

Welcome to the first newsletter of our 2023-24 school year



Dear Parents,

With the new school year underway already we have enjoyed welcoming a number of new children to our school, both in the main school and also in The Nest. The Early Years children are quickly establishing new routines, finding their way round the school and are being helped to settle into our school by other pupils and staff. It's been lovely to welcome some new staff to our team, some of whom you may already have seen or spoken to on the playground at the beginning or end of the day.

This week we have elected new Yr6 house captains who have already commenced their role and will be announcing the first week's house point winners in Monday's celebration assembly.

You have already started to receive information about your child's learning via the weekly learning intentions link sent to you each Friday. Please keep an eye on these each week as this is where you'll find key information for the coming week.

In a fortnight's time, there is an opportunity to come into school at 3:45pm to meet your child's year group teaching team. This will

Year group	Parent welcome meeting date
Early Years	Thursday 28th September
Year 1	Thursday 28th September
Year 2	Tuesday 26th September
Year 3	Wednesday 27th September
Year 4	Monday 25th September
Year 5	Tuesday 26th September
Year 6	Wednesday 27th September

provide you with further details about the routines and expectations of your child's new year group. Please check the table on the left to see which afternoon each year group's meeting is taking place. We have tried to spread these over the week to better enable parents with children in more than one year group to attend different meetings.



Parent Volunteers

Do you have a spare couple of hours in your week?

We are always appreciative of extra pairs of hands in school as this enables us to further increase the support we can provide for the children. If you would be able to spare a couple of hours in your week to assist us in school and you would be interested in volunteering in school, please speak to myself (Mrs Copeman) either in person or via an email to the office so that we can discuss this with you further.

Friends Meeting

The 'Friends' of St Edmunds, a group of parents who assist us by organising and running a range of events across the school year, helping to raise valuable funds which we use to benefit the children are holding their next meeting on Tuesday 26th September at 7:30pm in school. They would love to see some new faces so if you would like to join this team, please come along.



Why not follow us on @StEds_ip33

Diary Dates

Wk beg 25th Sept Parent welcome meetings
 Tue 26th Sept Friends Meeting 7:30pm
 Thur 28th Sept Annie and Sue from OM Health and Wellbeing in school
 Fri 6th Oct Harvest Festival EY/KS1 9am and KS2 2:45pm

HALF TERM (Wk beg 23rd Oct)

Mon 31st Oct Closing date for secondary school application for Yr6 pupils
 Thur 2nd Nov Individual School photos (for pupils in the main school)
 Tue 14th Nov Individual School photos (for pupils in The Nest)

Year 4 Music

Year 4 had their first cornet lesson with Mr Taber from the county music service this week. Using just the mouthpiece, they practised buzzing their lips to create the desired sound ready for the arrival of the rest of the instrument next week.



They had a great time and we're looking forward to hearing the sounds coming from the Year 4 classrooms in the coming weeks.

Meet our new KS2 Language Ambassadors

Please meet our new KS2 Language Ambassadors for the Autumn term: Shaheen and Hattie in Year 3, Raiden and Lillian in Year 4, Hayes and Santi in Year 5 and Tami and Hattie in Year 6. Their job is threefold: promote other languages and cultures within school, practise the words of the week with their class in-between French lessons using our Rigolo programme and keep the calendar and weather charts up-to-date daily in their classroom. We had a great deal of candidates for the job in every class this term, but everyone will have another chance at being elected at the start of Spring and Summer terms!



Robins class Soundboard fun!

Robins Class were introduced to their new Sound board this week. This is officially known as a resonance board which acts like a big drum, amplifying sounds and vibrations which can then be heard and felt. It is a great tool for developing communication, vocalisation and speech, anticipation, rhythm and turn taking. It was met with great excitement and the children came to explore the board, checking



it out and feeling the vibrations through their bodies. They watched and listened and some of them began to try joining in with the songs in whatever way felt right for them.