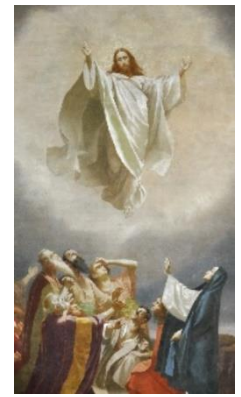


Newsletter 24: Friday 3rd May 2024



Dear Parents,

Ascension Day Mass – Fr Jonathan will be celebrating Mass at school at 10am on Thursday 9th May. You are all welcome to come and join us.

Mrs Nicholls – is retiring on Friday 10th May after an amazing twenty-seven years in the school office at St Edmund's. She is part of our school and will be greatly missed by everyone. If you would like to make a contribution to her retiring collection, please drop this into the office marked 'Mrs Nicholls'.

Clubhouse – as most people know, we run our own very successful Breakfast and After-School Club, which currently has a waiting list. However, we are delighted to let you know that, from September of this year, we are able to increase our capacity and are hoping to offer places to those on the waiting list.

School closed – please don't forget that next Monday is a Bank Holiday, and the school will be closed.



Baking Competition – yesterday we sent out information regarding next Tuesday's summer-themed PSA Baking Competition. It will be wonderful to see the many and varied creations coming into school on Tuesday. Please don't forget to come to school on Tuesday for pick-up prepared to buy the lovely cakes, and thereby raise funds for the school.

Japanese Children's Day (Kodomo no Hi) – the children of Year 3 had a wonderful time on Thursday immersing themselves in Japanese culture. For instance, they made traditional Konibori kites (the kites symbolise strength). They also did some origami, making kabuto helmets. They have also learned some taiko drumming. Wow, what a fascinating day!



Autism – below is a link giving information about the launch of 'Autism Friendly Guildford and Waverley'. It will be taking place at G Live in Guildford, on Monday 13th May from 2-6pm. [Autism Friendly Guildford and Waverley Launch Event \(experienceguildford.com\)](https://www.experienceguildford.com)

PSA Dates and information – last week we sent out dates about the various things the PSA is organising for this term and other important information. In brief, here are the dates to note:

1 st May	PSA AGM 2.30pm at school	21 st June	Sweetie Mufti
7 th May	Baking Competition	28 th June	Bottle Mufti
17 th May	Mufti Day and Film Show	29 th June	SUMMER FETE
24 th May	Year 2 Cake Sale	5 th July	Year R Cake Sale
14 th June	Year 1 Cake Sale	12 th July	Leavers' Disco



Phyllis Tuckwell – Mrs Clifford would be very happy to receive any used postage stamps in order to raise funds for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. Also, plastic milk bottle tops would be super as well.

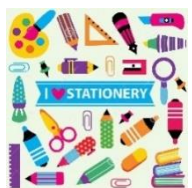


Italian phrase of the week – "Che bella giornata speriamo!" (What a beautiful day we hope!)



Phyllis
Tuckwell
Hospice

Headteacher's Blog – every Friday Mrs Higgins writes about what has been happening in school during the week in her Headteacher's Blog in the website. Have a look every week to keep yourselves up to date by clicking on [this link](#).



Pen Shop – the children of Year 6 run our weekly Pen Shop on Fridays at lunchtime. For your information, here are the prices: ordinary pencil 20p, automatic pencil 45p, eraser 15p, short ruler 15p, long ruler 20p, Berol handwriting pen 30p, glue stick 40p, sharpener 30p, Reading Record book 30p, Homework diary 40p, highlighter pen 20p, pink and green biro 10p, small notebook 20p. As you can see, these prices are such that no child should need to bring to school as much as a £5/£10 note.

PARISH NEWS

- **Coffee after 8.45am Mass at St John's this Sunday** - please join us. Children's Liturgy is available during Mass and is open to all children of primary school age, from year R to year 6. Younger siblings are welcome to be brought in if accompanied by a parent.
- **Week of Guided Prayer - 16-21 June** The parish is hosting this 'retreat in daily life'; it's an opportunity to take time away from the noise of everyday life and into the quiet beauty of the Franciscan Centre at Ladywell Convent. You can arrange daily 30-minute one-to-one sessions with a Spiritual Director at a time to suit you. To find out more and to register: <https://stedsgod.churchsuite.com/events/wwcf6kzd>



- **Big Church Festival 25 & 26 May, Wiston Park** This is an amazing Christian festival, and great for families, teenagers, young and old adults! Activities and camping, and Mass will be celebrated on Sunday by Bishop Richard. Save up to 52% using this link: <https://bigchurch.group/2024/catholics-at-big-church-festival>
- **Worth Abbey June Gathering** A day out at Worth Abbey, 11am-4.30pm on 1 June, with prayer in the Abbey church, guided walks through woods and fields, and activities for young families www.worthabbeypilgrims.com
- **Grandparents' Pilgrimage** to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation and St Francis, West Grinstead, 26 June, 10.30am-3pm. A day of sharing and prayer with other grandparents, led by Bishop Richard, with Mass, rosary, tours of the secret chapel: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/h4bozjok>
- **Job Vacancy at Ladywell** Franciscan Centre Team Member – F/T role with a mix of ministry & administration. For more information Recruitment@ladywell.org.uk

IMPORTANT DATES

THIS TERM (new items in yellow)

Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Wed 8 May	Y4 to Cranleigh (pm)
Thu 9 May	10am Ascension Day Mass
Mon 13 May	Start of KS2 SATs week
Fri 17 May	Mufti Day 2.30pm Parents' Forum 3.30pm PSA film show
Tue 21 May	Y2 Florence Nightingale workshop
Wed 22 May	May Procession to Ladywell
Fri 24 May	Class photos 3.20pm close for half-term holiday
Mon 3 Jun	INSET DAY – school closed
Tue 4 Jun	Children return to school 2pm Mass
Fri 7 Jun	9.05am Y4/FHC assembly
Mon 10 Jun	Y5+6 first aid training
Mon 17 Jun	Y6 Bikeability (all week)
Fri 21 Jun	Y4 to Life of Christ at Wintershall
Mon 24 Jun	YR to Tuesley Farm
Mon 1 Jul	Sports Day & Picnic
Tue 2 Jul	Y6 Transition Day at St Peter's Moving Up Day (all year groups) New YR Induction Morning
Mon 8 Jul	6pm Y6 production
Fri 12 Jul	2.30pm Parents' Forum

THIS TERM cont

Mon 15 Jul	Y6 leavers' workshop at Ladywell
Tue 15 Jul	2.45pm Rocksteady Concert
Wed 17 Jul	9.30am Leavers' Liturgy at Ladywell
Fri 19 Jul	2pm close for summer holiday

TERM DATES 2023-2024

Sum: 15 Apr-19 Jul 2024 (half-term w/c 27 May)

REMAINING INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS

6 May (bank holiday); INSET 3 June

TERM DATES NEXT YEAR 2024-2025

Aut: 2 Sept-20 Dec 2024 (half-term w/c 28 Oct)

Spr: 6 Jan-4 Apr 2025 (half-term w/c 17 Feb)

Sum: 22 Apr-18 Jul 2025 (half-term w/c 26 May)

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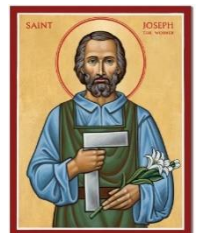
2 + 3 Sept, 4 Oct, 2 Dec 2024, 14 Mar 2025
Bank holidays: 5 May 2025



Ethos Statement 26: I can recognise comfortable and uncomfortable feelings.

We pray together: Father, we feel uncomfortable when we know we have done something hurtful or wrong. Help us to listen more closely to our conscience and to always do what is right. In that way we will always feel comfortable. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN

Thought for the Week: Christians should be aware of this revolutionary understanding of the purpose of their work in the world. We are not to choose jobs and conduct our work to fulfil ourselves and accrue power, for being called by God to do something is empowering enough. We are to see work as a way of service to God and our neighbour, and so we should both choose and conduct our work in accordance with that purpose. The question regarding our choice of work is no longer, "What will make me the most money and give me the most status?" The question must now be, "How, with my existing abilities and opportunities, can I be of greatest service to other people, knowing what I do of God's will and human need?" *Timothy Keller, recalling the Feast of Joseph the Worker (1st May)*



Money Matters: first half of the Summer Term 2024

Dinners (KS2 ONLY):	£78.30 (29 days at £2.70; Mon 15 Apr to Fri 24 May 2024)
Governors' Fund:	£20 per family per term, cheques payable to "St Edmund's School Governors Godalming" If setting up a Direct Debit online: 40-05-20; 21127306; account name as above
Clubhouse:	£6.75 am session; £14.50 pm session
PSA Website:	www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk

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Safeguarding at St Edmund's

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) who is **Mrs Higgins, Mrs Patrick or Mrs Millis.**

