



Diocese of Portsmouth

ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

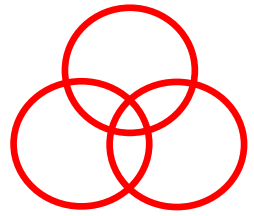
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Dear Parents,

Term 5 is now well underway and life at school is as busy as ever. Unfortunately, the weather is taking a little while to realise that we are now heading quickly towards summer once more.

Mini Vinnies

We are incredibly proud of the hard work and initiative shown by our Year 6 children in the Mini Vinnies group. They are fully committed to the role of helping others in need and as such they have worked alongside other children from St Edmund's Youth Group to raise £781.75 towards the parish Lenten Projects. This is a tremendous amount of money for a small number of children to raise. Particular congratulations go to Ellie and Jessica. Ellie raised £210 and Jess raised £40 for the Lenten projects, by asking people to sponsor their Treasure Trail around Abingdon over the Easter holidays. Thank you to all the Mini Vinnies and their families for your generous contributions and hard work raising funds for our chosen charities.

Our Mini Vinnies are now turning their attention to preparing for the diocesan Dragon's Den competition in Portsmouth in June when they will present their Light project to the Bishop and his representatives in the hope of raising extra funds to make their aspirational plans become a reality. This is a joint venture with pupils from OLA Senior School and it's lovely to see pupils from the two schools in the parish working alongside one another for the benefit of others. Further information to follow shortly.

Anti-Bullying Champions

As you are aware our teachers and children have done a lot of work this academic year to raise awareness around the important issue of bullying and to ensure that, in the very rare event that a child is being bullied they, and their families are very sure of what to do about it and who to speak to. As part of this work Mrs Kelly and Miss Finch have had extra training and received extra valuable resources to use with the children. We had a very successful Anti-Bullying week for the whole school last November and the Key Stage 2 children have recently completed an online Anti-Bullying questionnaire- the results of which we will be able to share with you shortly. All of this important work has resulted in our school being awarded the recognition of being an Anti-Bullying Champion School by the anti-bullying alliance, as well as helping to make sure that your children always feel safe and happy at school of course!

First Holy Communion

There are just a few weeks left now before many of our children will make their First Holy Communion. The Holy Communion Masses at St Edmund's church are as follows:

Saturday 14th May at 11am

Sunday 15th May at 2pm

Sunday 22nd May at 2pm

We will also have a special Mass in school for all the First Holy Communion children on **Wednesday 25th May at 2pm**. The children are very welcome to wear their First Holy Communion clothes for this Mass and all their families and friends are welcome to join us. Please keep all of the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion in your prayers.





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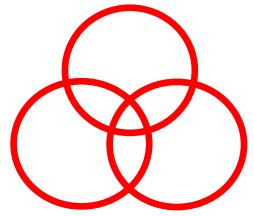
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Year 6 Leavers Book

Our Year 6 children are starting to prepare their special Leavers Book now remembering all the special things they have done and enjoyed over the years here at St Edmund's. Mrs Whyte, as a Year 6 parent, has volunteered to collate all of the memories and photographs. She has therefore asked if any children or parents have copies of any of the current Year 6 children in events or on trips in the past if you could pass on copies to her to be uploaded into the final book. Do speak to Mrs Whyte or Mrs Hague if you can help in anyway.

Mother Tongue Day

We will be celebrating the rich and diverse cultures we have within our St Edmund's community again in a few weeks' time when we hold our annual Mother Tongue Day on Friday 20th May. To start the day, we will have whole school worship at 9am in the hall to which you are all invited if you are free. During whole school worship I usually read an extract from the Bible and discuss its message and relevance to us. For Mother Tongue Day I would like to ask if any parents/ grandparents/ family friends who are free could read out parts of the Bible reading in their own language so the children really appreciate the Pentecostal story. This was very effective last year and we had five different languages represented alongside English. It would be good to have even more languages this year if possible. As last year, I have asked children to volunteer to read a small prayer in their own language as part of the worship. So far I have had twelve children volunteer for this. I will need you to help your child translate the prayer I will give them into your language and let them practise reading it at home with you. Please check with your child whether they have spoken to me already if you would like them to be involved in this very special worship. We are hoping to have as many languages as possible represented. In the afternoon we are hoping many adults will be free to read stories to children in class in their own language and join us in the hall where we want to set up stalls representing different languages and countries from our school community. The class teachers will send out further details nearer the time but if you feel you will be able to help in any way please do let myself or Mrs Semple know.

Parent View

Thank you to those parents who have taken the time to complete the Ofsted Parent View questionnaire. As you know Ofsted will visit us any day now and they will take note of your views as well as your children's views during the inspection. Completing this online survey is a valuable way of showing all the hard work you have also put in over the last two years since our previous inspection and how you have supported our school to achieve all that we now achieve. If you haven't had time to complete the survey yet do remember the link is always available on the right hand side of our school website. There are only twelve questions so it won't take you very long and your support really is appreciated. Thank you to the thirty-six parents who have already completed the survey.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Delany-White





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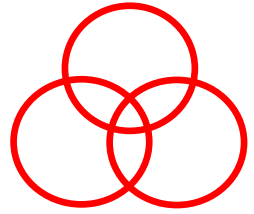
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St Edmund's Catholic Primary School DIARY DATES 2015/16

Date	Event
Monday, 25th April	
Wednesday 27 th April	2pm 2:20pm Mini Vinnies Year 3BH Class Assembly
Friday, 29 th April	2.20 pm Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 2nd May	BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 4 th May	2:20pm Year 4 Class Assembly (please note class change)
Monday, 9th May	KS2 SATs week
Tuesday 10 th May	Year 5 Millets Falconry Centre trip
Wednesday 11 th May	2:20pm Year 3KH Class Assembly (please note class change)
Thursday 12 th May	2pm Unicorn outreach for parents
Friday, 13 th May	2.20 pm Gold Book Assembly
Saturday 14th May	11am First Holy Communion
Sunday 15th May	2pm First Holy Communion
Monday, 16th May	
Tuesday 17 th May	am pm Sun Dome Science Year 5 Film Club
Wednesday, 18 th May	2 pm 2:20pm Mini Vinnies Year 5 Class Assembly
Thursday 19 th May	Year 3 Living Rainforest Trip
Friday, 20 th May	9 am pm Mother Tongue Assembly Mother Tongue stalls in hall
Sunday 22nd May	2pm First Holy Communion
Monday, 23rd May	Year 1 Pitts Rivers trip TBC
Tuesday 24 th May	am pm Year 6 Pizza Express Trip Year 5 Abingdon School science
Wednesday 25 th May	2pm First Holy Communion Mass in school
Thursday, 26 th May	2:20pm Class Reps meeting with Headteacher Non uniform day for Summer Fayre contributions Term 5 ends
Friday, 27 th May	INSET DAY
30th May – 3rd June	Term Break
Monday, 6th June	Term 6 starts
Wednesday 8 th June	pm 2:20pm Year 5 St Helen's & Katherine's Science Event Year 1 Class Assembly
Friday, 10 th June	2.20 pm Gold Book Assembly PA Freezer Pop Friday
Monday, 13th June	pm New Reception children's first visit
Tuesday 14 th June	pm New Nursery children's first visit Year 6 trip to Abingdon Museum





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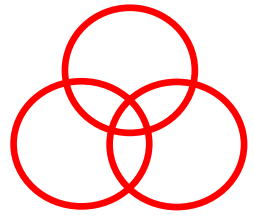
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Wednesday, 15 th June	am 2 pm	Quad Kids Athletics (Years 5 & 6) at Tilsley Park Mass in school
Thursday, 16 th June	am	Quad Kids Athletics (Years 3 & 4) at Radley College TBC
Friday, 17 th June	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly PA Freezer Pop Friday
Saturday 18 th June		Summer Fayre
Monday, 20th June	pm 1:30pm	Year 6 Boys Cricket at Thomas Reade School Welcome new Reception Parents in hall; new Reception children's second visit
Tuesday, 21 st June	pm 1:30pm	Good Shepherd Mass followed by Mini Vinnie's Dragon's Den Competition in Portsmouth Year 6 Girls Cricket at Thomas Reade School Welcome new Nursery Parents in hall; new Nursery children's second visit
Wednesday 22 nd June	pm 2:20pm	Quad Kids (Year 5 & 6) Year 2 Class Assembly
Thursday 23 rd June		Year 4 Ashmolean Museum trip
Friday, 24 th June	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly PA Freezer Pop Friday
Monday, 27th June		
Tuesday, 28 th June	pm	Year 5 Boys Cricket at Thomas Reade School
Wednesday 29 th June	2:20pm	Reception Class Assembly
Friday, 1 st July	10-11:30am 2.20 pm	MFL Celebration Show at Fitzharry's School Gold Book Assembly PA Freezer Pop Friday
Monday, 4th July		
Tuesday 5 th July	6pm	Music Concert
Wednesday 6 th July	2pm	Fr Damian Ryan (an ex pupil) saying Mass for school
Thursday 7 th July	pm	James Carter, poet, visiting PA School Discos
Friday, 8 th July	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly PA Freezer Pop Friday
Monday, 11th July		
Tuesday 12 th July	am 1:30pm 6pm	Year 5 Pizza Express Year 6 Production Year 6 Production
Wednesday 13 th July		Sports Day & Family Picnic
Thursday 14 th July		Sports Day & Family Picnic (if Wednesday is wet)
Friday, 15 th July	2.20 pm	Gold Book Assembly
Monday, 18th July	2pm	Prize Giving
Tuesday 19 th July	2 pm	Leavers' Mass in the hall
Wednesday, 20 th July		Term 6 ends

