



# St Edmund's Catholic Primary School

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In this week's Gospel, we learned how the disciples jealously wanted to keep the power to heal to themselves. This assembly explored Jesus' response to our envious tendencies and challenges pupils to celebrate the abilities and character of others.



**"Anyone who is not against us is for us."**

**Mark 9:40**



## Key Messages

Children will understand that:

- Jealousy can stop us from celebrating and encouraging others.
- Jesus asks us not to stand in the way of others' attempts to do good.

This week's Gospel gives us all something to reflect on that it is important for us to remember whenever we do something good for another person, even the smallest good deed, God is pleased with us. And God wants us to appreciate the good deeds of others, who are working, like us, to serve the Kingdom of God. It also brings joy to others and we feel good that we have brought that to someone's day.

It is fast approaching the time for our first parent/teacher conferences. This is an opportunity to hear how your child is settling into the new school year and what goals have been set for them. Please remember these are only 10 minute slots, if you wish to have a longer chat make an appointment through the school office.

Opportunity to book your slot/slots for siblings are available at the offices.

I want to take the opportunity to thank all the parents that came to our first Reading Café. Miss Lyons was impressed with your engagement and contributions. We will be looking to hold a Maths Café next half term.

Both schools have now become Asthma Friendly Schools, working with the County Council to meet the criteria for this. Part of this is training for all staff which we are pleased will be happening next week. We take being asthmatic seriously and our new policy reflects this, please see the school website for this.

You may have noticed a PCSO in the playground, nothing to worry about, these are going to be regular visits termly so you can get a chance to talk to them about any local concerns or seek advice. Please say hello and offer a warm welcome.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Barlow

## Big Speech

These were very successful last year, so we are starting them again. I hope more children will take part this year and have the confidence to speak to an audience. It is such a worthwhile skill to develop and also challenges children to think deeper about what is important to them and the wider world.

## Are the best things in life free?

Things like friends, family and good memories are free but other stuff, like trainers and video games, are quite expensive. Think about the truth of this statement and what great



things you can get for free, and what things you can give for free, like your time and your attention. These things are hard to get off people these days.

*The best things in life are free.*

- Anon

**Dates to prepare for:** St Benet's Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2:30pm

St Edmund's Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2:30pm

## Attendance



**DID YOU KNOW? A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.7%**

This week we are aiming for 96%. St Benet's as a school is at 93% and St Edmund's is 97%. Well done to all the year groups above 96% this week and those at 100% this is amazing. No reds this week for St Edmund's and only one this week for St Benet's. Thank you to all parents for committing to improving the attendance figures this week.

Year Group	St Benet's	St Edmund's
R	100%	100%
1	96%	100%
2	87%	98%
3	97%	99%
4	96%	95%
5	93%	97%
6	90%	91%



### Forest School dates

10<sup>th</sup> October - Year 2

17<sup>th</sup> October - Reception and year 1

24<sup>th</sup> October - Reception and year 1

### Other upcoming dates

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October – 1.45pm – 2.15pm - open afternoon for Year 6 at NDHS

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – 2.30pm – stay and pray session Rowan class

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – 3.15pm - school uniform and coat swap



Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – 2.30pm – stay and pray session Beech class

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – whole school photographs  
*If your child has PE on this day, please send to school in full school uniform with a change of clothes for PE*

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – 3.30pm – 6pm – parents evening – please contact the school

office for a 10 minute appointment

Half term - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November – 9am – 12noon - open morning for prospective parents – if you know anyone with a child starting school in September 2025, please do encourage them to come have a look at our lovely school

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Crucial Crew trip year 6

*A national programme teaching Year 6 pupils about road and cycle safety, hand washing hygiene, fire safety, crime reduction and unknown substance awareness.*



We're working towards Artsmark Awarded by Arts Council England



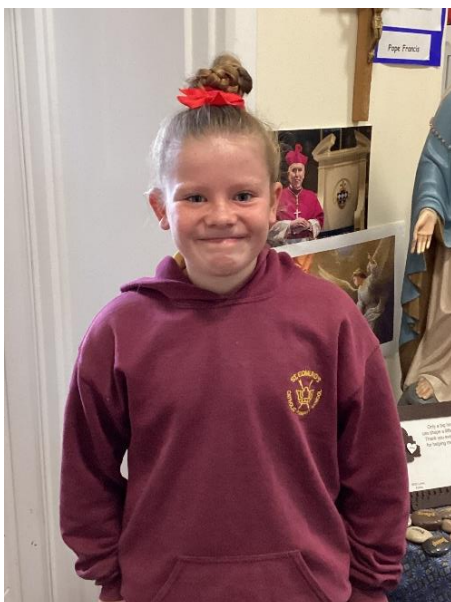
# Heart of Gold



In Beech class Imogen has received the Heart of Gold for the value of Respecting Difference. Imogen was able to explain that it is alright to be different from our friends and this is what makes us all special. Well done Imogen.



This week in Rowan class our Heart of Gold for solidarity goes to Atreyu. He always treats others as equals and is always thinking of ways to make the world a better place. He will go above and beyond to help others. If he thinks someone is being treated unfairly he will always raise this with an adult. Keep up the good work Atreyu!



This week's Heart of gold in Oak class goes to Lyra, for showing our value of solidarity. During class assembly, Lyra spoke about the importance of us all standing together, even when things become difficult. She also said that we all need to be respectful of other people's beliefs and values. Lyra understands that we all need to show solidarity at school, in order to build resilience and growth. She knows that this will create a positive and creative learning environment and a happier school community. We are so proud of your maturity and kind heart, well done Lyra!