



8th February 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for your support during the first half term of the new academic year. It has been a positive five weeks of learning: pupil voice has been invaluable from pupils in their leadership roles, all governors have visited school this half term and our excellent Ofsted report has been published...the list goes on. It is your partnership with school and parish community that allows this to happen- thank you so much for your continued support.

The calendar on our website is regularly updated and contains dates of activities that are taking place. Please ensure you check the website and the letter you received in September regarding key events to support your planning of next half term and indeed for the rest of the academic year.

Please see the notice below regarding leave of absence.

[LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR ANNUAL HOLIDAY The Education \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) Regulations 2006](#)

Amendments to the 2006 Regulations remove references to family holiday and extended leave as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days. The amendments make clear that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Headteachers should determine the number of days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted.

Please do not book your holiday during term time or until you have requested authorisation. School is monitoring the attendance very closely alongside NPCAT. Please ensure your child is in school every day and punctual. Gates open at 8.30am to allow your child to enter the classrooms before school starts at 8.50am. Gates close at 8.50am.

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A reminder of the dates for your diaries:

*Y4B parent consultation will take place once Mrs Brady returns to school
Y3W Miss Watson's parent consultation takes place on Thursday 22nd February (a letter went out to parents 6th February)

KS2 Sats Meeting- 6A classroom 28th February 3.15pm-4.15pm
Y3C Stay and Pray- 28th February 9am-9.30am
Y3W Stay and Pray- 6th March 9am-9.30am
KS1 Y2 SATs/Teacher Assessments Meeting-6th March 3.15pm-4.15pm
World Book Day- Thursday 7th March
Reception Educational Visit-Friday 15th March
Nursery (am) Stay, Pray and Play-Monday 18th March-8.30am-9.30am
Reception Stay, Pray and Play-Monday 18th March-9am-10am
Nursery (pm) Monday 18th March-12.20pm-1.20pm
KS1 Lenten Liturgy (Y1 parents) Tuesday 19th March 9.15am
KS1 Lenten Liturgy (Y2 parents) Tuesday 19th March 2.30pm
Y3 and Y4 Lenten Liturgy (Y3 parents) Wednesday 20th March 9.15am
Y3 and Y4 Lenten Liturgy (Y4 parents) Wednesday 20th March 2.30pm
Y5 and Y6 Lenten Liturgy (Y5 parents) Thursday 21st March 9.15am
Y5 and Y6 Lenten Liturgy (Y6 parents) Thursday 21st March 2.30pm
Easter activities- more details to follow after half term

KS2 SATs test week for Y6:
Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May

Phonics Check Week for Y1 (and some pupils in Y2):
Monday 10th June - Friday 14th June

KS1 Teacher Assessments begin in May

Multiplication Tables Checking assessment for Y4 pupils
Monday 10th June- Friday 21st June

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Important reminders:

A reminder - please be aware of the apps your children are accessing on iPad's or mobile phones and check all devices the children are using, especially as we now enter the half term holiday. In school, during lessons and in particular Safer Internet Day, which was held on February 6th, the pupils are constantly made aware of the importance of online safety and of using devices of any kind generally. Together, we can make sure your child is aware of all the dangers regarding online activity and protect the children. Please get in touch with school should you need any support with any information about apps, settings or any concerns you may have and we will be only too happy to help.

Letters to you continue to be sent through email. The letters will also be uploaded onto our website in the parent's section and on latest news. Please check daily for any updates. Classes will post events and activities of school life on Facebook too so look out for these. If you would like a hard copy of the letter, please just inform the school office and it can be sent home with your child.

Children's Mental Health Week

We observed Children's Mental Health Week this week and it is worth noting that our pupils discussed openly of the importance of mental health as well as physical health. Lessons over the week encouraged open discussions, developed the knowledge and understanding of building resilience and the importance of building relationships and support networks.

Parental Consultations and Pupil Voice:

We have just finished the last of our spring term consultations. Holding consultations during the day and into the evening allows for a longer allocation/slot to discuss your child in depth. I do hope you found the consultation informative and together we can work on the targets for the rest of the academic year.

Our pupil groups such as Chaplaincy group, Laudato Si, Mini Vinnies, School Council, Sports Crew, Polish Club, Prayer group, Chess Club and Digital Champions also support the school in moving forward, alongside the Safeguarding Superheroes and School Council. Thank you to them! Fantastic comments about all our pupils were observed during Ofsted.

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Our new January starters in Nursery have settled well into our EYFS. It is lovely to see them so settled in the Nursery setting.

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs McGuinness and Mrs Angel have been appointed as Assistant Headteachers for two terms. They join me as the senior leadership team of St Edward's driving forward standards and expectations as we progress into the next half of the academic year. They will still be teaching in their year groups, Reception and Y6. Many congratulations to you both.

Finally... please, as always, keep our school and parish community members in your prayers and thoughts. Many are experiencing grief, illness and generally hard times. You are always in our prayers at school.

I wish you all a happy, safe and relaxing half term holiday and look forward to seeing you on Monday 19th February.

Best wishes,
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