



Runnymede St Edward's Catholic Primary School



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Newsletter Friday 4th September 2026

Welcome Back to Runnymede!

It has been wonderful to welcome our children and families back to Runnymede St Edward's for the start of another exciting school year. There is always something very special about those first few days: seeing familiar faces return, welcoming new children and families into our community, and watching the school come alive once again with laughter, learning and friendship. The children have returned looking incredibly smart and ready to learn, and we are very grateful to our parents and carers for your continued support.

As we begin this new academic year, we are reminded that everything we do at Runnymede is rooted in our Catholic faith and the **Eight Essentials of an Edmund Rice School**. We will continue to **evangelise the modern world, promote partnership, excel in teaching and learning, create a caring school community, inspire transformational leadership, support the development of the whole person, promote justice and solidarity, and foster peace and interfaith understanding**. These Essentials are not simply words displayed around our school; they shape the way we learn, treat one another, serve our community and encourage every child to recognise the gifts God has given them.

Our hope for this year is that every child will be encouraged by our mission statement and the words of Edmund Rice, 'Have Faith, the good seed will grow in the children's hearts'. We will continue to aim high, show kindness, stand up for what is right, care for those in need and make a positive difference to our world. We look forward to another year filled with opportunities for our children to grow academically, spiritually and personally, knowing that they are loved, valued and called by God to become the very best version of themselves.



Thank you, as always, for being such an important part of our Runnymede family. **Together, guided by faith and inspired by the example of Blessed Edmund Rice, we look forward to making this a truly wonderful year for every child.**

Noah Day

All Schools in our Archdiocese are encouraged to run their own 'Noah Day' this September – to help pupils have a deeper understanding of Noah and our creation care responsibilities.

Here at Runnymede St Edward's Catholic Primary School, we are going to celebrate this on:

Thursday 10th September 2026.

On this day, all of our Young Edwardians will learn about Noah and how we too can follow his example and care for our world and God's creations.

We encourage all of pupils to learn 5 facts about their favourite creature/animal and be ready to share this information with their peers and teachers on Thursday. If you have any photographs, resources or books you would like to bring in to accompany your facts please feel free to do so.

Where is Noah found in the Bible?

Old Testament: Genesis chapters 6:5 – 9.

Old Testament echoes: Isaiah 54:9; Ezekiel 14:14.

New Testament echoes: Matthew 24:38; Luke 17:27.

Hebrews 11:7 and 1 Peter 3:20.

General points and reminders

- Please ensure you are parking respectfully and considerately. We ask that you do not park on both sides of North Drive as this causes serious congestion problems.
- Hair wraps must be removed before returning to school on Monday.
- All year groups **must** have the school purple coat. No other coats are allowed.
- Please ensure you have logged into Arbor and submitted your consents for trips, internet use, first aid and publishing of work.
- Swimming caps and PE bags are available to purchase on our School Shop.
- Snacks: Only a piece of fruit or vegetable is allowed for Y3 –Y6. Plastic wrappers are not allowed to be brought into school due to the strict protocol of our rubbish collection. We could face significant fines for this.
- Please ensure if you pay for your school lunch your account is always in credit. We cannot afford to run deficit accounts.

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Keeping Our Children Safe – Allergies and Medical Conditions

At **Runnymede St Edward's**, the health, safety and wellbeing of every child has always been at the heart of everything we do. We have long taken allergies, anaphylaxis and other medical conditions extremely seriously, with clear procedures, individual plans and staff awareness in place to ensure that children are safe, supported and fully included in school life.

From **September 2026**, new statutory allergy-safety requirements have come into effect for schools, including requirements around allergy policies, staff awareness and training, individual arrangements and emergency procedures. We are extremely proud that much of this reflects practice that has **already been firmly established at Runnymede since opening in September 2020**. We have never waited for legislation to tell us that children's medical needs must be treated with the utmost care; for us, this has always been an essential part of safeguarding our pupils.

As we begin the new school year, we would therefore ask all parents and carers to take a few moments to **check that the medical information and emergency contact details (at least 2 different contact numbers) recorded for your child on Arbor is completely up to date**. It is essential that school is informed immediately of any new allergy, medical condition, medication or change to an existing diagnosis. Please do not assume that information provided to another service or healthcare professional will automatically be shared with school.

We would particularly remind parents and carers that **if your child has received a diagnosis of asthma, school must be informed**. We need to ensure that an appropriate Asthma Plan is in place and that we have the necessary information and medication available to support your child safely during the school day. Please note, children with inhalers **must** provide school with a spacer.

Similarly, if your child has an allergy, particularly one which could result in a serious allergic reaction or anaphylaxis, please ensure that we have the most current medical information and any prescribed medication required in school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Attendance—Our target is 97%

Tuesday 2nd September until
Friday 4th September 2026
is as follows:

96.5%

Every day in school is a step towards success—
thank you for helping your child be here, ready to
shine!

RF:	1S:	2H:	3D:	4D:	5N:	6D:
97.7%	89.5%	97.7%	95%	98%	95%	94%
RP:	1W:	2W:	3Q:	4Do:	5B:b	6McN:
96%	93.5%	93.3%	97%	100%	98%	100%

*Happy birthday to all children who have had a birthday
this week! We hope you had a lovely day!*



Penelope A C, Sonny C, Hugo M, William C, Tilly D F,
Ada W, Thomas M, Arianna W, Oliver F, Ava H,
Maximus M, Emilio O

Week commencing 7th September

<u>Monday</u>	Y1, Y3, & Y5 PE Y1 Meet the Teacher 9.00 School Hall
<u>Tuesday</u>	Y2, Y4 & Y6 PE Y2 Meet the Teacher 9.00 School Hall
<u>Wednesday</u>	Y3 Meet the Teacher 9.00 School Hall
<u>Thursday:</u>	REC PE Y4 Meet the Teacher 9.00 School Hall
<u>Friday</u>	Y3-6 Swimming Y5 Meet the Teacher 9.00 School Hall