

St Edward's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter September 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful long summer break and have found some time to enjoy the time with your families.

A special welcome to all our new pupils and families and we welcome back Miss Bolton to Year 5, we look forward to sharing and celebrating all your child's successes throughout this academic year at St Edward's.

It has been lovely to see the children return to school excited and enthusiastic and looking forward to meeting their new teachers and looking forward to the learning they will undertake this year. It is wonderful to have our new Reception outdoor learning area, to further support the learning of the children within school.



Please could I ask that you ensure the safety of all children by parking cars legally and safely when bringing children to and from school. I have been informed that parking is free for 30 minutes at Tresham and Wicksteed Park.

Further information regarding important dates can be found at the end of this letter.

Please come and speak with me at anytime if you have any worries or concerns or email office@se.ket.olicatschools.org.

Kindest regards

Mrs Olsen

Head of School

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Safeguarding

The most important job we do as a school is keep our children safe. I would like to inform all parents that if you have a concern about your child, or another child in the school, then you should bring this to the attention of the school.

Please note that the Designated Safeguarding Leaders are: Mrs Olsen, Mrs Colson, and Mrs Tennant.

If you have a serious concern out of school hours then you can contact the MASH team on 0300 126 7000.

School Uniform

Many thanks to all of our parents for ensuring your child attends school wearing full school uniform and PE kit. Our uniform is an excellent example of showing our identity and proclaiming our pride in our school. Thank you also for ensuring that the children wear **plain black** shoes for school. As every child has a school uniform, please make sure your child wears it at all times, and **has their name on ALL items of clothing. Jewellery must not be worn during PE lessons** as this could cause your child to have a serious accident. If your child is unable to remove their earrings by themselves please ensure these are removed before they come to school.

Behaviour Policy / School Rules

Children are expected to behave well at all times; in the classroom, playground and to and from school.

Positive behaviour creates a positive atmosphere where effective learning and teaching takes place. As behaviour is a shared responsibility, we actively seek the support of our parents in promoting our class/school rules, in particular our school "Be-attitudes" and demonstrating our school mission statement "Let all we do be done in Love".

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Absence & Late coming

Please note the following information -

- a) All children should be in school by 8.45am prompt.
- b) The school should be contacted before 9am if your child is going to be absent or late.

After 9.10am a member of our office staff will contact those parents who have not informed us of their child's absence. If no contact is made with the family then the appropriate member of the Local Authority will be contacted as the child will be classed as "missing in education".

Please can I remind you of the importance of all children arriving at school by 8.45am prompt. All children's learning begins at this time with spelling, phonics and sensory circuits all of which are essential to your child's learning, with lessons in Mathematics and English beginning at 8:55a.m. The school gate will be closing at 8:55a.m. If your child arrives after this time an adult will need to bring your child to the school office to sign them in. It is therefore essential your child arrives at school on time each day.

PE

Please can you ensure all children wear appropriate school PE kit on there allocated days (**no jewellery to be worn**) PE days as follows:

Year R Tuesday and Friday

Year 1 Monday and Friday

Year 2 Wednesday and Friday

Year 3 Tuesday and Thursday

Year 4 Tuesday and Thursday

Year 5 Monday and Friday

Year 6 Tuesday and Friday

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Family Holidays During Term Time

If your child is taken on a family holiday during term time then this will be classified as an unauthorised absence. **Holidays which exceed 5 days will receive a penalty notice as per Northamptonshire County Council Guidance.** We are unable to authorise any absence unless they are for "exceptional circumstance" and supported by written evidence e.g. Appointment slips.

Nut Free School

Please can I remind all parents that we do have children in the school with nut allergies and we try to ensure that we are a **nut free school**. It is important that there is strict avoidance to this food in order to prevent a life-threatening allergic reaction. Any exposure to peanuts may cause a life-threatening allergic reaction that requires emergency medical treatment. To reduce the chance of this occurring, we are asking that you **do not send any peanut or peanut containing products to school** with your child e.g. peanut butter. If your child has eaten peanuts before coming to school, please be sure your child's hands and face have been thoroughly washed before entering the school.

Inhalers

Please can I ask that all parents of children who suffer from asthma and have inhalers in school to fill in a Medication Consent Form, which can be obtained from the school office, if you have not already done so. Please provide your child's class teacher with an inhaler that can be kept in school and ensure that it is in date and clearly marked with your child's name

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EYFS and Key Stage 1 Universal Infant Free School Meals

All children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 are entitled to have a free school meal. If you wish for your child to receive this then please go online to www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk and register. You must order the meal online the week before and the school will be charged accordingly.

Please be aware that these meals are not free to the school if your child is not registered for a Kingswood meal on our census day (Thursday 3rd October) as the school **only** receives funding for the number of children who have a school dinner on that day and we of course would like to receive the maximum funding to enable us to spend other funds on all of the children, on books, resources or visitors to the school. To help us receive funding please sign your child up for a Kingswood Kitchen meal - hot or packed lunch - before Wednesday 25th September. Thank you.

Please share this prayer with your children.

A Prayer for a New School Year

God Bless,

Mrs Olsen

Head of School

Lord Jesus, as I begin this new school year. Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me. Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends. Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year. Amen



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Important Dates for the Autumn Term:

Wednesday 18 th September:	National Fitness Day/Wellbeing
Wednesday 18 th September	School Photographs
Friday 20 th September	National Day Walk
Sunday 29 th September	St Edwards Family Mass
Tuesday 1 st October:	Black history month in schools
Thursday 10 th October:	World Mental Health Day
Saturday 12 th October	Opening morning for September 2025 EYFS
Sunday 13 th October:	St Edwards Feast Day
Wednesday 16 th October:	Parent Evening
Thursday 17 th October:	Parent Evening
Friday 18 th October	Rett Syndrome Wear it Purple
Last Day of term for 2-week half term	
Monday 4 th November:	Back to school
Saturday 9 th November:	Opening morning for September 2025 EYFS
Wb 11 th November:	Anti-bullying and Road Safety Week
Tuesday 12 th November	Odd Sock Day
Friday 15 th November:	Children in Need
Thursday 5 th December:	Carols by Candlelight (To be Confirmed)
Wednesday 11 th December:	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 17 th December:	Christmas Play for school 1:30p.m. and 6:00p.m.

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Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Play for school 1:30p.m

Friday 20th December:

EYFS Nativity play/Last day of term

Friday 3rd January:

Training Day

Monday 6th January 2024:

School reopen