

# Newsletter 25: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents,

**First Holy Communion** – congratulations to all those children who will be making their First Holy Communion this weekend; we will be holding you in our prayers. We join you and your families in your joy as you take this very important step in your faith journey.



**Farewell!** – I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kind words to me as I prepare to leave St Edmund's today, after 27 years of service. When I reflect upon the changes over those years, it is incredible. In 1997 there was not a single computer in the school, and I had to use a really old-fashioned sit-up-beg typewriter. A mistake or change meant retyping entire documents. Whole afternoons were often spent in a small cupboard, hunched over the photocopier coping letters, newsletters, all those communications which now go out via email. Thank heavens for computers and progress! I have seen enough grazed knees and bumped heads to last a lifetime; I reckon I have applied about 26,000 plasters; picked up the phone and said, "Hello, St Edmund's" over 100,000 times. I have typed approximately 1,500,000 words in terms of weekly newsletters alone. In those years I have worked for ten Headteachers, the longest standing being Mrs Higgins. 'Office Ladies' are there for the whole school community: the

children, staff, parents ... everyone! It is a unique position in terms of serving a whole community, and I have enjoyed it so much. I am very sad to leave, but the reality is that, from June, I will have two young grandchildren to look after. Added to that, my husband also leaves his work today, hence a new era for us both begins today. I hope you will remember me in your prayers, as I will remember you and your children in mine.

**Ascension Day Mass** – thank you very much to Father Jonathan for celebrating a beautiful Ascension Day Mass for us. Well done to all the servers and readers who helped to make the celebration a good one. It is always lovely to welcome parents and also parishioners into school for these occasions which remind us that St Edmund's School is part of a much wider faith family.

**Roman Day** – it has been fun to see the children of Year 4 immersing themselves in the life and times of the Romans. They designed Roman shields, practised Roman army formations, baked oatcakes and learned about Roman numerals and Boudicca. The day ended with a Roman banquet in the afternoon.



**Year 4 singing** – the children of Year 4 had a lovely time yesterday afternoon at Christ the Redeemer of Mankind RC church in Cranleigh. Along with other schools, they sang a medley of songs, including hymns and well-known tunes. Everyone had a lovely time.

**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.

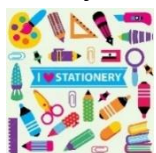
**Baking Competition** – thank you very much to all those children who took part in the recent PSA Baking Competition. We are delighted to announce the winners: Year 6 Arthur; Year 5 Zach; Year 4 Emma; Year 3 Evie; Year 2 Aurora; Year 1 Elliott; Year R George. The overall winner was Alma in Year 5.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> May from 2-6pm. [Autism Friendly Guildford and Waverly Launch Event \(experienceguildford.com\)](https://www.experienceguildford.com)

**Italian phrase of the week** – "Non capisco" – "I don't understand"



**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 biros 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**



**Children's Liturgy at 8.45am Mass at St John's** 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. Next Pentecost Sunday 18 May we will celebrate the birthday of our church with a special cake at coffee after 8.45am Mass. Please do join us for this birthday celebration!

**Bumps, Babes and Toddlers** The parish group is every Monday morning (not bank holidays) 10.30-12 at St John's Hall, Farncombe. All welcome.

**Parish Meeting on Wednesday 15 May** This will include presentations on the responses to the Consultation on the future of our Churches; parish finance; and the unfolding of the Pastoral Plan. Please join us at 7.30pm at St Edmund's school.

**Week of Guided Prayer - 16-21 June** The parish is hosting this 'retreat in daily life', which offers an opportunity to take time away from the noise of everyday life and enjoy 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>

**Job Vacancy at Ladywell** Franciscan Centre Team Member - F/T role with a mix of ministry & administration. For more information: [Recruitment@ladywell.org.uk](mailto:Recruitment@ladywell.org.uk)

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**THIS TERM (new items in yellow)**

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 - <b>school closed</b>
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
Fri 14 Jun	Italian Day 3.15pm PSA Y1 Cake Sale
Mon 17 Jun	Y6 Bikeability (all week)
Fri 21 Jun	PSA Mufti Day (sweets)
Mon 24 Jun	Y4 to Life of Christ at Wintershall
Mon 24 Jun	YR to Tuesley Farm
Fri 28 Jun	PSA Mufti Day (bottles)
Sat 29 Jun	PSA Summer Fete (timings TBC)
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

**THIS TERM cont ....**

Fri 5 Jul	PSA YR Cake Sale Mon 8 Jul 6pm Y6 production
Thu 11 Jul	2.20pm Musical Concert TBC
Fri 12 Jul	2.30pm Parents' Forum Mon 15 Jul Y6 leavers' workshop at Ladywell
Tue 16 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)

**INSETS, CLOSURES & BANK HOLIDAYS**

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



**Ethos Statement 27:** I know how to help others when they are in trouble.

**We pray together:** Father, you are always there to help us when we are in trouble. Help us to be your faithful servants here on earth by always being ready to help those around us who are in any sort of trouble. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.



**Thought for the Week:** The school of Christ is the school of love. In the last day, when the general examination takes place, love will be the whole syllabus. *St Robert Bellarmine.*

**Money Matters: first half of the Summer Term 2024**

<b>Dinners (KS2 ONLY):</b>	£78.30 (29 days at £2.70; Mon 15 Apr to Fri 24 May 2024)
<b>Governors' Fund:</b>	£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
<b>Clubhouse:</b>	£6.75 am session; £14.50 pm session
<b>PSA Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk">www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk</a>

<b>Confused by jargon?</b>	Try our glossary or Frequently Asked Questions pages under "School Information"
<b>Still confused?</b>	Then <a href="mailto:info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk">info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk</a> or ☎ 01483 414497
<b>Dates for the year ahead</b>	<a href="http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&amp;pid=14&amp;viewid=1">http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&amp;pid=14&amp;viewid=1</a>
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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.**

