



Runnymede St Edward's Catholic Primary School



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Newsletter Friday 8th May 2026



This week in RE, we have been thinking about Jesus' friends and wondering about the things they did together and how they felt when they were filled with the Holy Spirit. We have also been thinking about how we feel in church and made stained glass church pictures. In Maths, we have been learning about the number 4 and exploring different ways to make 4. In literacy, we started our new story, *The Three Little Pigs*.



Reception have been exploring opportunities to improve our writing and cutting skills. We have also had our first experience of hurdles during PE which we really enjoyed. In RE we have been discussing what it means to be a part of a Parish and we even transformed our classroom into a Church.



Year 1 have been joyfully celebrating **Blessed Edmund Rice**, and the children have created beautiful work showing how we live out the **8 Essentials** in our school community. Their creativity and thoughtfulness have truly shone. In **maths**, we have been focusing on the **2s, 5s and 10 times tables**, and we would love for the children to continue practising these at home to build confidence and fluency. A highlight of our week is always **Balance Ability on Wednesdays**. We are so proud of the progress the children make each session.



Year 2 have had a creative and exciting week in Design Technology. After several lessons of exploring and evaluating stable structures, the children were thrilled to put their ideas into action.

They carefully designed and then built their own stable habitat structures for their Bog Babies, showing great creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills throughout the process. It has been wonderful to see their ideas come to life!

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Year 3 led their Celebration of the Word, entitled *"To the Ends of the Earth."* The celebration focused on the special way we can share the love of Jesus with others, just as the first disciples did. The children spoke about how the disciples met Jesus in a surprising way on the road to Emmaus and reflected on how we continue to meet Him today through the Mass. They also reminded everyone that we are never alone because the Holy Trinity — the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit — is always with us.



This week in Year 4, the children have been exploring fractions and decimals in Maths. They have made excellent progress and have really impressed us with their growing confidence and reasoning skills. On Tuesday, we took part in our school's Procession for Mary. Year 4 had the honour of being the official choir for the ceremony and performed the beautiful hymn *Bring Flowers of the Rarest*. We were so proud of how beautifully the children sang. Well done, Year 4! This week, special congratulations goes to 4D who were the well-deserved winners of last weekend's Times Tables Battle. A new battle begins this weekend, so please continue to encourage your child to access TTRS regularly, as this provides valuable revision for the upcoming Multiplication Check.



During our Ukulele lessons, we have been learning the song *Bamboléo* and exploring flamenco music. We discussed where flamenco music originates, the instruments used and the emotions it makes us feel. After listening to it a couple of times, we then got to play altogether as a class.



This week Year 6 have completed our History topic of Era of the Second World War, the children have really enjoyed learning about evacuation, what food and rations were like during the war. How school was different during the war years and how the blitz affected lots of people in lots of different ways. We finished the topic with a bingo game using our knowledge and key vocabulary that we have gained over the topic.

May Day Procession

This week, our school community came together to celebrate our beautiful May Day Parade in honour of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The children took part prayerfully and respectfully, bringing flowers to crown Mary and showing their love and devotion during this special celebration in the Church's calendar. It was wonderful to see the children participating with such reverence and joy.

The tradition of May Processions holds a particularly special place in Liverpool's Catholic heritage and has been celebrated across the city for generations. Honouring Mary during the month of May is a longstanding tradition which reflects the strong faith and community spirit that continues to thrive within our schools and parishes today. We are proud to continue this meaningful custom with our children and families.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parents and families for your generous donations of bedding plants and seeds. Your kindness and support have helped to make our Prayer Garden and outdoor areas look beautiful and vibrant for the summer months. The children were delighted to see the colourful displays and it has helped create a lovely environment for reflection and prayer.



Edmund Rice Feast Day

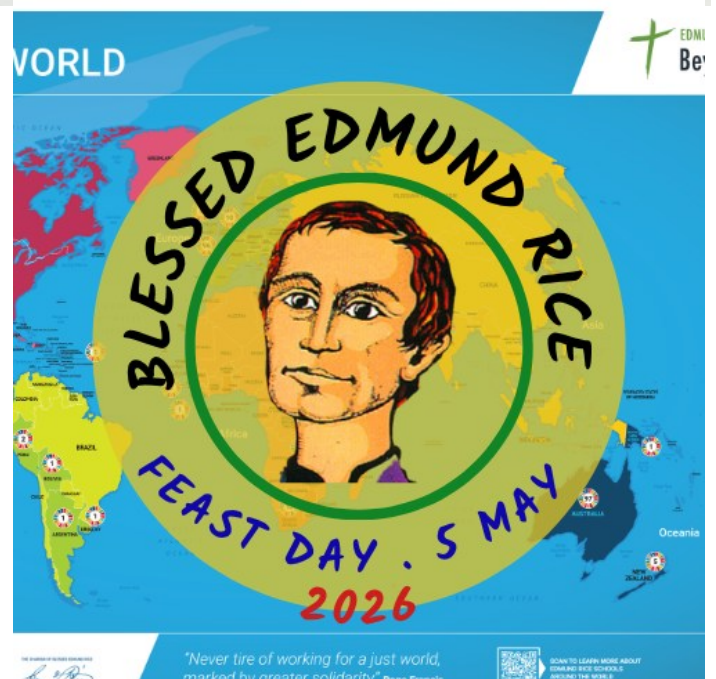
On Tuesday, the Feast Day of our founder, Blessed Edmund Rice, our students had a truly inspiring encounter. Our Young Edwardians met Brother Francis Hall, visiting from Zambia, where he serves in the Western Cluster programme.

From challenges like access to water, energy and transport to the strength and spirit of local communities, students gained a powerful insight into life in rural Zambia.

They also discovered the richness of Zambian culture, food and community.

A meaningful reminder of global solidarity in action.

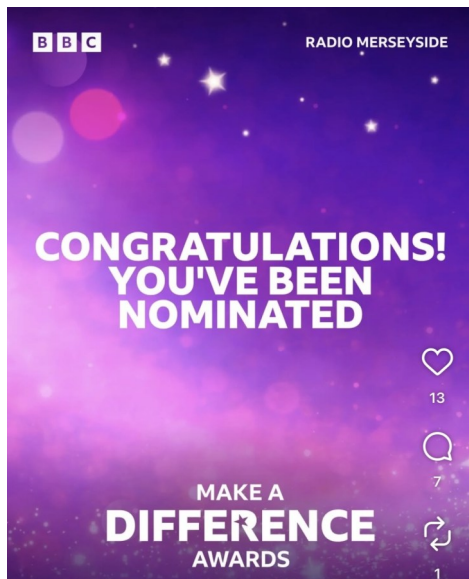
Our Young Edwardians also took part in a wonderful assembly led by Mrs Ann Nichols from Edmund Rice England. Our Edmund Rice ambassadors were also invited to Edmund Rice House to meet representatives from Edmund Rice England and Christian Brothers. It was a beautiful morning and we were delighted to be invited.



"Never tire of working for a just world, marked by greater solidarity" Pope Francis



SCAN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT EDMUND RICE SCHOOLS AROUND THE WORLD



Please Can You Help?

Our wonderful Ted from Year 5 has been fundraising for St Andrew's Foodbank.

He is just short of £400 to have raised an AMAZING £10,000!

Ted has undertaken a 150 mile coastal walk and we are delighted to announce he has been nominated and shortlisted to win

‘Young Hero of the Year’ for BBC Radio Merseyside!

What an achievement!

It would be amazing if the Runnymede Community could help Ted achieve his target of £10,000 with one final push!

Under our School Shop on Arbor you are able to purchase £1



Fairtrade Raffle

Please help our Edmund Rice Ambassadors to raise some money.

Our children would like to raffle off a hamper of Fair Trade goodies to raise money for CAFOD.

Tickets are £3 each available on Arbor.

The draw will take place on Friday 22nd May.

Good Luck and Thank you for your support!



Some of our Year 5 children took part in the North Wales Rugby Festival over the bank holiday weekend. There were teams from all over the North West and North Wales and the Sefton RUFC U10's played some excellent matches.



Louie-Bob from Year 2 was lucky enough to be chosen to be mascot at the Everton game last week.

Well done to Louie B from Year 6 who took part in the Cross Country National Finals in Warwickshire, in March.

Louie qualified through the Runnymede cross country team, initially qualifying for the Liverpool team and then subsequently qualifying for the Merseyside team.

The Year 6 Merseyside boys won gold as a team.

Well done, Louie! A fantastic achievement!



Rosa C from Year 3 took part in a Gymnastics competition over the weekend and performed brilliantly.

She placed 1st on vault and 2nd on floor, and overall achieved:

3 gold & silver medals and two

trophies. Rosa was also crowned Cheshire and Merseyside Champion, as well as North West Champion. Well done, Rosa!





Tickets are now available to purchase for Runchella on Arbor.

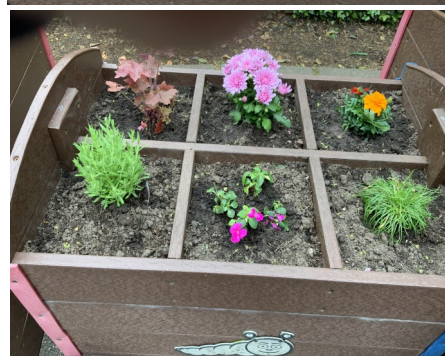
A date will be confirmed nearer the time and more details to follow.

Offerings to Mary

Thank you so much to everyone who brought flowers and seeds into school on Tuesday for our May Day Procession. These beautiful offerings have all now been lovingly planted in our Prayer Garden and Wellness Garden for everyone to enjoy.

If you would like to make any further donations we would always gratefully receive these over the forthcoming months.

Together we are making Runnymede bloom!





Monday 18th May 2026

Details:

- Children can wear their own clothes on this day. Please no heels, crop tops or slip on shoes. This is to celebrate our first ever Circus event here at Runnymede.
- **School will close at 2pm on this day.**
- Food will be served from 4pm.
- The Big Top will open from 5.15pm. The show will start promptly at 6pm. There will be no admittance to the Big Top once the event starts.
- Children are not permitted to this event without an adult supervising.
- All children over the age of 2 must have a ticket for their own seat.
- Please note, all tickets are now sold out.
- Parking will be problematic. Please arrive in plenty of time to park and walk to school. We remind you that parking in the residents close opposite will result in a fine.
- Parents must not park on the zig zags opposite school. We ask that you are considerate of others as safety for our children must be a priority.
- There will be a selection of drinks and sweets for sale. However, once gone they are gone!
- Please ensure children are under your close supervision at all times. Staff are not there to supervise children.
- Bags will be checked on arrival and alcohol is **NOT** permitted at this event.

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- RB:** **Mila T** for always being kind and looking out for her friends and **Dean D** for fantastic improvement in writing skills.
- RP:** **Emily M** for making good choices and **Charlie G** for working hard on writing sentences.
- 1S:** **Hattie B** for working well with others and sharing ideas and **Zara M** for writing a fantastic independent write.
- 1W:** **Ella E** for great spellings and **Parker B L** for fantastic writing.
- 2H:** **Meadow M** for beautiful singing during our Celebration of the World and **Ramzey S H** for working incredibly hard during his Phonics lessons.
- 2W:** **Jocelyn B** for excellent English work and **Theo M** for amazing arithmetic work.
- 3D:** **Nicholas R** and **Bella B** both for great work in Maths.
- 3Mc:** **Matias M** for working hard on cursive handwriting and great effort in all lessons and **Mia D** for giving 100% in all lessons.
- 4D:** **Edith Mc** for working hard to improve her timetable knowledge everyday and **Michael N** for consistently taking care and improving his handwriting.
- 4Mc:** **Arianna W** for fantastic progress in swimming, completing a length of the pool and **Lawrence C** for excellent work converting fractions to decimals.
- 5N:** **Sofia C** for showing great resilience and continuing even when things are hard and **Alexia A** for producing a brilliant final write up— of exceptional quality.
- 5T:** **Florence S** for fantastic musical knowledge and **Alex D** for great work on Edmund Rice.
- 6D:** **Noah T** for excellent effort in all lessons and **Sophia D** for excellent effort trying to make herself the best she can be.



Attendance—Our target is 97%

Tuesday 5th May until Friday 8th
May 2026

is as follows:

96.31%

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

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



Chloe K, Percy S H, Leia Mc, Joseph H & Alice M

Week commencing 11th May

<u>Monday</u>	Y6 SATs start Y1, Y3, & Y5 PE
<u>Tuesday</u>	Y2, Y4 & Y6 PE
<u>Wednesday</u>	Ukulele with Mr Tallant
<u>Thursday:</u>	REC PE
<u>Friday</u>	Y6 SATs Celebration

RB:	1S:	2H:	3D:	4D:	5N:	6D:
100%	97.75%	94.5%	98.5%	95.25%	92%	100%
RP:	1W:	2W:	3Mc:	4Mc:	5T:	
9.75%	93.75%	95%	96.75%	92.75%	99%	