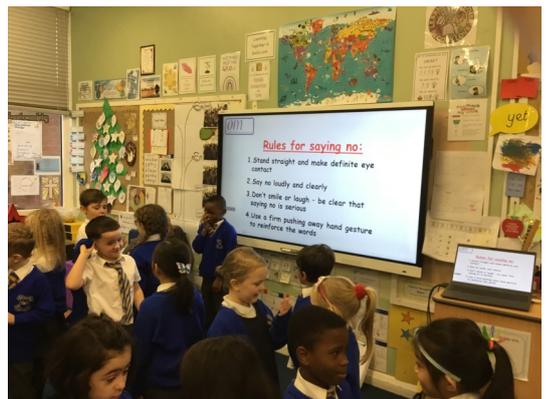
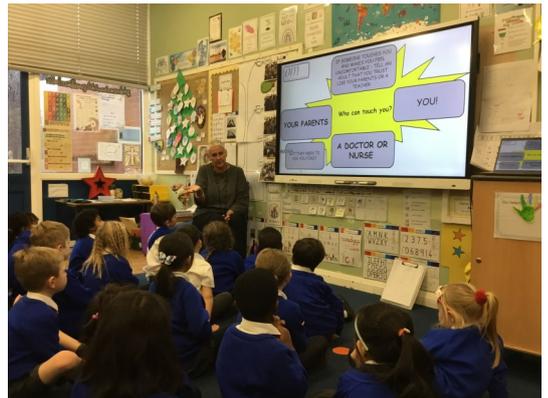
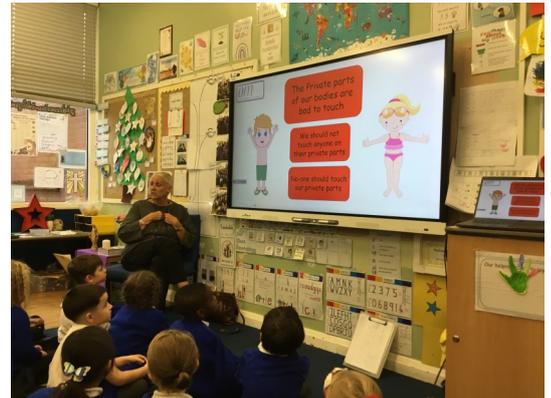




We recently enjoyed welcoming Bishop Peter Collins to St Edmunds to celebrate Mass with us. Following Mass, he then joined us in school for the rest of the morning. He had a tour of school and met with our Year 6 RE Ambassadors to talk about their role and their highlights from this term then enjoyed fish fingers and chips with staff before his departure!



Year 1 Keep Safe workshop
Annie and Sue from OM Health and Wellbeing were back in school with us at the beginning of the month and whilst in school, Annie led 'Keep Safe' workshops with both of the Year 1 classes. Within the session they revisited important messages such as the need to respect that parts of our body are private and we don't touch the private parts of others. They discussed some of the kinds of people who are safe grown ups to share our private parts with, such as medical professionals. They also explored rules regarding how to say, "No" to keep themselves and others safe if they don't consent to something.



Suffolk Parent Carer Forum Newsletter December 2025

The December edition of the Suffolk Parent Carer Forum newsletter has been published and is ready to view via <https://suffolkpcf.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/December-2025-Newsletter-FINAL.pdf>



Within the newsletter, there is information and updates from support services operating across Suffolk, alongside a guide to free events and activities scheduled for the upcoming school holidays.

New Arrival

We are pleased to be able to announce that Mr and Mrs Leighton-Scott have welcomed a new baby girl into their family. Isolde Mary Leighton-Scott was born on 5th December and both mummy and baby are doing well. We wish them much happiness ahead as a family of four.



Staff news

As we enter the final week of term, we will be saying farewell, thank you and good luck to a few members of staff. Mrs Bing will be leaving to take on a new job teaching in EYFS in a local primary school. Mrs Clayson who is a TA in the Nest and who also helps to staff the breakfast and After-school club is leaving the team to return to her home country of New Zealand in January. Mrs Constant who has worked across the Federation schools since 2018, and who has been a valued member of the admin team at St Edmunds for over 3 years will be leaving to take on another administration role. Lastly we will also be saying farewell to Mrs Shepperson who is leaving to return to a full time teaching post. Whilst at St Edmunds, Mrs Shepperson has provided many children with support to help meet their social and emotional needs through her role as a Thrive practitioner. She has played a significant role in our OPAL journey to date and has also helped staff the After-school club provision too.

When we return from the Christmas break, we will be welcoming some new staff to the St Edmunds team. We are looking forward to having Mr Surrige join us as the new caretaker. We will also have two new members of staff joining the admin team. Mrs Sanders will be based in the main school office and Mrs Pope will be based in the pre-school office. As a school community, I'm sure you will quickly help to make them feel part of the St Edmunds team and give them a friendly smile as they establish themselves in their new roles.



A Little Nativity and Santa on Strike!

Thank you to the many family members who joined us in school last week to enjoy watching the EY and KS1 children perform A Little Nativity and Santa on Strike!

The children have worked incredibly hard over the past few weeks learning lines and songs ready to get us all in the festive spirit as we continue our journey through Advent to Christmas. Thank you for helping to practise lines at home and for providing the children with the costumes for them to wear.



Thank you also to the staff for the huge amount of effort that goes on behind the scenes to enable productions such as these to take place.

We are looking forward to the KS2 Carol Service tomorrow as well as ending the term on Friday with our final whole school Mass of 2025.



OPAL Pupil Play Leaders



Last week in assembly, we introduced a new group of Year 6 pupils who will be taking on the role of OPAL Pupil Play Leaders. Year 6 children were invited to put themselves forward if they wished to support the staff play team in continuing to develop play opportunities at St Edmunds, and we were delighted that 22 pupils expressed an interest in the role. From these, the first team of 11 Play Leaders will help to lead play opportunities for pupils across the school next term, as well as support the embedding of the St Edmunds Play Charter. The Play Charter has been collaboratively developed with the school council and captures the key principles needed to ensure play is the best possible experience for everyone at St Edmunds.

The charter also links to our ongoing work as a Rights Respecting School, promoting the importance of Article 31: the right to relax and play. Please keep an eye out around the play landscape for the charter, which will be displayed on colourful pallets for the whole school community to see.



Festive Friday Fundraising Day

Thank you for all the effort that was made to fill the school with festive cheer in various forms for our Festive fundraising day on Friday in aid of the Rainbow Trust children's charity. It was amazing to look across the hall on Friday morning and see a sea of festive clothing. We are yet to total up the funds raised, but these will be hugely appreciated by the charity to aid their ongoing work supporting families of seriously ill children.



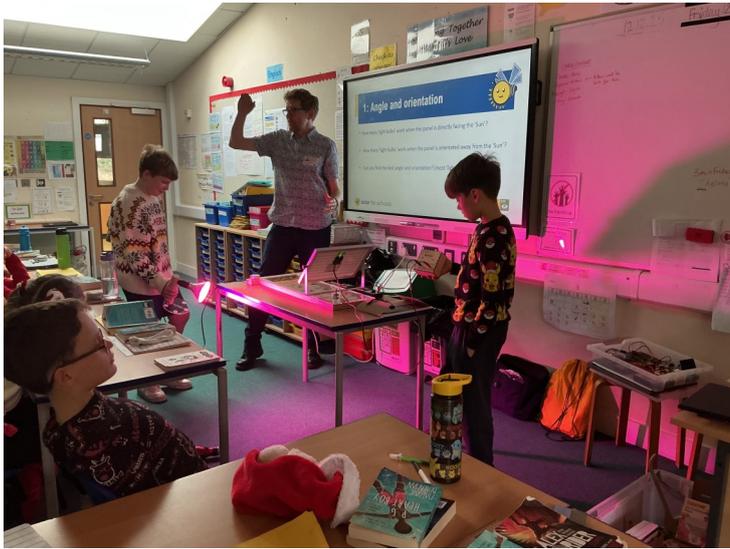
Diary Dates

Tue 16th Dec KS2 Carol Service 2:30pm
Thur 18th Dec Music assembly 9am
Fri 19th Dec Whole School Mass 9am
Fri 19th Dec Christmas lunch

Christmas holidays

Mon 5th Jan PD Day (children not in school)
Tue 6th Jan Children return to school

Year 6 Solar power workshop



On Friday, the Year 6s learned all about how solar energy works and how renewable energy helps to combat climate change. We discovered that our school's solar panels are equivalent to planting hundreds of trees in terms of carbon savings. In our workshop with Andy, we experimented with a mini solar panel to see how it would be affected by weather conditions such as snow and cloud cover, as well as more unusual factors like bird poop!

Written by Bella 6H

Rocksteady Gig

Last Thursday we joined together as a school community and welcomed a huge number of family members to join us for our Autumn term Rocksteady Gig. The band members have been working hard all term to rehearse and learn new skills on their instruments, before then being able to share their progress with us all through their performances. There are a number of new children who have joined Rocksteady this term so the children did a super job of adapting to changes within their bands.



Online Safety—Roblox Security changes

The introduction of the Online Safety Bill earlier this year has brought welcome controls over what we and our children can access online. As internet speeds have increased and the digital world has expanded, the ability for anyone of any age to reach almost any content has grown at a pace far beyond our capacity to safeguard against it. The risks have become unmistakable. Adults now face increasingly sophisticated attacks from hackers and scammers, while children remain acutely vulnerable to online predators.

Although some internet services initially resisted tighter regulation, the government's commitment to reducing online harms has ultimately prevailed. For children, one of the most persistent avenues for predatory behaviour has been online video games. These are spaces where young users gather, communicate, and interact, often with limited verification or oversight.

Roblox, a platform widely associated with younger players, is now beginning to address this by introducing facial analysis age checks and optional ID verification for users over 13. These real-world verification measures are designed to confirm a user's age more accurately and to restrict interactions that could place children at risk. In practice, they signal an important shift in how major platforms are starting to manage online safety and respond to the expectations set out in the Bill.

You can read more about these checks on the SWGfL website:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/roblox-announces-facial-age-checks-for-chat-features/>