



Runnymede St Edward's Catholic Primary School



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Newsletter Friday 10th July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of another remarkable academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate each and every one of our wonderful children. It has been a year filled with achievement, opportunity and growth, and I could not be prouder of all that they have accomplished. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, on stage, through music, art or acts of kindness, our children have demonstrated the very best of what it means to be part of the Runnymede family.



As a maintained school, Runnymede has now been officially open for 5 academic years! What a journey we have been on. Next year will finally see our school compete as a two-form Primary School. With the successful opening of our 58 place Pre-School provision our school is now on a par with some of the smaller Secondary Schools. However, it remains our aim to ensure we continue to have the feeling of a small, close knit family.

Throughout the year, our pupils have embraced the Edmund Rice 8 Essentials, showing compassion, respect, resilience, justice and a commitment to making a positive difference to others. As Blessed Edmund Rice reminds us, "Have faith the good seed will grow." Every day, we see those seeds growing in our children as they flourish academically, spiritually and personally.

This year has been filled with unforgettable experiences. From our residential visits and educational trips to sporting competitions, performances and enrichment activities, our children have created memories that will last a lifetime. These opportunities simply would not be possible without the extraordinary generosity of our staff, who willingly give their own time to accompany residential and organise experiences beyond the school day. I would also like to thank every member of staff for embracing the spirit of Edmund Rice by volunteering to lead our extensive programme of free after-school clubs, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to develop new skills, interests and friendships regardless of circumstance. Their dedication goes far beyond the classroom and is something of which we are immensely proud.

Our children have also represented the school superbly in competitive sporting events throughout the year, displaying not only determination and teamwork but also humility, respect and excellent sportsmanship. Whatever the result, they have been exceptional ambassadors for Runnymede.

We were also delighted to have over 100 children from other Edmund Rice Schools to participate in the 'Junior Schools Edmund Rice Award's Day' here at Runnymede. A wonderful way to come together to celebrate the advocacy work our children have undertaken this year. Of course how can we forget 'Runchella', what a fantastic way to celebrate the hard work of the children! Seeing every child smiling, laughing and making memories together was a wonderful reminder of what makes our school so special. Thank you for supporting this event.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued encouragement, trust and support. The strong partnership between home and school is one of our greatest strengths, and together we continue to provide the very best opportunities for every child. I would also like to thank you for your patience and understanding as work has begun on our exciting building project. The redevelopment of our new top floor is expected to be completed by the end of October, providing outstanding new learning spaces for our growing school. We are incredibly grateful to the Christian Brothers for their generous financial support. Without their commitment to our vision, this exciting development simply would not have been possible.

Thank you also for the many kind and positive comments following this year's Prize Giving celebration. It was a fitting opportunity to celebrate the incredible achievements and unique talents of all of our pupils. At Runnymede, we firmly believe that every child has gifts to share, and it is those individual talents that make our school community so vibrant and special.

As a school, we continue to go from strength to strength. We remain the most oversubscribed Catholic primary school in the city, with academic outcomes placing us within the top 20% of schools nationally. These achievements are a reflection of the dedication of our staff, the support of our families and, above all, the outstanding young people who walk through our doors each day. You should feel incredibly proud to say that your child attends Runnymede St Edward's Catholic Primary School.

Finally, we say farewell to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. Thank you for the example you have set and for the contribution you have made to our school community. We wish you every success and God's richest blessings as you begin the next stage of your journey at secondary school. You will always be part of the Runnymede family.

I wish all of our children, families and staff a safe, happy and restful summer break. Thank you for another exceptional year—there is so much I could write about as I am so proud to be able to say I am the Head Teacher of such a wonderful school.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September; refreshed, excited and ready for another year of learning, friendship and success.

Kind Regards,

Miss Peaston

Year 6 Performance of 'Gigglebox'



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Year 6 Fun Day



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Sofia & Theo competing at the British Taekwondo Competition at Worcester.

Sofia won silver & bronze and Theo won gold

and bronze! We are so proud!



Congratulations to Dorothy who made her First Holy Communion.

Reminder

Children in Reception to Year 6 come to school on **Wednesday 2nd September at 8.40am.**

There is no after care for Reception children on this day. Please ensure you have booked your place for Y1-6 via the School Business Manager before we finish as emails for this service will **NOT** be checked during the school holidays.

Please be aware, from September 2026, it is now school policy that children in Year 6 will not be allowed to walk home from school by themselves until the Summer Term. This includes to the car park. We will inform parents/carers of procedures for the Summer Term in due cause.

In addition, new statutory guidance from the Department for Education expects all schools in England to be **mobile phone-free by default**. This includes Primary Schools. Pupils should not use, see or access mobile phones or similar smart devices at any point during the school day from entrance to the school site.

Therefore, no children will be allowed to bring their mobile phone to school for any reason and should they do so it will result in an exclusion.



Swimming in or playing near rivers and canals may seem like a great idea, particularly on a warm day, but it could all end in tragedy. **DON'T take the risk.**

THE WATER IS COLD...

...even on very warm days, rivers and canals contain water barely above 10 degrees. Sudden immersion can lead to cold water shock, which can cause gasping and intake of water.

This can be deadly in a matter of seconds.

DID YOU KNOW?

Even the narrowest of rivers can be considerably deep. Rivers are subject to strong flow and **hidden currents** which can trouble even the strongest of swimmers.

Remember, there are no lifeguards to help you at your local river, lake, canal or dam.

Rivers can be very difficult to climb out of, especially with steep or slimy banks. **Stay clear of rivers with steep or unguarded banks.**

IN AN EMERGENCY...NEVER enter the water to try and help a person or animal. You could get into difficulty yourself. Instead, dial 999 and use any water rescue equipment that is available.

If you fall into the water unexpectedly, fight your instinct to thrash around. **Instead, lean back, extend your arms and legs & float.**



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WHAT LIES BENEATH?

The water is untreated and can make you ill.

Canals and rivers contain pollutants, sewage and often unseen underwater obstructions and snag hazards.

Debris under the water such as shopping trolleys, broken glass and cans can cause **injury** or **trap** you.



BEACH SAFETY: KNOW THE DANGERS



MUD AND QUICKSAND

Large areas of the coast can have mud and quicksand which can cause you to get trapped and risk drowning.

REDUCE THE RISK

Check tide times
Follow warning sign advice
Avoid crossing estuaries and mud where there can be hidden channels or fast water

If trapped, **sit back and spread your weight evenly across the surface**

Stop others from trying to help you as they may get stuck
Call **999** immediately and ask for the **Coastguard**



Strong currents can sweep inflatables and people out to sea

FOLLOW THE FLAGS

There are lifeguards in the area. Swim between the two flags.

Do not enter the water. There could be unseen dangers such as currents.

No swimming in this area. There may be non-powered watercraft such as surfboards, kayaks, etc. in this area.

IF YOU SEE SOMEONE STRUGGLING:



PHONE 999

Tell them to **FLOAT** on their back

THROW them something to help them float

TOP TIP
ALWAYS GO TO A BEACH WITH A LIFEGUARD



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Teams from Year 4, 5 and 6 were in St George's Hall this week to take part in the annual Liverpool Chess Tournament organised by CSC (Chess in Schools and Communities).

Over 250 children from across Merseyside were there to represent their schools. Despite a tough start all of our teams performed exceptionally well and were fantastic ambassadors for our school. Well done to all!



Please click [here](#) to view the Summer Issue of All About Family Liverpool.

Inside, you will find useful advice on;

Screen Time Advice from NSPCC

Making The Leap To High School

Hot Weather Advice from St John Ambulance

Social Media Advice from NSPCC

New Children's Book Reviews

Adult Education

Dealing With Stress Over The Holidays

Create A Child Friendly Garden

Splash Safety Campaign from RLSS UK

Local Events and Days Out

Happy birthday to all children who have had a birthday this week and who are due to celebrate next week and over the Summer Holidays!

Louie S, Fionn H, Cody B, Indie M, Isla M, Sienna W, Olivia P, Esme R, Ella G, Adrian W, Elliot B, Scarlett-Pearl D, Teddy B, Sienna W, Izabel L, Polly A, Ella E, Rose T, Noah T, Grace G B, Luna D, William B W, Louisa P, Violet C, Anthony P, Grace R, Eliza W, Riley C, Bobby F, Scarlett R, Esmae C, Olivia-Rose F, Leo A, Jacob M, Sophia A, Elijah C, Amelia D, Ava L, Erin C, Ivah H, Joseph B C, Freya S, Arthur C, Sophia C, Mia D, Thea P, Mara J G, Charlotte M G, Joseph D G, Leo S, Jasmine A, Lily F, Joseph M, Brody R, Alexander B, Ivy J, Jesse K, Theodore A, Summer P, Ted A, Ophelia E, Lenny C M, Liam O'C, Dean D, Freddie G & Leonardo O



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- RB:** Freya S for an excellent effort with shape in Maths and Mya M for following in Jesus' footsteps showing kindness to others.
- RP:** Makar K for trying really hard with his drawing and writing and Melody M for a fantastic attitude towards learning and readiness for Year 1.
- 1S:** Roman S for fantastic drawings in R.E and Eadie D for amazing reading in Phonics.
- 1W:** Leighton W and Riven H both for excellent work in R.E.
- 2H:** Alexander Mc for improved handwriting and Max J for being helpful around class.
- 2W:** Bodhi C for excellent answers in R.E and Eliza W for excellent listening.
- 3D:** Rose E for always trying her best and Jude A for producing lovely work.
- 3Mc:** William B W and Rosa C both for great newspaper report introductions.
- 4D:** Connie S for always having a positive attitude towards learning and Vance B for super knowledge on how we use sources to learn about the Romans.
- 4Mc:** Alba J for representing the school superbly at a citywide chess tournament and George B for excellent oracy skills when presenting during R.E lesson.
- 5N:** Sofia C for helping with different classroom jobs each day with enthusiasm and responsibility and Rory S for his dependable help in making sure the iPads are always ready to use.
- 5T:** Gabriel Mc for completing beautiful work in RSE and Jessica K for always making sure our classroom is a welcoming environment.
- 6D:** All of Year 6 for their fantastic effort this week. They were brilliant in both of their performances and we could not be prouder of them!



Attendance—Our target is 97%

Monday 6th July to Friday - 10th July 2026

is as follows:

96.79%

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

RB:	1S:	2H:	3D:	4D:	5N:	6D:
100%	98.75%	92.75%	91.75%	97%	97%	97.75%
RP:	1W:	2W:	3Mc:	4Mc:	5T:	
91%	98.5%	99.5%	96.5%	99.5%	98%	

Due to the warm weather, should they wish children can wear their PE kit until the end of term. Please ensure you apply sun lotion before school.

Week commencing 13th July

- Monday** Y1, Y3, & Y5 PE
LPSAA Athletics @ Wavertree
Year 6 Leavers' Mass @ St Edward's (pupils only)
- Tuesday** Y2, Y4 & Y6 PE
Year 6 trip to Go Ape
- Wednesday** Ukulele with Mr Tallant
Last Aftercare
- Thursday:** School closes at 12:45pm—NO AFTERCARE on this day
- Friday** INSET Day—SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN