



Dear parents,

It was lovely to welcome so many of you to the two Harvest Festival celebrations that took place last week. The children in all year groups across the school played an important role in reminding us about and thanking the many people who help to produce, harvest and transport the food that we have to eat. As a Rights Respecting School, we have talked with the children to help them understand that the right to nutritious food is one that all children are entitled to (UNCRC Article 27), but one that sadly not all children receive. We are extremely grateful for your generosity, donating many food items for our school collection. These donations will be supporting the Vineyard Church who run the Storehouse foodbank. Supporting those in need is an important part of our mission as a Christian school and helps us to demonstrate the Catholic Social Teaching principle of 'Solidarity' as one family caring for each other.



### Diocesan Celebration Mass.

Some of our year 5 pupils, Mrs Kemble and Mrs Nutt went to Norwich for the annual Diocesan schools' Mass. The cathedral was full of children representing all the schools from across the Diocese and it was lovely to see some past pupils who are now at St Benedict's. Bishop Peter spoke to the children about being examples of God's love in our world and that they are the hope for the future as part of our Jubilee Year of Hope. The children joined in with the prayers and singing and it was wonderful to be part of such a joyful celebration. We were very proud of how the children represented St Edmund's. The Ignite team gave each school a Jubilee candle which has been brought back to school and will be on the prayer table in the hall.



## European Languages Day

We have recently celebrated the European Day for Languages, when we reflected on why we learn different languages and how this opens our mind to the outside world. After surveying all the children in the school, we found that here at St Edmund's, 37 languages are spoken between all our children - a great diversity we can thrive on! Take a look at the display that Madame Wallace has put together to represent this.



## Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any Spy Dog, Spy Cat or Spy Pups books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.

We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.



## Diary Dates

Tue 14th Oct	Friends Meeting—7:30pm
Fri 17th Oct	Whole School Mass—9am
Mon 20th Oct	Flu vaccinations
Tue 21st Oct	Individual School photos (for pupils in the main school)
<b>HALF TERM (Wk beg 27th Oct)</b>	
Fri 31st Oct	Closing date for secondary school application for Yr6 pupils
Fri 7th Nov	Whole School Remembrance Mass—9am
Fri 7th Nov	Yr6 Art workshop (Crafty Foxes)
Mon 17th Nov	Individual School photos (for pupils in The Nest)
Fri 21st Nov	Whole School Mass—9am
Fri 5th Dec	Bishop Peter celebrating Mass at 10am and then visiting classrooms

Amongst our school community we have a parent who is currently training incredibly hard ahead of her participation in the Manchester Marathon in April. She currently has a child in the Nest and one at another local special school. She is aiming to raise £1000 and has kindly offered to split whatever monies she raises between the two schools to give back and support children with additional needs. If you are able to donate to her fundraising total she would be very grateful. Donations can be made via [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rebecca-brunning-1?utm\\_medium=CR&utm\\_source=EM](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rebecca-brunning-1?utm_medium=CR&utm_source=EM) Thank you for your support!



Kids Inspire Children's Mental Health charity

Today is World Mental Health day and earlier in the week we invited Jane and Clara from Kids Inspire, a local children's Mental Health charity in to talk to the children about managing their worries and developing resilience. The visitors led assemblies for the children in Yr1-5 in which they explored what to do to help manage feelings of worry. They talked about things that they can do to help make them feel calm if they are worried, e.g. spending time outside, listening to music, playing sport, stroking a pet, engaging with something creative such as art and talking to someone. They talked about trusted adults in school and who they could talk to and how to share their worries when they are in school.



Year 6 Resilience workshop

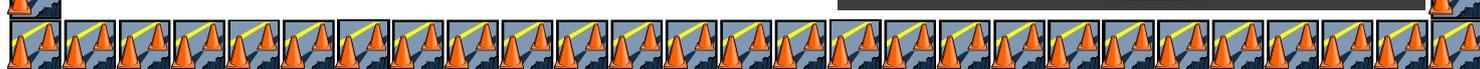
We had a great time with Clara and Jane from Kids Inspire and first we watched a video about Harry Kane and how he believed in himself, and didn't give up. Then we did some role play about ways to be resilient. Finally, we built a Lego robot in groups but whilst making it, the adults kept putting in exceptions like 'no red bricks allowed' and 'build in silence for 1 minute' and finally, 'pass your robot to another group'. The workshop helped to teach us how to be more resilient in ourselves.

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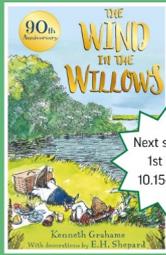
Introducing our new Junior Road Safety Officers

This morning in celebration assembly, we introduced our newly appointed Yr6 Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) who will be working with Miss Findlay over the course of this year to help support our school community to keep safe when out travelling on or near to roads. The introduction of our new JRSOs was quite timely as next week is Cycle to School week so they have created some posters this week which are now up on display to help encourage as many children as possible to cycle all or some of the way to school next week. If your child does come to school on their bike at any point next week, we'd love to see a photo of them. Please email these into the school office.



# Chatterbooks

A book group for children aged 9-12



Next session:  
1st Nov,  
10.15-11.00!



The next session of Chatterbooks club at Bury Library will be on Saturday 1st November 10.15-11.00. They meet on the first Saturday of every month and their title for next month is 'The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame: <https://suffolk.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/FULL/WPAC/BIBENQ/17465374/120500593,7> Copies are also available to borrow from the display in the newly-refurbished junior library.

The book club is run by staff at the library and is aimed at children aged 9-12 to come along and chat about the books they love. They do not need to have read the monthly title, but we hope they will enjoy making a craft

or doing an activity related to the month's read during the session. It is a great opportunity for young book lovers to make friends and enjoy spending time in the library.

## Balloons and bubbles!

Robins Class are now enjoying 'balloons and bubbles' as the next part of their Toys topic. For their outdoor learning this week the children enjoyed the story Bubble Trouble and then went outside to explore all things bubbles! They had so many bubbles in the water tray and used different containers to scoop and pour down the gutters to create big puddles to jump in.

They had to work very hard using the pump bottles to get soapy water to wash their turtles with their brushes and sponges - great for developing strength and fine motor skills in little hands.

They practised blowing bubbles from bubble blowers of all shapes and sizes and they challenged themselves to see if they could blow enough bubbles to fill a whole tray like in our story where not only did the bath fill with bubbles but the whole house and garden too!



## Yr5/6 Football Tournament

On Tuesday this week we had two teams of girls take part in a local inter-school girls football tournament. Both teams played really well demonstrating great teamwork as they competed against 13 other schools. The teams finished 3rd and 6th in the tournament and they proudly collected their certificates in assembly this morning.

Well done to all the girls who represented the school.





## **FRIENDS WELCOME MEETING**

**TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER  
7:30PM AT THE SCHOOL**

Our first meeting of the year to plan our upcoming events. Whether you're a familiar face or a new parent keen to get involved, you'll be warmly welcomed!



## **UNIFORM AMNESTY!**

**WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER  
8:30-9:15AM IN THE CRYPT**



**Do you have any outgrown but good-quality uniform?**  
Please bring your donations to help raise funds at our future events

## **CAKE & UNIFORM SALE**

**WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER  
FROM 3:15PM ON THE PLAYGROUND**

**(CASH ONLY & SMALL CHANGE PREFERRED)**

**No Tricks - Just Treats!**

Donations (homemade or shop-bought) to be dropped off to the Year 5/6 block in the morning please.

Requests for volunteers to help set up or sell will be sent via your year group WhatsApp representative.

**Your donations & assistance are greatly appreciated!**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT -  
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