Fast Day - 2nd October

#### Year 6

Another fantastic week has flown past in Year 6! The children have thoroughly enjoyed continuing to read 'Private Peaceful', linking to both our English and History.

The children have been exploring the events leading up to the start of WW1, specifically researching the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand. We certainly have some budding historians in Year 6! In Maths, negative numbers have been our focus. We have been counting forwards and backwards through zero and applying this knowledge by solving problems involving negative numbers in context (including temperature and money).

Well done Year 6. Keep up the hard work!



#### Year 5

It has been another great week in Year Five! Lots of learning, lots of discussion and lots of hard work! Our main focus has been the Blitz and we have been searching for bias in historical sources. Our artwork has also been linked to the Blitz and as such we have produced some striking displays in our classrooms. During Maths, we have refreshed our understanding of negative numbers and applied this knowledge to problem solving. We are currently enjoying our first text of the term Rose Blanche. We are studying the main character's feelings and emotions. Keep it up Year Five! We are so impressed with your resilience and maturity.



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### Year 3 / 4

Well done to all of our Year 3/4 children for continuing to showcase their hard working and mature attitude. This week, the children have produced some wonderful descriptions about Wonka's factory using exciting vocabulary and similes. They have started a new Maths unit focusing on addition and subtraction. In Science, Y3/4 have continued to learn about light and dark concentrating on different reflective surfaces. The children enjoyed learning about democracy in Ancient Greece and comparing it to the UK today. During RE, Y3/4 are continuing to explore different ways in which to live a holy life. The children have also enjoyed PE, French and Music this week alongside PSHE lessons to focus on their well-being.

### Year 2

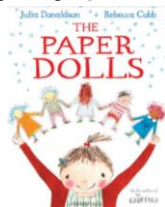
It has been so lovely to see the children being super organised in school this week: reading at home and changing reading books in school, completing homework tasks on Google Classroom and coming into school on Thursday wearing their full PE kits (navy joggers/shorts, navy sweatshirt and white t-shirt) we would like to say a big well done to you all. We have had another engaging week of learning; in English we have been reading 'Queen Victoria's Knickers' and we held a debate about whether we thought Queen Victoria should wear royal pants or not. In maths we have continued to explore Number and Place Value and have been using number lines to add 9 and 19 to a two-digit number. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about how classrooms have changed over time and many were thankful they did not attend school in the Victorian times. We have linked Art with our RE work exploring Psalm 19 and the children had the opportunity to use 'Brusho' to create wonderful sunrise paintings.

### Year 1

The children have enjoyed reading The Paper Dolls which is another story by Julia Donaldson.

We have learnt some new vocabulary this week; author, illustrator, illustration and title. In groups we have sequenced the story using pictures and recalling the repeated phrases from the text. The children have enjoyed making their very own paper dolls in our sticky area too!

In maths, we have been consolidating our knowledge and understanding of place value and practising our reasoning skills with some true or false statements. On Thursday, the children came into school in their PE kits for the first time – ready and raring to go for their PE lesson!



### EYFS - Nursery & Reception

This week Reception have listened carefully to the story 'Guess How Much I Love You' by Sam McBratney. They created amazing story maps in order to retell the story and have also acted out different parts of the story with actions.

We sang lots of number songs and enjoyed counting games in Maths.

We are so proud of all the children for continuing to embrace school life and new friends!

Splish! Splash! Splish! Nursery have been having fun exploring water in the sunshine in the EYFS garden.



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