



Runnymede St Edward's Catholic Primary School



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Message from the Headteacher

As we move through this term, I am reminded daily that schools are not defined by policies, buildings or timetables, but by people. It is the collective commitment, care and professionalism of our staff, pupils and families that make this community what it is.

In a world that can sometimes feel hurried and uncertain, what happens in our classrooms every day is quietly powerful. Children are learning not just how to read, write and calculate, but how to persevere when something feels difficult, how to be kind when it would be easier not to be, and how to believe in their own potential. These lessons matter. They stay with them long after individual facts are forgotten.

Progress rarely happens in great leaps. More often, it is built through small, consistent actions: showing up, giving our best, trying again tomorrow. Every conversation, every encouraging word, every moment of patience adds up. Even on challenging days, the work we do is meaningful and worthwhile.

Thank you for the energy, compassion and dedication you bring to our school. Together, we continue to shape a place where children feel safe to learn, confident to grow and proud of who they are becoming. That is something truly special — and something we should all take pride in.

As always, myself and Mrs Minogue are available on the gate for morning duty should you have any queries. This really is a highlight of our day, even when the weather is cold and dreary!

Your kind words are always appreciated and seeing the children come into school with a smile on their face and a cheery hello makes our job all the more worthwhile!



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We currently have spaces available in our pre-school
(30 hours)

Please contact our School Office (0151 281 2300) or
email sbm@runnymede-school.org.uk for more details

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This week in Preschool, we have enjoyed taking part in lots of exciting learning experiences together. We planted herbs in our mud kitchen and explored the different scents and textures. In RE, we looked for signs of welcome around our school and talked about what it means to feel welcome, sharing ideas about how being welcomed makes us feel loved and safe and how our words and actions can help others feel included. During literacy time, we enjoyed playing Silly Soup, listening carefully to initial sounds, and worked together to write and draw a shared description of The Gingerbread Man. Our den became a Gingerbread Bakery and Café. The children loved taking on the roles of customers, bakers, and servers, before ending the week by making our very own gingerbread men.



This week, Reception has been full of imagination and teamwork. Continuing with Little Red, the children created detailed maps to guide the journey through the story and used prepositional language as they acted it out together. They worked collaboratively to build wolf dens, sharing ideas and solving problems as a team. The story was brought to life again as the children confidently retold it using images to show the key moments.



This week in RE, we explored the story *'The Little Children Come to Jesus'*. A lovely reminder that Jesus welcomes everyone with open arms and that each of us is a precious part of God's family. Year 1 then got creative, making their very own Jesus with his arms wrapped around a big heart and the message "Jesus loves us."



Year 2 have explored the artwork of Henri Rousseau, looking closely at his use of bold colours and strong, clear lines, and have discussed how these elements help make his paintings bright, eye-catching and expressive.

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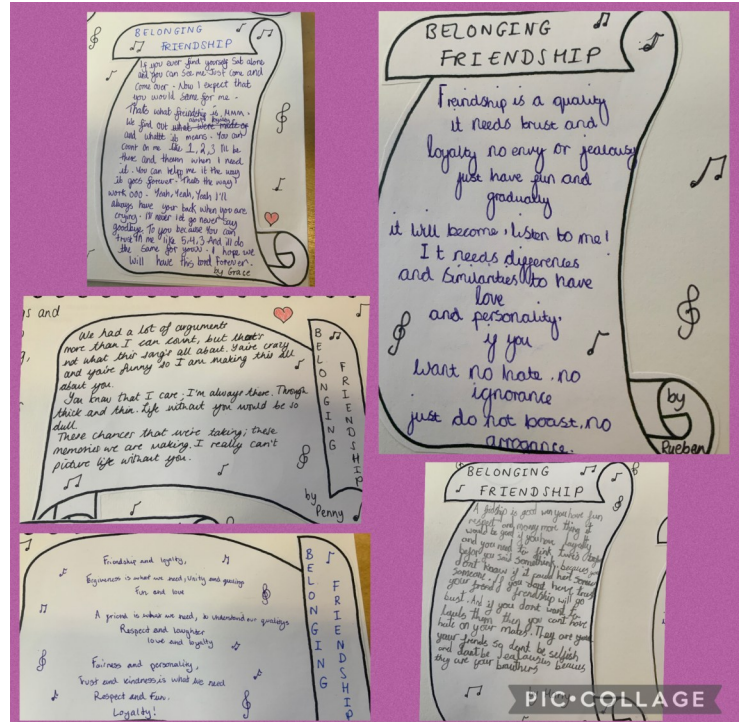
In English, Year 3 are preparing to write an information leaflet about rivers. They have been using Geographical technical language, that they learnt about in Geography, to write sentences about rivers. They have also been using videos and books to research as much information about rivers as they can to use in their independent writing. We can't wait to read the information leaflets.



In RE this week, Year 4 looked at a piece of art depicting Jesus and Peter. The children explored how the artist's use of vibrant colours enhanced the message, and reflected thoughtfully on themes of trust, doubt and forgiveness.



In P.E. Y5 have shown great progress in Volleyball and played their first matches this week. They showed excellent skills, teamwork and great sportsmanship throughout. They have taken on board all they have learnt in the past three weeks and were delighted to finally put it to practice.



We have been discussing unity and friendship as part of our RE topic. The children in year 6 have written some beautiful songs and poems this week about what makes and breaks friendships.

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Parking

Under no circumstances should our staff car park gates or main visitor gates ever be blocked by parents/carers in order to collect their child from school.

These gates are Emergency Services Access gates. Our staff car park gates provide emergency access for St Edward's College.

The safety of our children is a shared responsibility, and this extends beyond the school gates to the way we park and travel in the surrounding area.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to be mindful, patient and considerate when parking near the school, ensuring driveways are kept clear, pavements remain accessible and local residents are respected. Small choices — such as parking a little further away or taking an extra moment to check surroundings — can make a significant difference.

By working together and modelling responsible behaviour, we help create a safer, calmer environment for everyone in our school community.



The poster features a rainbow at the top with a banner that reads 'THE BOBBY COLLERAN TRUST'. Below this, the text 'Wear Blue for Bobby' is written in a large, blue, bubbly font, with a sun icon inside the letter 'o' of 'for' and a '20' in a red circle inside the letter 'o' of 'Bobby'. To the right is a photo of a young boy in a blue school uniform. The text 'FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH 2026' and 'PLEASE HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!' are in blue. At the bottom, it says 'OUR CAMPAIGNS: SLOW DOWN Take Care PARK SAFE'. A QR code is on the right with the text 'SCAN HERE FOR T-SHIRTS AND HOODIES' and '#wearblueforbobby' at the bottom right. A small paragraph on the left explains the campaign's purpose.

Every year on **March 13th**, we wear blue to remember Bobby and to help protect other children like him. **Bobby was just six years old** when his life was tragically taken, and the **Bobby Colleran Trust** was created to turn his story into positive change.

Every blue T-shirt worn and every hoodie bought helps fund road safety education, raise awareness near schools, and remind drivers to slow down where children live, walk, and play. If this message helps even one driver think twice, slow down, or pay more attention, then it is making a difference.

From the bottom of our hearts, **Thank-you for your support!**

Sport

Congratulations to the 5 boys and girls who were selected to represent Liverpool in the Merseyside Cross Country Championships that were held at Wavertree last weekend. Some great performances with **Year 5 girls and Year 6 boys crowned Merseyside Champions** and **Year 5 Boys coming 3rd**. Louie B has been selected to represent Merseyside in the National Championships held later this year.

Well done to all a fantastic achievement!



Instagram

Please follow us on Instagram



@runnymedesteds

Please ensure you have checked your permission's on Arbor to ensure we have this completed.

We would be very grateful if you can like and share our posts!

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Tuesday Toast Tuck Shop



Toast payments for next term is £5. This will take us up to the Easter Break.

Our new basketball game has arrived and Anthony is busy building this so the children can enjoy this after half term!

We are going to order a smaller version for KS1 and will discuss with our school councillors what to purchase next to enhance their playtime experience.



Thank you to our team of volunteers for their time each week!



There are **only** approximately **100 tickets** left for **this event!**

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Any child without an adult will not be allowed entry to the event.

This will be a fantastic memorable event for school whilst raising vital funds for our Young Edwardians.

Chess Tournament

Congratulations to our chess team who won their latest event in the Mersey Chess League held at Runnymede recently. Great teamwork and sportsmanship was shown throughout the event. Well done to all! Our weekly lessons are really impacting in a positive way!



We kindly ask, as we come to the end of this half term, that all parents/carers please log on to Arbor to ensure the following information is correct and up to date.

- Medical Information
- Emergency Contacts (There must be at least 3 different contacts)
- Dietary needs (e.g. vegetarian)

Please also ensure that your account is in credit for school lunch payments and that all necessary payments for Residential and School Trips are up to date.

Should you require any support with any aspects of this please do not hesitate to contact the School Business Manager.

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1S	Lance L	1W	Leo O
2H	Charlotte A	2W	Jocelyn B
3D	Joseph H	3Mc	Griff J
4D	Ella O	4Mc	Daisy A
5N	Alexia A	5T	Didi B
6D	Will Mac		



1S	Ella C	1W	Pearl T
2H	Charlie C	2W	Erin C
3D	Aubree L	3Mc	Theo P
4D	Jessica O'C	4Mc	Esme R
5N	Henry K	5T	Penelope G
6D	Rose-Ellen T		



1S	Ariella L	1W	Leighton W
2H	Jenson W	2W	Harper M
3D	Noah H	3Mc	Paddy M
4D	Sonny M	4Mc	Joseph B C
5N	Mason L	5T	Hector B
6D	Reuben A		



1S	Henry T	1W	Bear S
2H	Joanna T	2W	Jacob N
3D	Carter W	3Mc	Ciara S
4D	Theo M	4Mc	Jessica K
5N	Bobby Mc	5T	Joseph P
6D	Amelie Mc		

Attendance—Our target is 97%

Monday 2nd February to Friday 6th February 2026

is as follows:

97.5%

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

Reception Stars of the Week



RB Harriet G for good listening and participation in lessons and **Zachary T** for trying his best and being kind to others.

RP Raine P for always taking pride in her work and **Roman Mc** for lovely work with quantities.



Week commencing 9th February

Monday	Y1, Y3, & Y5 PE
Tuesday	Y2, Y4 & Y6 PE
Wednesday	Ukulele with Mr Tallant
Thursday:	REC PE
	KS1 Mental Health Day
	Chinese Lunch
	School Closes normal time
Friday	INSET Day—No school

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



Vivie W, Otavio C, Sofia C, Cole K & Erin P