



May/June 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re: Parent letter June 2025

How quick and productive the last half term turned out to be from pupils completing tests in school - fingers crossed for you for great results - to pupil voice decisions and discussions; parent & pupil DT sessions in the hall and an exciting and fun filled Y6 residential.

And so here we are with only 3 weeks until the end of the academic year. I know I say this every year but the speed at which this academic year has gone has been unbelievable! Please look out for upcoming events on our website and you will be reminded by letters.

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.

Please make sure you are aware of the above notice regarding term time requests.

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May I remind you about parking:

The school car park is for **staff only**. NPCAT has informed us that this is **strictly for staff** so please be mindful of this. More details will be given in September.

Neighbours in the local area have complained that our parents are blocking their driveways and they are informing the police. Again, please be mindful of where you park when dropping off and collecting children during the week.

The pupils made their First Holy Communion in last week. They did so with such respect, they looked wonderful and we were as proud of them as you were. It was a privilege to join with the family members in church. A huge thank you to Mrs Gardner for organising the programme and the day itself and to all the catechists (volunteering) who attended the meetings with pupils and parents. You know who you are.... so, thank you!!

I have been absolutely blown away by the generosity and kindness our pupils across school have shown this year. Many pupils support one another in class, support and encourage friendships during breaktimes, give kind words of advice to their peers, produce prayers and thoughtful words to help others and many pupils want to lead and support initiatives of their own for the community. This has been demonstrated by one of our pupils over half term- fundraising for cancer research. Amazing....

Children plan their own ideas for fundraising, organise the event, carry these out (whether in school or out of school), raise funds and then plan what to do next with the funds. I have to tell you they keep very quiet about it!! They are so modest and unassuming when discussing with me the outcomes of their ideas. I say it all the time, but what a credit they are to you and the school.

The PTA members are looking for more parents to join their group. It would be great for you as parents (if you are available) to support us with the organisation of the events for the children in the next academic year and indeed Autumn term 2025.

This term I have met with some of the pupil leadership groups. The discussions have been very informative and the pupils have expressed their delight with all going on in school. They have spoken to visitors in school and these visitors have spoken about how confident, articulate and above all, happy and safe the pupils feel they are. The pupils have been discussing their vision for next academic year.

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'Oliver'-our annual show at the Little Theatre last week was incredible! I agree with lots of parents when they commented on the brilliant singing, dancing, acting and costumes. The show was so professional that it was hard to believe the performers were from Y1-Y6 primary school children!!! Thank you for your help with the costumes and for allowing the children to take part. Thank you, Sophie, Emily and Mrs Angel, for leading this. I am looking forward to next year's show- they have given me a few clues as to what it may be and I can tell you that it will be as wonderful as last week.

Many competitions had been planned for this half term. I want to congratulate the children who have taken part in competitions so far.

Sports Day for all year groups was a success. Thank you for attending. I do hope you enjoyed your sports day - the pupils certainly did!

Very soon it will be each year group's summer disco and the Y6 pupils have many exciting activities planned to celebrate their time in St Edward's.... lots to look forward to!

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all our year 6 pupils who are preparing for their final few weeks in St Edward's and their transition into secondary school. They are a joy to teach and their secondary schools are lucky to be welcoming them in September but until then.... let's make the next few weeks a wonderful time of many happy memories.

There are two transition days for the pupils in Reception- Y5 here in school on **July 8th and 9th** where the class will meet with their new teacher. This has proven to be really beneficial for the pupils in the past and I am sure this will be the same this year.

School Uniform: School uniform and PE uniform will not change-Lollipop's will continue to be our supplier for September 2025. The company visited school: 24th and 25th June during the sports days for Y1, 2, 3 and 4.

A reminder that the Catholic Schools Inspection (CSI) final report for our school has been published and is available to read on our website. **The report is excellent and in all 9 areas of the inspection the school was judged to be outstanding.** We are incredibly proud of the report, of the pupils in our school and you as parents in our school parish and community. I am also proud of all the staff no matter their role in school. Thank you so much for your continued support.

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Wonderful news:

I wish to congratulate Mrs Chapman (formerly Miss Joynes), who works in our EYFS provision, on her marriage during the Easter holiday. We wish you and your husband the best of luck for the future.

Also, congratulations to Mrs Stephenson (formerly Miss Mullen) who was married during the May half term holiday. We would like to wish you and your husband all the very best for the future.

As always, please keep in your prayers and thoughts for those in our community and the local area experiencing sadness, bereavement and illness at this particular time.

I will send another letter before we finish for the summer but until then please take care.

With many thanks to you all.

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