



**St Edmund's Catholic Primary School**

**...through Christ we learn...**

**Executive Headteacher: Mrs A. Ruthven**

**Head of School: Mr A. Antoniou**



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & CATHOLIC LIFE PARENT BOOKLET



# Welcome from the School Leaders



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to welcome you to St Edmund's Catholic Primary School. As part of our family of schools, St Edmund's is a place where faith and learning grow hand in hand. Our mission is to nurture every child as a unique gift from God, helping them to achieve their best while living out the Gospel values.

I look forward to working alongside the Head of School, staff, and families to ensure that every child flourishes here.

With best wishes,  
**Amanda Ruthven**  
Executive Headteacher

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a joy to welcome you to St Edmund's Catholic Primary School. Our mission is simple: "Through Christ we learn." Every child here is seen as God's masterpiece (Ephesians 2:10), created with unique gifts to grow in faith, wisdom, and love.

Guided by our SPIRIT values — Service, Perseverance, Integrity, Respect, Inclusivity, and Trust — we strive to provide an education where children flourish academically, spiritually, and personally. As Jesus reminds us, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14), and it is our privilege to help each child shine.

Thank you for entrusting your child to our care. We look forward to working in partnership with you.

With every blessing,  
**Antonis Antoniou**  
Head of School



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## OUR MISSION

...THROUGH CHRIST WE LEARN...

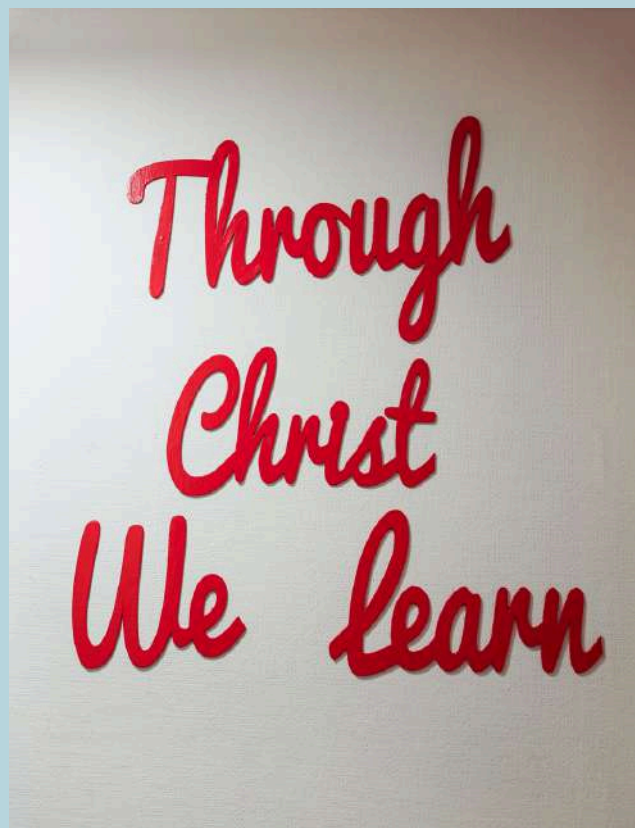
# OUR MISSION

**AT ST EDMUND'S, OUR MISSION IS SIMPLE YET  
PROFOUND:**

*"Through Christ, We Learn."*

Religious Education (RE) sits at the heart of all we do. It is not just a subject on the timetable, but the foundation of our school's identity and daily life. This booklet shares with you the many ways we live out our Catholic mission, nurture pupils' faith, and celebrate our rich and diverse community.

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# OUR STAFF MEMBERS



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Year Group / Role	Staff Members
<b>Executive Headteacher</b>	Amanda Ruthven
<b>Head of School</b>	Antonis Antoniou
<b>Assistant Headteacher</b>	Paulla Dean
<b>Nursery</b>	Lorraine Kimber (Nursery Lead) Mollyann Hope (Support Staff)
<b>Reception</b>	Maria Charles (Teacher) Victoria Lane (TA)
<b>Year 1</b>	Zarin Tasnim (Teacher) Sandra Murray (TA)
<b>Year 2</b>	Hajni Pecs (Teacher) Monika Juszewicz / Debbie Halpin-Lowe (TA)
<b>Year 3</b>	Francisco Ferron Sanchez (Teacher) Khedidja Hanane/Jenny McDonald (TA)
<b>Year 4</b>	Abiz Riaz (Teacher) Khedidja Hanane/Jenny McDonald (TA)
<b>Year 5</b>	Paulla Dean (Maternity Cover – Assistant Head) Andre Murray-Davidson (HLTA for Y5/Y6)
<b>Year 6</b>	James Kinnier (Teacher) Andre Murray-Davidson (HLTA for Y5/Y6)
<b>Bright Futures Intervention Hub</b>	Sandra Phillips Debbie Sprackling Elaine Bender
<b>School Administration</b>	School Business Manager – Mrs. Elizabeth Bart-Williams Administrator – Miss Shenaya Buchanan Receptionist – Miss Sadia Begum Caretaker – Mr Grant Etaghare Catering: Cook – Leroy Kerr; Catering Assistants – Oliveira de Santos; Debbie Coleman Cleaning staff: Barbara Mitchell, Lia Patras, Ruth Dzokoto





# ST EDMUND'S WELCOMES YOUR PRAYERS



**At St Edmund's, prayer is at the heart of school life.**

**Parents, carers, and visitors are warmly invited to share their prayers in our School Prayer Book or Prayer Intention Boxes, and to pray with children at home using their Home Prayer Books.**

**Every prayer becomes part of our community's journey of faith and is celebrated in assemblies and Celebrations of the Word.**

**"Through Christ we learn – through prayer we grow."**



# Religious Education and Faith in Action at St Edmund's

## OUR CORE MISSION

At St Edmund's Catholic Primary School, Religious Education (RE) is the foundation of our curriculum and the heart of our Catholic ethos. Rooted in our SPIRIT values—Service, Perseverance, Integrity, Respect, Inclusivity, and Trust—we teach pupils to live out the Gospel message, grow in faith, and make a positive impact on the world.



## FAITH IN ACTION

Religious Education is lived out through action and service. Each class has a focus virtue and a class saint to inspire their daily life. Pupils are also encouraged to serve as Caritas Ambassadors, Prayer Leaders, Eco Leaders, Peer Mediators, and School Council representatives, putting their faith into practice.

## CHARITABLE WORK AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Every year, St Edmund's supports a range of local, national, and global charities, teaching pupils the importance of solidarity, compassion, and justice. Recent initiatives include:

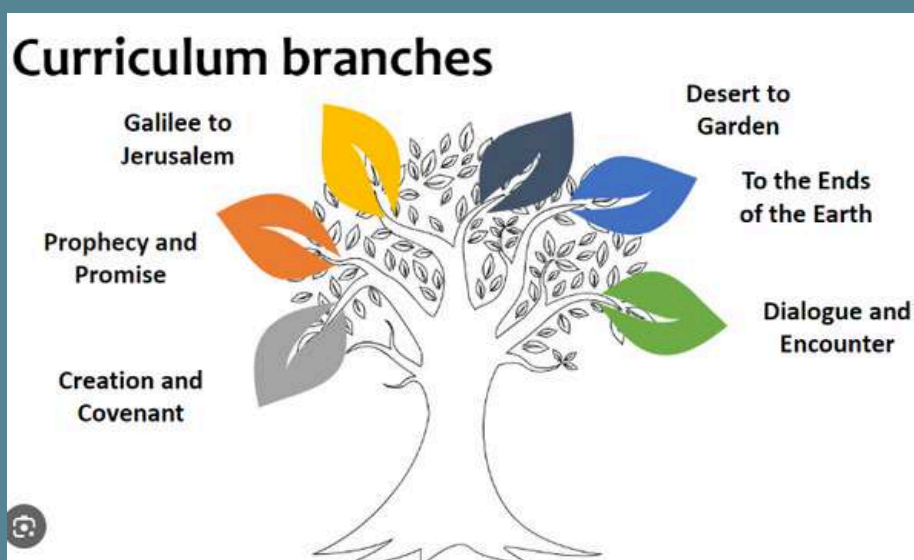


CHARITY WORK AT ST EDMUND'S						
<b>CAFOD</b> Big Lent Walk 2025 <a href="#">Click here</a>	<b>Children in Need</b> <a href="https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/">https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/</a>	<b>Guide Dogs</b> <a href="https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/">https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/</a>	<b>Young Minds</b> <a href="https://www.youngminds.org.uk/">https://www.youngminds.org.uk/</a>	<b>Greenpeace</b> <a href="https://www.greenpeace.org.uk/">https://www.greenpeace.org.uk/</a>	<b>Caritas/Local foodbank</b> <a href="https://www.wwf.org.uk/">https://www.wwf.org.uk/</a>	<b>The Salvation Army</b> <a href="https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/modern-slavery">https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/modern-slavery</a>
						

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM

We follow the To Know You More Clearly scheme, which ensures depth, progression, and relevance across all year groups. Children learn through:

- Scripture – exploring the life and teachings of Jesus, the Old Testament, and the mission of the Church.
- Branches of Learning – six key themes: Creation and Covenant, Prophecy and Promise, Galilee to Jerusalem, Desert to Garden, To the Ends of the Earth, Dialogue and Encounter.
- World Faiths – alongside Catholic teaching, children learn about Judaism, Islam, and other world religions to promote respect and inclusivity.



## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

- Daily Prayer – in every classroom, including traditional prayers and spontaneous reflection.
- Weekly Assemblies – Celebration of the Word / Gospel assemblies on Mondays and monthly SPIRIT (Service, Perseverance, Integrity, Respect, Inclusivity, Trust) celebration assemblies (parents invited every last Friday of the month).
- Liturgical Celebrations – Masses, Advent, Lent, Holy Week, and feast days.
- Prayer Garden Initiative – classes take turns leading creative prayer activities (e.g., Prayer Pebbles, Balloon Prayers, Sand Tray Confession).

## LIVING OUR SPIRIT VALUES

- By weaving together RE lessons, worship, charity, and community service, we nurture children to be compassionate, resilient, faith-filled individuals. Our pupils learn to see faith not just as knowledge, but as a way of living—serving God by serving others.

# THREE WAYS OF KNOWING

IN EVERY LESSON, PUPILS GROW IN:

**UNDERSTANDING –**

GAINING KNOWLEDGE OF SCRIPTURE, BELIEFS, SACRAMENTS AND PRACTICES.

**DISCERNING –**

REFLECTING ON MEANING AND HOW FAITH SHAPES LIFE.

**RESPONDING –**

APPLYING LEARNING THROUGH PRAYER, ACTION, AND PERSONAL REFLECTION.



RE IS TAUGHT FOR 10% OF THE CURRICULUM EACH WEEK, ENSURING IT IS GIVEN THE SAME PRIORITY AS ENGLISH AND MATHS.

RE SCHOOL TIMETABLE					
“RE is taught for 10% of curriculum time: 2h15 (FS/KS1) and 2h30 (KS2), shown clearly on timetables.”					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40 - 9:10	Daily Mile/Early Morning Work/Morning Prayer				
	Briefing (8:30 - 8:40)				
8:50 - 9:10	Celebration of the WORD Assembly	Catholic Choir Assembly (Hymn Assembly)	Celebration of the Word Class Pupil Led Planning Y5 Caritas Session	Celebration of the Word Pupil Led Class Assembly	SPIRIT Assembly SLT
9:10 - 10:10 LS 9:10 - 10:25 US					
10:10 - 10:25 LS 10:25 - 10:40 US	Morning Break				
10:25 - 11:25 LS 10:40 - 12:25 US	Y3 RE				
11:25 - 12:25 LS 12:25 - 13:25 US	Lunch Prayer & Lunch Break				
12:25 - 13:25 LS					
13:25 - 13:40 LS	LS Afternoon Break				
13:40 - 15:25 LS 13:25 - 15:25 US		Y6 RSE/PSHE 13:25 - 13:55  Y1/Y2/ Y3/Y4/Y6 RE 13:25 - 14:25	Y1/ Y4 RE 13:40 - 14:25 Y5/Y3 RSE/PSHE 13:25 - 13:55  Y5 RE 13:25 - 15:25	Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 RE 13:25 - 14:25	Y2 PSHE/RSE 14:20 - 14:55
	Afternoon Prayer				





## PRAYER AND LITURGY

PRAYER AND WORSHIP FORM THE HEARTBEAT OF OUR SCHOOL.

DAILY PRAYER

MORNING, LUNCHTIME AND END-OF-DAY PRAYERS IN EVERY CLASSROOM.

YOU CAN PRACTISE WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME



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### **Morning Prayer**

*Thank you, God, for each new day.  
We come to school to work and play.  
Thank you for each girl and boy,  
Fill us all with love and joy.  
Amen.  
...Through Christ we learn...*



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### **Lunch Prayer**

*Bless us oh God as we sit together.  
Bless the food we eat today.  
Bless the hands that made the food.  
Bless us oh God,  
Amen.  
...Through Christ we learn...*



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### **Afternoon Prayer**

*God our father I come to say,  
Thank you for your love today.  
Thank you for my family  
And all the love you give to me.  
Guard me in the dark of night  
And in the morning send your light.  
Amen.  
...Through Christ we learn...*



## PRAYER PROGRESSION AT ST EDMUND'S

At St Edmund's, prayer is at the heart of everything we do. From Nursery to Year 6, pupils are gradually introduced to the prayers of the Church, different ways of praying, and opportunities to lead prayer themselves. This ensures that by the time they leave us, children can confidently take part in the liturgical life of the Church and develop their own personal relationship with God.

Phase	Prayers Learned by Heart	Devotions & Practices	Leading Prayer
<b>EYFS</b>	Sign of the Cross, Morning/Afternoon Prayer, Grace before Meals	Simple Mass responses, "Thank you God" prayers	Join adult-led Celebrations of the Word
<b>Year 1</b>	Our Father (intro), Glory Be, Hail Mary (intro), Simple Act of Sorrow	Short bidding prayers	Help set prayer tables, lead simple prayers
<b>Year 2</b>	Our Father & Glory Be (secure), Hail Mary (secure), Guardian Angel Prayer	Sanctus, Agnus Dei	Join in Nativity prayers & May devotions
<b>Year 3</b>	Act of Contrition (intro), Angelus (intro), begin Rosary (1 decade)	Short Stations of the Cross	Begin to lead classroom prayer
<b>Year 4</b>	Act of Contrition (secure), Rosary (Joyful Mysteries), Apostles' Creed	Magnificat (verses)	Plan & lead Celebrations of the Word with support
<b>Year 5</b>	Hail Holy Queen, Memorare, Nicene Creed (intro)	Stations of the Cross, Adoration	Lead small group liturgies
<b>Year 6</b>	Nicene Creed (secure), Rosary (all Mysteries), Adoration prayers, Veni Sancte Spiritus	Seasonal litanies, Eucharistic responses	Lead and evaluate whole-class and younger pupils' worship

PRAYER TABLES IN EACH CLASS REFLECT THE LITURGICAL YEAR.

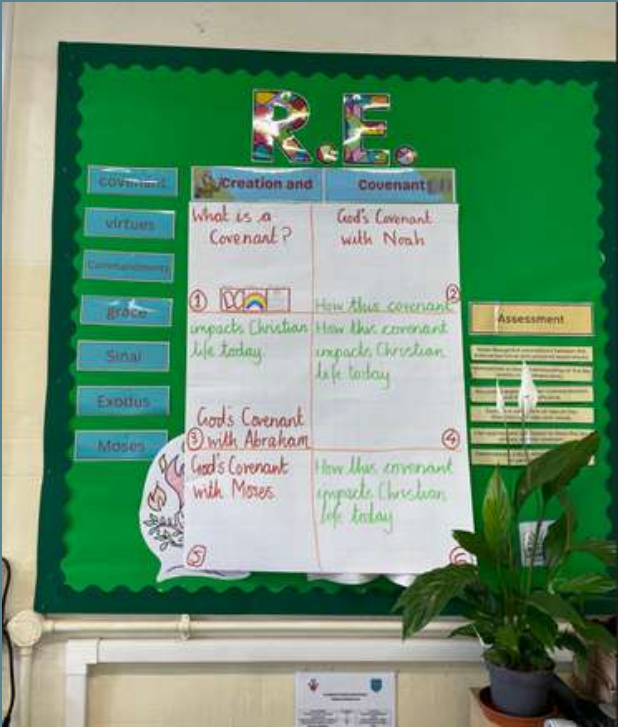


A SHARED PRAYER AREA OFFERS SPACE FOR REFLECTION OUT OF CLASS





EVERY CLASSROOM HAS DEDICATED RE DISPLAYS REFLECTING THE TOPIC OF EACH TERM AND THE LEARNING TAKING PLACE IN CLASSROOM





# WEEKLY WORSHIP PATTERN

Day	Focus
<b>Monday</b>	Whole-school <i>Celebration of the Word</i> (Gospel focus)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Hymn / Catholic Choir Assembly
<b>Wednesday</b>	Class <i>Celebration of the Word</i> (pupil-led)
<b>Thursday</b>	Class <i>Celebration of the Word</i> (pupil-led, Scripture in action)
<b>Friday</b>	Whole-school <i>SPIRIT Assembly</i> (celebration of Gospel values and CST)

## SPECIAL DEVOTIONS AND LITURGICAL SEASONS

ROSARY IN OCTOBER AND MAY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT

ADORATION DURING CORPUS CHRISTI

MAY PROCESSION FOR OUR LADY

WHOLE-SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS AT ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, EASTER, PENTECOST AND SAINTS' FEAST DAYS

MONTHLY SCHOOL MASS WITH THE PARISH PRIEST



# PEACE AND JUSTICE SOCIETY



PEACE AND JUSTICE SOCIETY: EMPOWERING LEADERS OF TOMORROW

AT ST EDMUND'S, OUR PEACE AND JUSTICE SOCIETY IS A PUPIL LEADERSHIP TEAM FORMED OF YEAR 5 CHILDREN WHO GUIDE THE SCHOOL IN LIVING OUT OUR MISSION: "THROUGH CHRIST WE LEARN." THEY ARE CONFIDENT, INDEPENDENT LEADERS WHO PUT FAITH INTO ACTION THROUGH PRAYER, SERVICE, AND JUSTICE.



## The Peace and Justice Society Pledge

As disciples of Jesus in the new millennium, we pledge to:

**Pray** regularly for greater justice and peace.

**Learn** more about Catholic social teaching and its call to protect human life, stand with the poor, and care for Creation.

**Reach** across boundaries of religion, race, ethnicity, gender, and disabling conditions.

**Live** justly in family and school life.

**Serve** those who are poor and vulnerable, sharing our time and talent.

**Give** more generously to those in need at home and abroad.

**Advocate** to protect human life, promote human dignity, preserve God's Creation, and build peace.

**Encourage** others to work for greater charity, justice, and peace.



# Celebration of the Word Assembly

## CELEBRATION OF THE WORD ASSEMBLY – LED BY OUR PEACE AND JUSTICE SOCIETY ✨

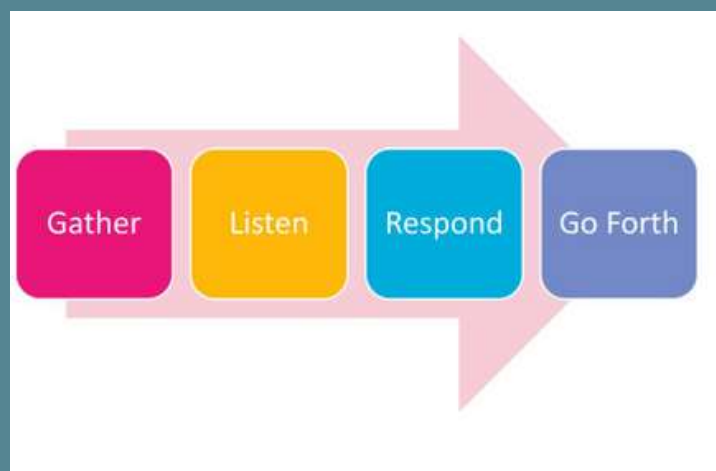
Every Monday morning, our school family gathers for our whole-school Celebration of the Word, led by the Peace and Justice Society. This is a special moment in our week where pupils take the lead in prayer, scripture, and reflection, helping us to root everything we do in the Gospel.

The assembly follows the four key steps of Collective Worship:

- ✝️ We Gather – We begin with the Sign of the Cross, music, and a prayerful focus to remind us we are part of God's family.
- 📖 We Listen – The Gospel is proclaimed, and children reflect on what God is saying to us.
- 🙏 We Respond – Through prayers, songs, or creative actions, we respond to God's Word together.
- 🌍 We Go Forth – We leave with a mission: to live out the Gospel message in our words, actions, and choices throughout the week.

These assemblies inspire our pupils to live with faith, justice, and compassion, carrying the light of Christ into their classrooms, homes, and community.

You can follow the same steps for your home prayers and reflections





## CARITAS AMBASSADORS: LIVING THE GOSPEL IN SERVICE

THE CARITAS AMBASSADORS ARE STUDENT LEADERS DEDICATED TO MAKING FAITH TANGIBLE THROUGH SOCIAL ACTION. INSPIRED BY CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING, THEY TAKE ON PROJECTS TO ADDRESS SOCIAL JUSTICE NEEDS BOTH LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY, ENCOURAGING THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY TO ACT WITH COMPASSION AND GENEROSITY.

### OUR DUTIES ARE:

LEARN AND SHARE CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING WITH THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

IDENTIFY SOCIAL JUSTICE NEEDS AND LEAD PROJECTS TO ADDRESS THEM.

RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT LOCAL AND GLOBAL CHALLENGES.

ORGANISE AND INSPIRE CHARITABLE INITIATIVES.

REFLECT ON FAITH AND ACTION THROUGH PRAYER AND WORSHIP.

FOSTER INCLUSIVITY AND RESPECT IN ALL ASPECTS OF SCHOOL LIFE.

THROUGH THEIR WORK, THE CARITAS AMBASSADORS DEMONSTRATE HOW FAITH AND ACTION COME TOGETHER TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS.



# PUPIL LEADERSHIP

Children are given many opportunities to lead:

Prime Ministers / Head Boy & Girl – pupil voice leaders.

School Council – representing each class.

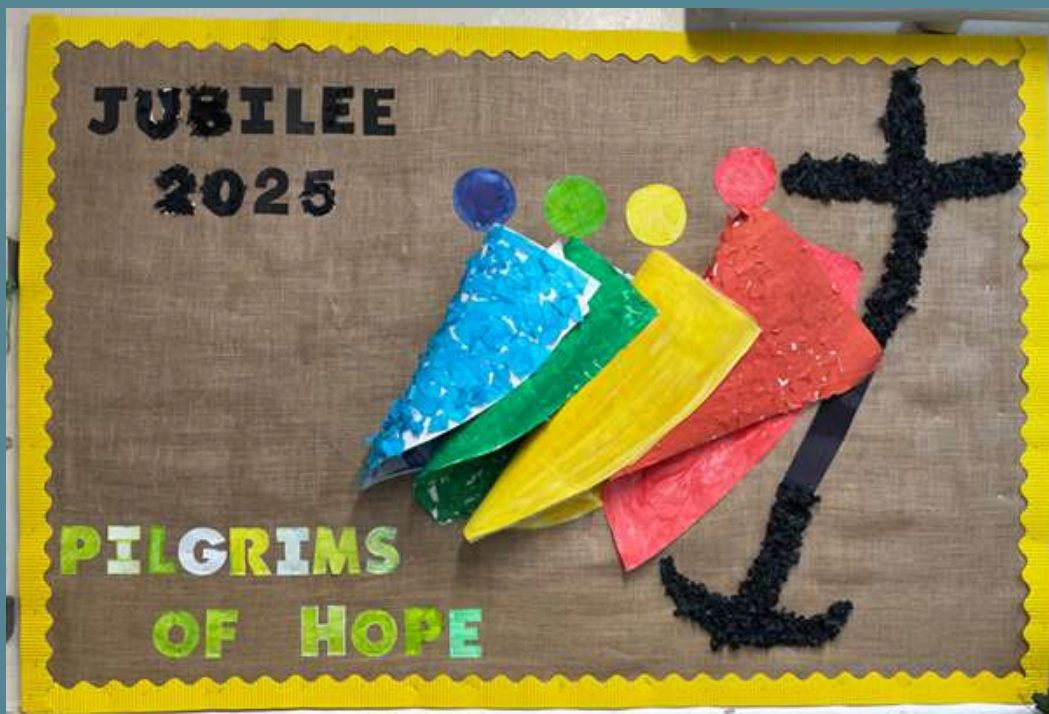
Digital Ambassadors – promoting safe use of technology.

Equality & Inclusion Ambassadors – ensuring every voice is heard.

Environmental Ambassadors – leading sustainability projects.

Sports & Play Ambassadors – promoting teamwork and fairness.

Caritas Ambassadors & Peace and Justice Society – leading worship, CST and faith in action.





## HOME-SCHOOL-PARISH LINKS

**HOME PRAYER BOOK – CHILDREN TAKE HOME CLASS PRAYER BOOKS WEEKLY TO SHARE WITH THEIR FAMILIES.**

**PARENT PRAYER GROUP – HELD IN THE PARISH CHURCH.**

**PARISH LINKS – REGULAR SCHOOL MASSES AT ST EDMUND'S PARISH WITH FR CHRISTOPHER SILVA.**

**RE NEWSLETTERS – SHARED EACH TERM WITH GOSPEL REFLECTIONS, PRAYER IDEAS, AND NEWS.**



## HOME-SCHOOL PRAYER BOOK

**AS PART OF OUR MISSION "THROUGH CHRIST, WE LEARN", EVERY CLASS HAS A HOME PRAYER BOOK THAT CHILDREN TAKE HOME ON A ROTA. THIS IS A SPECIAL WAY FOR FAMILIES TO SHARE IN THE PRAYER LIFE OF THE SCHOOL AND STRENGTHEN THE LINK BETWEEN HOME, SCHOOL, AND PARISH.**

**EACH PACK CONTAINS:**

**A CROSS**

**A SET OF ROSARY BEADS**

**A SMALL CANDLE**

**THE CLASS PRAYER BOOK**

**FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO CREATE A SIMPLE PRAYER SPACE AT HOME AND TO FOLLOW THE SAME STEPS WE USE IN SCHOOL WORSHIP:**

**GATHER – LISTEN – RESPOND – GO FORTH.**

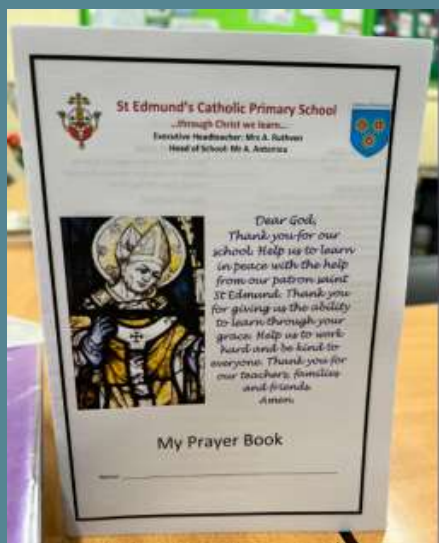
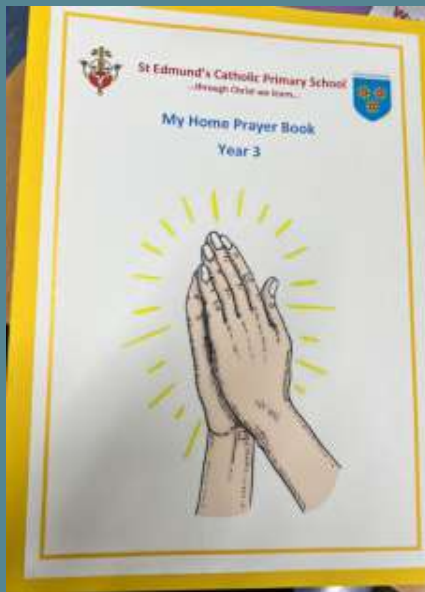
**TOGETHER, PARENTS AND CHILDREN CAN:**

**LEAD THEIR OWN PRAYERS AS A FAMILY.**

**WRITE REFLECTIONS OR INTENTIONS IN THE PRAYER BOOK.**

**TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OR CREATE DRAWINGS OF THEIR PRAYER SPACE OR SPECIAL MOMENTS OF PRAYER, AND ADD THEM TO THE BOOK.**

**THIS PRACTICE HELPS CHILDREN GROW IN CONFIDENCE AS PRAYER LEADERS AND GIVES FAMILIES THE JOY OF SHARING FAITH AT HOME. WHEN THE PRAYER BOOK IS RETURNED TO SCHOOL, CHILDREN SHARE THEIR FAMILY'S CONTRIBUTIONS WITH PRIDE DURING CLASS OR CELEBRATION OF THE WORD ASSEMBLIES.**





## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING AT ST EDMUND'S

AT ST EDMUND'S, CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING (CST) IS AT THE HEART OF OUR MISSION: "THROUGH CHRIST WE LEARN." CST SHAPES HOW WE PRAY, HOW WE LEARN, AND HOW WE ACT IN THE WORLD. IT ENSURES OUR PUPILS UNDERSTAND THAT FAITH IS NOT JUST WHAT WE BELIEVE, BUT HOW WE LIVE.



# ROOTED IN LOVE

We follow the Caritas "Rooted in Love" programme, developed with the Diocese of Westminster.

Each half-term, pupils focus on one CST theme such as:

Human Dignity

Solidarity,

Care for Creation

The Option for the Poor and Vulnerable








These themes are woven into RE lessons, assemblies, prayer, and daily school life.



EVERY TERM CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT THE CST TOPIC REFLECT ON IT AND SUGGEST THEIR OWN IDEAS, THEIR UNDERSTANDING AND REFLECTIONS. THEY WRITE THEIR OWN PRAYERS, PETITIONS, DREAMS AND HOPES AROUND THE WORLD AROUND THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES.

THIS CREATES A COLLAGE OF IDEAS AND IT GOES ON EVERY CLASSROOM DOOR AS A REMINDER FOR THE TERM



CHARITY WORK AT ST EDMUND'S						
<b>CAFOD</b> Big Lent Walk 2025 <a href="#">Click here</a>	<b>Children in Need</b> <a href="https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/">https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/</a>	<b>Guide Dogs</b> <a href="https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/">https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/</a>	<b>Young Minds</b> <a href="https://www.youngminds.org.uk/">https://www.youngminds.org.uk/</a>	<b>Greenpeace</b> <a href="https://www.greenpeace.org.uk/">https://www.greenpeace.org.uk/</a>	<b>Caritas/Local foodbank</b> <a href="https://www.wwf.org.uk/">https://www.wwf.org.uk/</a>	<b>The Salvation Army</b> <a href="https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/modern-slavery">https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/modern-slavery</a>
						
Local Charity Work 🌍		National Charity Work 🇬🇧		Global Charity Work 🌐		
<b>Caritas / Local Foodbank</b> – Provides direct support to families in need, offering food, shelter, and financial aid within your school's community.		<b>Children in Need</b> – Raises money for UK-based projects supporting disadvantaged children, providing funding for mental health, poverty relief, and disability support.		<b>CAFOD</b> – A Catholic charity supporting international development, providing aid in war zones, disaster relief, and sustainable projects worldwide.		
<b>The Salvation Army</b> – Works locally to support vulnerable people, including those affected by homelessness, poverty, and modern slavery.		<b>Young Minds</b> – A national mental health charity supporting young people in the UK with emotional well-being and mental health resources.		<b>Greenpeace</b> – Focuses on global environmental action, tackling climate change, deforestation, and marine conservation.		
<b>Guide Dogs</b> – Supports visually impaired individuals in local communities, helping them lead independent lives.		<b>CAFOD – Big Lent Walk 2025</b> – While CAFOD operates globally, its fundraising and school engagement in the UK make it a strong national initiative.		<b>WWF (World Wildlife Fund)</b> – A global organization working to protect endangered species, ecosystems, and combat climate change.		

## PUPIL CHOICE AND ACTION

At the start of every autumn term, each class chooses a charity to support for the year. Together, pupils discuss and vote on causes close to their hearts – whether local, national, or global. They reflect on:

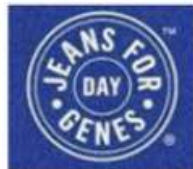
- Why does this charity matter?
- Who are we helping?
- How does this connect to the Gospel and CST?

This ensures every fundraising project is rooted in pupil voice and theological reflection. Children take pride in their choice and are motivated to plan creative fundraising events that make a real difference.

# LIVING CST IN OUR SCHOOL

Our pupils act for justice and compassion at every level:

- **Local:** Classes support food banks, parish initiatives, and local hospices. Projects include the Rudolph Run for St Joseph's Hospice and harvest donations. (Insert food bank photos)
- **National:** Pupils contribute to campaigns such as Children in Need, Young Minds, and Macmillan, understanding that they are part of a national community of action. (Insert cake sale / fundraiser photos)
- **Global:** Through CAFOD, Mission Together, and Caritas, pupils learn about solidarity with the poor and vulnerable worldwide. Projects like the Year 5 Caritas fundraiser show how small actions can have a global impact. (Insert Caritas project photos)



*"We must move forward together, as one, in a renewed spirit of fraternity and solidarity, cooperating generously for the common good."- Pope Francis*



## CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

At St Edmund's, we are blessed with a vibrant and diverse school community. We see this richness as a gift from God and celebrate it as part of our Catholic mission.

Diversity is celebrated through:

*Assemblies and Collective Worship that highlight unity, equality, and justice in the light of the Gospel.*

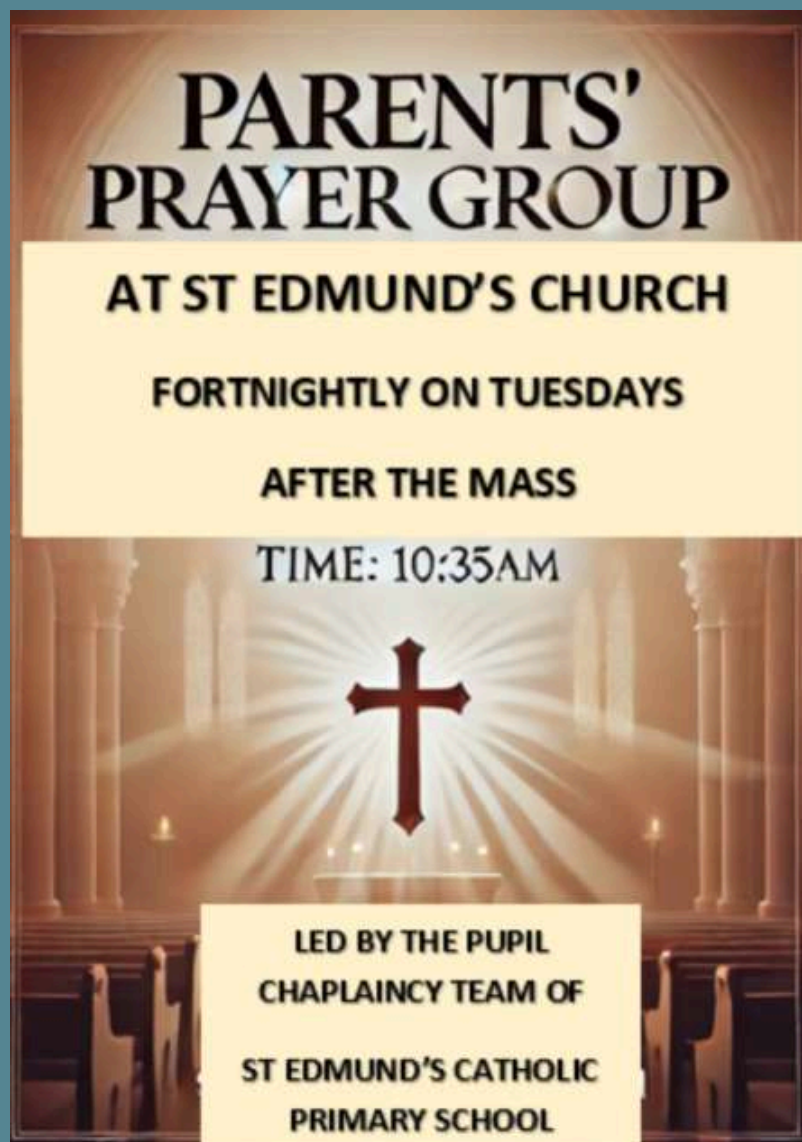
*Curriculum themes that explore different cultures, traditions, and histories, helping children appreciate the beauty of God's world.*

*Black History Month and other cultural events, where pupils learn from role models of faith, courage, and service.*

*Classroom prayer and reflection areas that respect and value the heritage and faith backgrounds of all pupils.*

*In everything we do, children are reminded that we are all created in the image and likeness of God. This inspires them to respect, value, and celebrate each other's uniqueness.*





## Prayer Meeting Dates

The Parent Prayer Group meet every other Tuesday morning at 10.35 am in the St Edmund's Church, following the morning mass. This will be starting from Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025

It is a beautiful prayer time where our school's chaplaincy team Peace and Justice group will lead you in prayer – you are welcome to join in and pray or to sit quietly and reflect in prayer. Feel free to bring your little ones too.

If you would like further details, please contact the school office and your details will be passed onto the Prayer Group Leaders.



## RELATIONSHIPS, SEX AND HEALTH EDUCATION (RSE) AND PSHE AT ST EDMUND'S

At St Edmund's, we believe that every child is created in the image and likeness of God, uniquely loved and called to flourish. Our Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSE) and PSHE curriculum enables children to grow in knowledge, respect, and responsibility, preparing them to live safe, healthy, and faith-filled lives.

We follow Life to the Full Plus, a comprehensive programme developed by Ten Ten Resources and approved by the Catholic Education Service. This scheme is fully in line with the statutory requirements for Relationships and Health Education, while being rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church.

**Ten:Ten**  
Resources



## WHAT CHILDREN LEARN

The programme is structured across three key themes, which are revisited and deepened from Early Years to Year 6:

1. Created and Loved by God
  - Recognising the dignity of every person as created in God's image.
  - Learning about physical and emotional health, life cycles, and the uniqueness of each individual.
2. Created to Love Others
  - Understanding relationships, family life, friendship, and online safety.
  - Exploring how to form healthy, respectful and loving relationships, both offline and online.
3. Created to Live in Community
  - Appreciating our role in wider society and the Church.
  - Learning about responsibilities, Catholic Social Teaching, and caring for others and creation.

Each module is age-appropriate, with a clear progression of knowledge and theological language. Prayer, reflection, and Scripture are woven throughout, ensuring that children connect what they learn with their faith.

## HOW IT IS TAUGHT

1. Lessons are interactive and sensitive, using film, story, discussion, and prayer.
2. Teachers adapt materials to support children's needs, ensuring inclusivity.
3. Parents are given access to the Ten Ten Parent Portal, so that home and school work together in guiding children.



## LIFE TO THE FULL – PARENT INFORMATION

At St Edmund's we follow Life to the Full, a Relationships, Health and Sex Education (RHE) programme created by Ten Ten Resources and approved by the Diocese of Westminster. It is rooted in Catholic teaching, fully compliant with statutory guidance, and designed to support children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Parents are key partners in this journey. Ten Ten provides a secure Parent Portal where you can:

- See what your child is learning each term
- Access resources to support conversations at home
- Share in the prayers and activities used in school

We encourage all families to make use of this resource so that you are fully aware of the content being taught and can support your child's learning journey at home.

🌐 [Parent Portal Website](#)  
**Username:** st-edmund-e14  
**Password:** milk-shake-4

Parent Portal  
<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

Parent Consultation Tool  
<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-consultation-tool-primary/>

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# LET US PRAY

## Our school prayer



**St Edmund's Catholic Primary School**

**...through Christ we learn...**

**Executive Headteacher: Mrs A. Ruthven**

**Head of School: Mr A. Antoniou**



*Dear God,  
Thank you for our  
school. Help us to learn  
in peace with the help  
from our patron saint  
St Edmund. Thank you  
for giving us the ability  
to learn through your  
grace. Help us to work  
hard and be kind to  
everyone. Thank you for  
our teachers, families  
and friends.  
Amen.*