



# Runnymede St Edward's Catholic Primary School

*'Have courage, the good  
seed will grow in the  
children's hearts.'*

**Newsletter Friday 9th October 2026**



Our Children's School Leadership Team – Living the Eight Essentials of Edmund Rice

Over hot chocolate and biscuits, I was delighted to enjoyed a wonderful meeting with our new Children's School Leadership Team, celebrating their election to leadership roles and listening to their fantastic ideas.

Their pride in being chosen to represent their peers was evident, and they spoke with such enthusiasm, maturity and a genuine desire to make a difference. It was wonderful to see our Edmund Rice values coming to life through their words, actions and aspirations.

At the heart of Edmund Rice education is the belief that every child has gifts to share and the potential to make a positive difference in the world. Our Children's School Leadership Team embodies this belief, reminding us that leadership is not simply about having a role, but about serving others, standing up for what is right and helping everyone to flourish.

I look forward to working alongside our young leaders as they develop their ideas and continue to live out the Eight Essentials in their everyday actions. I am incredibly proud of them and excited to see how, together, they will help make our school an even better place for all our Young Edwardians.

**'You said—we did'**

**Our children's leadership team have devised this as their mantra.**

**Here are just a few of their amazing ideas:**

**They have kindly requested that all families participate in a 'Plastic Free Week' next week. So please—no single use plastic bottles. No cling film to wrap sandwiches. Where possible dispense food items into reusable pots and tubs.**

**They are looking forward to working with Mrs O'Donnell to produce a 'Kindness Jar' for each class. The children will devise a list of activities the classes can do each week to make their life happier and be more helpful to others.**

**They would like all classes to have a 'Proud of Me' board.**

**They have suggested some 'Buddy Benches' for our playgrounds.**

**They would like Mrs Cooper to run 'Lunch Club' again for children who do not always like to be on the playground.**

**They would like a 'Pupil Voice Box' for children to make suggestions or tell us what makes them happy in school and what they enjoy doing. These thoughts will be shared in assembly time each week.**

A huge well done to our elected leaders — your voices matter, your ideas inspire, and your actions can make a real difference!



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This week in Preschool, we have been thinking about measurement, using language such as tall, short and long. In Literacy, we created a story map to help us remember the key parts of our story. We have also been learning all about the Harvest Festival. In RE, we looked at different families from around the world. We talked about the ways families can be different and special, and appreciated the wonderful world and people that God has created.



This week, Reception have been learning about Harvest and thinking about how we can help others. As part of our Celebration of the Word, we collected food and donations to support people in our city who need it, reminding us of the importance of sharing God's gifts with others. We also enjoyed tasting radishes and preparing our planters ready to sow our own radish seeds. We revisited the Creation story and worked together to build a beautiful landscape, celebrating the wonder of God's world and all the wonderful things He has made.



Year 1 have been learning all about the importance of prayer. In RE, we have been exploring the Our Father and reflecting on how prayer brings us closer to God. We also visited our beautiful new grotto, where we came together to pray the Rosary for world peace. It was a lovely moment of peace, reflection and prayer.



Our Year 2 pupils have celebrated God's word in our Prayer garden. We listened to Genesis 1 and thought about how we can be stewards of creation.



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This week Year 3 have loved learning their next song in Ukulele! We love developing our music skills each week with Mr Rowe.



Year 4 have been learning about the life and work of Mother Teresa, who dedicated her life to helping people in need. The children explored her kindness, compassion and commitment to caring for the poor and vulnerable. They then used their research to create fact files, highlighting key facts about her life, her achievements and the lasting impact she made on the world. The children were inspired by her message of love, kindness and helping others.



Year 6 have been learning about the stages of childhood in Science, the Greatest Commandment in RE and designing their invitations for their parents/carers to come to our Celebration of the Word later in the month.



Year 6 visited our new grotto to pray for world peace, responding to the Pope's invitation to pray the Rosary. The children joined together in prayer, reflecting on the lives of innocent people around the world who are affected by violence and conflict. It was a peaceful and meaningful opportunity for the children to come together, pray for others and ask for peace throughout our world.

## October is the Month of the Rosary



October is officially recognized in the Catholic Church as the Month of the Holy Rosary, highlighted by the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th.

Mary, the mother of God, was a loving mother and a model for missionaries.

The Rosary is a form of prayer that helps us to reflect on the life of Mary and Jesus.



### How to Pray the Rosary

The Rosary is a Catholic prayer based upon the Bible that focuses on the events in the life of Jesus and that of Mary the Mother of Jesus. Saint John Ogilvie threw his rosary beads into the crowd before he was martyred.

#### Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### The Sign of the Cross and the Apostles' Creed

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

#### Glory Be

#### Hail Mary (ten times)

#### Our Father

The Our Father is said at the start of each decade and each decade is finished with the Glory Be.

#### Hail Mary (three times)

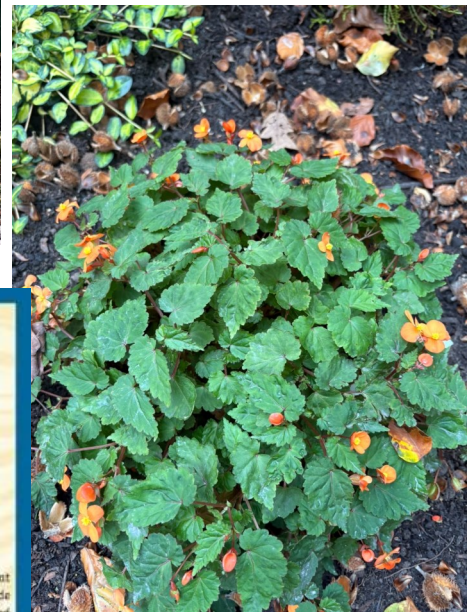
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

#### Our Father

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.



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## Celebrating Ted – A Remarkable Young Edwardian!

We are incredibly proud to celebrate Ted, who has been awarded the prestigious **British Citizen Youth Award Medal of Honour** in recognition of his outstanding contribution and positive impact. This is a truly wonderful achievement and a moment for our whole school community to celebrate!



Ted's achievement reflects the very best of what it means to be a Young Edwardian. His recognition provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the values we hold dear through our **Eight Essentials of Edmund Rice**, which encourage us to live with **compassion, integrity, respect** and a **commitment to making a difference in the lives of others**.

Ted's achievement reminds us that young people have the power to inspire, encourage and create positive change in the world around them. He is a wonderful example of how the values we nurture in our school can reach far beyond our school gates, touching the lives of others and strengthening our wider community.

Through the spirit of the Edmund Rice tradition, we encourage our Young Edwardians to recognise the dignity of every person, stand alongside those in need, build meaningful relationships and use their gifts to serve others. Ted's award is a fantastic celebration of these aspirations and a reminder that even the actions of one young person can have a lasting impact.

We hope Ted feels incredibly proud of this well-deserved recognition. His achievement is an inspiration to us all and a wonderful reminder of the difference our young people can make when they put their values into action.

**Congratulations, Ted!** You are a credit to yourself, your family and our school community. We are delighted to celebrate your success and look forward to seeing you continue to shine as a proud Young Edwardian, living out the Eight Essentials of Edmund Rice and inspiring others to do the same.

## Reminder for ALL children in Year 5 & 6 Attendance at St Edward's Day Mass

As per our dates for the diary, sent home on the 15th July, in the Summer Term, Year 5 & 6 pupils, parents/carers and staff have been invited to Mass to celebrate the Annual Feast of St Edward on **Sunday 12th October** at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. All Young Edwardians in Year 5 & 6 are expected to attend this very special occasion in recognition of our unique feeder school status to St Edward's College.

Our Young Edwardians **must** register with their Class Teacher or at the entrance to the Cathedral.

Parents/carers must then proceed to sit in their allocated seating for the duration of the service before collecting their child from their class teacher at the end of the service. Please note that allocated seating for parents will be shared with you in due course once this has been confirmed by the Cathedral and St Edward's College.

You are reminded that parking in the vicinity of the Cathedral can be quite difficult, so guests who are travelling by car are urged to arrive by 10.30am. Car parking may be available at the University, Mount Pleasant car park and Mulberry Street. Please allow sufficient time for your journey and approximately ten minutes walking time to reach the Cathedral.

Since this is a high-profile public occasion, all pupils are expected to wear full school uniform with school shoes. We are proud of our pupils as ambassadors of Runnymede and expect our high standards to be maintained at all times.

May we also stress that the Mass is not ended until the procession has left and people are asked not to leave the Cathedral prior to this. Mobile phones/cameras/electronic devices or food and drink are not permitted in the Cathedral. We kindly ask parents/carers not to use devices before or during the mass and to refrain from bringing any drinks/snacks whatsoever into the Cathedral.



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## How to apply:

Please send designs to [communications@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:communications@rcaol.org.uk) by 5pm on Friday 6th November along with the name of student, age, year group, school, and confirmation of parent permission.

There are no limits to how many students can enter from your school, so please encourage as many as possible to take part.

Submissions will be whittled down to a shortlist by our panel of judges.

The shortlist of entries will then be shared on the archdiocesan social media channels and the one from each category with the most comments will be declared the winner.



**Calling all Young  
Edwardian's— we need  
your creative skills!**

We would be delighted to welcome entries to this year's Archdiocesan Christmas Card Competition.

If you need a piece of paper please come and see

Mrs Hyam.

Please return your completed design to Mrs Minogue **NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER**

Many thanks.



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As the autumn term is well underway and the nights draw closer, we are looking forward to one of the biggest highlights in our calendar – Advent and Christmas.

We're pleased to announce that our annual Christmas Card Competition is back for 2026!

We want our schools to put their creativity to the test and design a front cover for our official archdiocesan Christmas card which will be sent out to our parishes, clergy, schools, staff and stakeholders.



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## Winners

The winners will receive a £50 Amazon voucher, and will have their creations shared with thousands of people across the archdiocese this Christmas.

Good luck – we can't wait to see all of your creative designs!





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**PRE-SCHOOL  
PLACES AVAILABLE**



**30 HOURS ONLY**



**Please contact the School Office  
for further information**



**0151 281 2300**



## SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

Wear Red Day Friday 16th  
October.

No football kits allowed but please accessorise your uniform with something red.



**Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Nelson Mandela.**

## Harvest Festival

Many thanks for your generous donations so far. Please continue to donate non-perishable food items such as tinned foods, dried foods, pasta, rice or biscuits to help support our local food pantry.

Thank you for your continued generosity of spirit.



We are delighted to welcome M&M Productions back to school on the 12th November for a live performance of Aladdin! Please log onto Arbor and make a contribution of £5 for this amazing pantomime!

 **KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE: STOP DANGEROUS PARKING** 

 **Yellow Zigzags:** Absolute no-stopping zones. They protect child sightlines.

 **Pavements & Corners:** Keep them clear. Pedestrians shouldn't be forced into the road.

 **Staff Car Park:** Off-limits to parents at all times.

 **Idling:** Turn off your engine while waiting to protect the air quality around our pupils.

Practical guidelines  
for parents and carers:

by P&H

### Creating Safe And Nutrient-Dense Packed Lunches

#### Food Safety Guidelines

- Use an appropriate box, hygienic and leak-proof to be placed inside an insulated cooler bag to keep food at the right temperature.
- Maintain a temperature of 5° C or below. Bacteria multiply rapidly in temperatures between 5° C and 63° C. Use commercial ice packs, frozen gel packs, or ice cubes. The more ice you use, the longer the bag will stay cold. Hot Foods: Maintain a temperature above 63° C.
- Perishable items, such as meat, poultry, dairy, and cut fruit, can't sit out at room temperature for more than two hours. If the ambient temperature is over 32° C, this window shrinks to just one hour.



#### Allergen Guidelines:



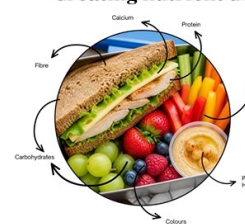
- Read the labels of the ingredients you use to make your child's packed lunch.
- Whenever possible, label the allergens in your child's packed lunch.
- Do not bring any tree nuts or peanuts inside the school environment
- In the UK, there are 14 food allergens to be aware of.

Our amazing caterers, Palmer & Howells have developed the above guide "Creating Safe and Nutrient-Dense Packed Lunches" to support parents and carers, as well as school, in promoting allergen awareness.

Our shared priority is to ensure that every child feels safe, included and well cared for, while helping to protect their health and wellbeing!

#### Nutrition Guidelines

##### Creating nutrient dense packed lunches



- Protein**  
Animal protein  
Plant based protein
- Fibre**  
Complex Carbohydrates  
Fruits & Vegetables
- Calcium**  
A source of dairy or fortified plant based sources
- Healthy Fats**  
Extra virgin olive oil  
Avocados  
Seeds  
Oily fish
- Colours**  
They represent different Vitamins and Minerals

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US IN MAKING YOUR CHILDREN SAFER AND HEALTHIER AT SCHOOL**

by P&H



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## Edmund Rice 8 Essential 'Help people who need it'



- RF:** **Reeva Mc** for always being ready to help others and **Agnes F** for noticing when someone needs help.
- RP:** **Mikey L** for making wonderful behaviour choices and helping to create a happy classroom for everyone and **Buddy B** for listening to advice and understanding how others can help us learn and grow.
- 1S:** **Ivy H** for always being kind and offering a helping hand to friends and **Mila T** for being a caring member of our class and always looking out for others.
- 1W:** **Thomas M** and **Lucia M** for being kind and caring friends.
- 2H:** **Riven H** and **Annabelle Mc** for helping people who need it.
- 2W:** **Eadie D** and **Alexander S** for helping people who need it.
- 3D:** **Mara J G** and **Theo M** for always working to the best of their ability.
- 3Q:** **Emma A** for fabulous work in Maths all week and helping others and **Ava M** for hard work and helping others whenever she can.
- 4D:** **Mia H** for always supporting and encouraging others with their learning, helping them to achieve their best and **Aaron W** for always being a kind and supportive friend, making everyone feel valued and included.
- 4DO:** **Noah H** for speaking openly and respectfully about his faith and values and **George Mc** for listening to others, offering comfort and being there when someone needs a friend.
- 5B:** **Seb F** and **Connor M** for always helping people who need it.
- 5N:** **Maximus M** and **Jax D** for helping organise and sorting the iPads for Mr Quilty.
- 6D:** **Josh J** and **Evie P** for always being helpful to everyone who needs it in our school community.
- 6Mc:** **Otavio D C** for helping others by giving a clear and detailed explanation of the chunking method in Maths and **Ava G** for always being willing to help others and going out of her way to support our classroom.

## Attendance—Our target is 97%

Monday 5th October until Friday 9th  
October 2026

is as follows:

**95.75%**

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:   | 5B:    | 6D:    |
|--------|------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| 97.75% | 100% | 93.75% | 99%    | 98%   | 98.75% | 95.35% |
| RP:    | 1W:  | 2W:    | 3Q:    | 4DO:  | 5N:    | 6Mc:   |
| 97.5%  | 91%  | 98.25% | 95.75% | 99.5% | 90.25% | 99.7%  |

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



**Romolo G, Micah C, Jessica K, Riven H, Delilah S, Pearl T, Francis C, Amaya G O, Theodore M, River O'D, Georgia P, Imogen P, Caleb H, Hudson L, George Mc, Antonio O M, Annabelle F, Lara H, Louie P & Luca P**

## Week commencing 12th October Plastic Free Week

### Monday

Y1, Y3, & Y5 PE  
Monday Staff Led Clubs

### Tuesday

Y2, Y4 & Y6 PE  
LPSAA Cross Country @ Clarkes Gardens

### Wednesday

Afterschool Drama with Mr Tallant

### Thursday:

REC PE  
Maths Party Day

### Friday

**Wear Red Day**  
Y3-Y6 Swimming - subject to the SEC being repaired