



Academic year 2026 - 2027

St Edward's Catholic Primary School

Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers and families,

Term 1 has been a wonderful start to the new school year. We started off the school year with a beautiful 'Start of a new school year' mass in the hall celebrated by Father Aklilu and then ended Term 1 with our Harvest festival celebration with an amazing family turnout. Many thanks to the families and friends who were able to join us. Your generous donations were overwhelming. Representatives of the parish joined us and thanked your children for their kindness. These donations were taken to the 'Food Pantry' over at Ss Henry and Elizabeth. Thank you again.

We were invited to two start of year celebrations this term. Year 4 represented St Edward's Catholic Primary School at the Trust's new year mass at Aylesford. The children did us all proud as we knew they would and the class bidding prayer was wonderful. The Year 5 and 6 worship leaders joined Mr Atkinson and Mrs Blake at St George's Cathedral in Southwark. They did the offertory and were rewarded with large bubble gum ice creams in the park afterwards!

We also had a visiting Book Fair that was well supported and earned the school over £200 worth of books for the library, which has been refreshed this year and is looking really good. We also welcomed Adrian from BigFoot Arts who engaged all our children with some powerful messages.

Learning in the classes has been wonderful to see; Reception class have settled in really well and are enjoying the new resources in the outdoors area, Year 5 went to the beach and made art and all classes have focused on a major artist and made art in a similar style.

As the weather finally turns colder and a lot wetter, please remember to send your child in with a coat and sensible black shoes that can withstand any puddles.



Some dates for the diary

Date	Event	Classes
Monday 2 nd November	Term 2 starts	All
Monday 2 nd November	Flu vaccinations	Children with permission
Monday 9 th November	Kent Life trip	Year 5
Wednesday 11 th November	Speed Stacking	Years 3 and 4
Wednesday 11 th November	Open Day for Sept 2027 Year R intake	1.30pm
Tuesday 24 th November	Maidstone Museum workshops in school	Year R & Year 1
Wednesday 25 th November	Open Day for Sept 2027 Year R intake	9.30am & 1.30pm
Wednesday 2 nd December	Lantern workshop	Year 4
Thursday 3 rd December	Demelza House Carolthon	Year 5
Thursday 10 th December	Nativity 9.30am Nativity 2.00pm	Year R
Tuesday 15 th December	Nativity 9.30am Nativity 2.00pm	Year 1 & Year 2
Wednesday 16 th December	Whole School Christmas mass and KS2 Carol Service at Ss Henry & Elizabeth Catholic Church, Sheerness.	Whole school (including Year R) Mass starts at 10.00am
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas jumper and dinner day	All
Friday 18 th December	Term 2 ends	All

As we approach the end this term, I ask you continue to support us and your children with their learning. I hope everyone has a peaceful and satisfying holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone back on the 2nd November.

Dear Lord,

We ask you to keep us safe in your love, to give us a sense of peace and time to reflect on what success each and every one of us has had this term,

Amen.

Yours in good faith,

S Atkinson