Runnymede St Edward's Catholic Primary School

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

Newsletter Friday 23rd October 2026

Message from Headteacher - A Wonderful Start to the School Year!

As we reach the end of our first half term, I find myself reflecting with enormous pride and gratitude on what has been a truly wonderful seven weeks at Runnymede. It is remarkable just how much we have managed to pack into such a short space of time! From exciting learning experiences and memorable celebrations to the countless opportunities that enrich school life, our children have embraced every moment with enthusiasm, energy and joy. It has been particularly heartwarming to see how beautifully our children have settled into their new classes, established friendships, embraced new challenges and demonstrated the values that make our school community so special. Walking around school each day and seeing happy, confident children who are eager to learn is a wonderful reminder of why we do what we do.

One of the things that makes Runnymede so exceptional is the breadth and richness of the opportunities we provide. We are immensely proud to offer a curriculum and wider educational experience that goes far beyond what is typically available in a primary school. We firmly believe that education is about so much more than academic achievement, important though that is. It is about nurturing talents, discovering passions, building character, developing faith and creating memories that children will treasure for a lifetime. Whether through music, sport, the arts, enrichment activities, educational visits or the many additional opportunities made possible by the extraordinary dedication of our staff, we remain committed to ensuring that every child has the chance to flourish. Our ambition has never been simply to provide a good education but to give our children an exceptional childhood filled with opportunities, experiences and possibilities.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a particularly heartfelt thank you to our parents and carers. Our staff have commented on just how wonderfully supportive families have been throughout this half term. The kindness, encouragement and appreciation you have shown have meant a tremendous amount. We have received some truly lovely emails from parents expressing their gratitude for the work of our staff and the experiences their children are enjoying. Please never underestimate the difference these messages make. In a profession where so much is given each day, a few thoughtful words can genuinely lift spirits, brighten someone's day and remind our staff that their hard work and dedication are recognised and valued. Your positivity and commitment to our school community have been particularly special this term, and I am enormously grateful.

Members of our chess team went to Whitfield school on Wednesday to take part in our first Mersey Chess League game this year. They performed fabulously in all games and were joint winners on the day with Whitefield. They showed great skill, determination and sportsmanship. We look forward to more events later in the year.

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This week in Preschool, we have been finishing our RE topic by remembering that God made our wonderful world and that He made each of us special. In Maths, we have been exploring the amounts one and two, practising recognising how many objects there are without needing to count them. In Literacy, we have been finishing our story, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, by drawing pictures of Goldilocks and sharing our ideas about the story.

This week in Maths, we have been comparing groups of objects, noticing which groups have more and which have fewer. In RE, we have been learning about special saints who showed God's love through their actions. The children enjoyed decorating outlines of the saints and helping to prepare our focal space for our Celebration of the Word. We also enjoyed planting our radish seeds and look forward to watching them grow!

This week in Art, Year 1 have been exploring **Painting the Seasons!** We looked closely at the beautiful colours and changes we see throughout the year. The children experimented with different painting techniques, including the **triptych technique**, where three separate paintings are displayed together to create one piece of artwork. The children used their creativity and colour-mixing skills to produce some beautiful seasonal paintings. We have some fantastic budding artists in Year 1!

Year 2 have had a fantastic week in Maths! We have been using our manipulatives to help us work out addition and subtraction calculations. We have been focusing on adding ones to a two-digit number and using our practical resources to support our learning. Everyone has been working hard and showing great effort. Great work, Year 2!

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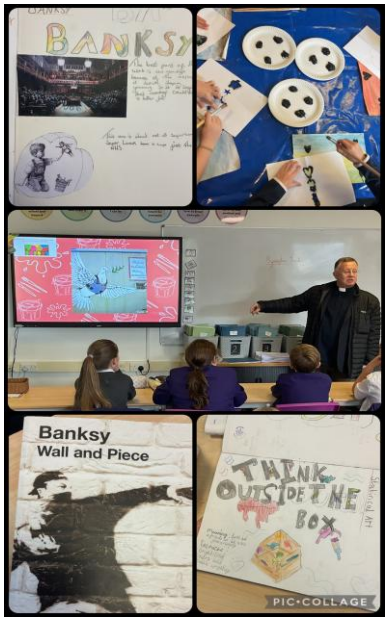
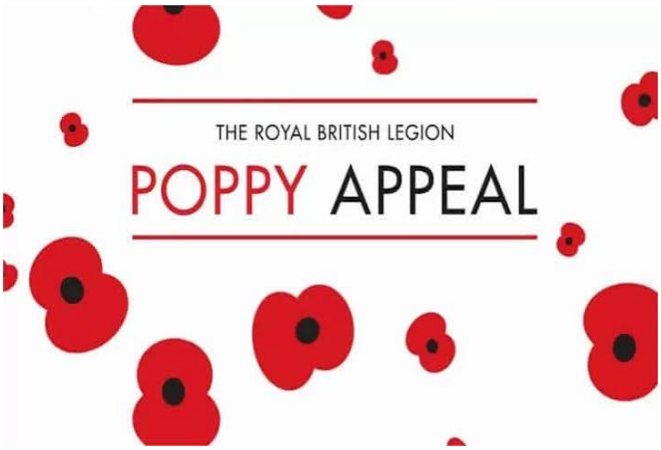
In RE this week Year 3 have been discussing ways we can make the world a better place as part of our topic on Creation and Covenant.

This week, we have been learning about the famous artist and designer William Morris and exploring his belief in **"quality over quantity."** We looked at his beautiful patterns and how he used repeated designs inspired by nature. The children then created their own printing blocks using cardboard and paint, experimenting with repeating patterns and colours to produce their own unique prints. We focused on taking our time, paying attention to detail and creating high-quality artwork that we could be proud of. The children thoroughly enjoyed getting creative and bringing their designs to life!

Year 5 have been studying the Cardinal Virtues in RE. We've been learning about
John Archer, the first black mayor of Battersea in London and some new fantastic new chess moves.



Year 6 have had a fantastic Art Week exploring street art! They studied Banksy, experimented with graffiti lettering and stencil techniques, and debated whether graffiti is art or vandalism. We were also delighted to welcome Father Madden, who coincidentally is a Banksy fan! He shared his favourite design with the children!



The British Legion have kindly supplied school with various merchandise such as pencils, key rings and poppy badges. We are suggesting if pupils can bring in a donation of £1 to help support this worthwhile charity and in return, they will receive a poppy inspired gift of their choice from the selection available.

Our Y6 Edmund Rice Ambassadors will visit classes on the first day back.

Additionally, if you would like to email in any photographs and information about family members who you would like to feature in our Runnymede Remembrance book please do so. This is something we add to each year to help us remember those who died or were affected by war.

Reading Volunteers

Do you have any spare time? Would you like to help listen to our children read on a regular basis? If so, please contact our School Office.

Please note that all visitors to school will have to take part in a full DBS check.

VOLUNTEER

Harvest Donations

Thank you so much for your generosity of spirit. We donated all of the items collected in our Harvest Appeal to St Andrew's Food Pantry and they were overwhelmed and so happy to receive your wonderful donations.

Thank you- your support really makes a positive impact to others.

all about family

Please click here find to the Autumn Issue of All About Family Liverpool, that that you are welcome to share electronically with all your parents. If you would like a PDF version, please let me know and I will send one.

Inside, you will find useful advice on;

Discover a Great Read

NSPCC Counselling

St John Ambulance Lifesaving Skills

Adult Education

Family Law Advice

How To Reduce Packed Lunch Waste

NSPCC Family Help

Back to School Spending Mistakes

Local events

Year 5 had a fantastic time taking part in an **Art Bytes online live session**! The children explored their creativity by experimenting with a variety of art materials and mediums to produce their own unique pieces of artwork. They enjoyed trying out different techniques, developing their artistic skills and expressing their ideas through art. It was wonderful to see their imagination, enthusiasm and creativity shine throughout the session!

This half term alone children in Runnymede have lost

106.5 days of education which equates to 692.25 hours due to parents/carers taking unauthorised term time holidays.

May we remind you that holidays during term time will **never** be authorised and will be referred to for a fine.

We must also remind you that you must follow the published term dates for Runnymede and not follow St Edward's College dates as they do not align due to the College having additional holiday days which we are not allowed to factor into our calendar.

Every school day matters. Every lesson is an opportunity. Every moment in school is a chance to learn, grow, belong and succeed. When children miss school, they miss far more than lessons — they miss experiences, friendships, opportunities and moments that cannot always be recreated. Excellent attendance is not simply about being present; it is about giving every child the very best chance to fulfil their potential.

Together, we must make every school day count!

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Edmund Rice 8 Essential 'Creating a better future for everyone'

RF: **Bonnie H** for taking care of our classroom and helping to keep it a lovely place for everyone and **Henry M** for listening carefully and making good choices.

RP: **Harrison B** for being a welcoming and thoughtful friend who helps everyone feel included and valued and **Lara H** for showing kindness to everyone and helping to make our school a happier place.

1S: **Noah J** for always showing kindness and care towards others and **Eli H** for looking after God's wonderful world and encouraging others to do the same.

1W: **Nancy L** and **Sophia C** for creating a better future for everyone.

2H: **Scarlett R** and **Adrian W** for creating a better future everyone.

2W: **Luca P** and **Reina Mc** for creating a better future for everyone.

3D: **Jocelyn B** for finding creative ways to solve problems and **Erin C** for independently helps to tidy the classroom.

3Q: **Harper B** and **Jenson W** for working hard and being the best they can be.

4D: **Matias M** for being a good advocate for his classmates and **Amalie S** for making sure people have a smile on their faces.

4DO: **Reuben F** for working cooperatively, sharing resources and helping classmates and **Rose E** for making a positive contribution to the classroom by always being willing to help others.

5B: **Alice L** and **Charlotte M G** for creating a better future for everyone with temperance.

5N: **Grace F** for demonstrating prudence by taking their role as Eco Ambassador seriously and helping to save energy by switching off classroom lights and **Kaci K** for demonstrating the Cardinal Virtues of fortitude and temperance by showing perseverance, resilience and a commitment to making positive choices.

6D: **Bobby K** for always inspiring others around him when having class discussions and **Tilly D F** for always giving 100% effort in everything she does.

6Mc: **Maxwell A** for giving 100% to any given task and **Jacob F** for speaking so confidently during our class assembly.

Attendance—Our target is 97%

Monday 19th October until Friday 22nd October is as follows:

96.35%

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

RF: 95.25%	1S: 99.5%	2H: 97.5%	3D: 94.75%	4D: 95%	5B: 95%	6D: 99.75%
RP: 99%	1W: 93%	2W: 96%	3Q: 95.25%	4DO: 98.5%	5N: 93.5%	6Mc: 96%

Happy birthday to all children who have had a birthday this week and those due to celebrate over half term!

Harrison D, Alexander D, Ida W, Aubree L, Blake H, Griffith J, Raine P, Josh J, Maxwell A, Myles G, Aine O'T, Cora Rae O & Valentina K

Week Commencing 2nd November

Mon: School reopens

Y1, Y3 & Y5 PE

Tue: Y2, Y4 & Y6 PE

Wed: Afterschool drama with Mr Tallant

Thurs: REC PE

Friday: Y3-6 Swimming (subject to the SEC pool being repaired)