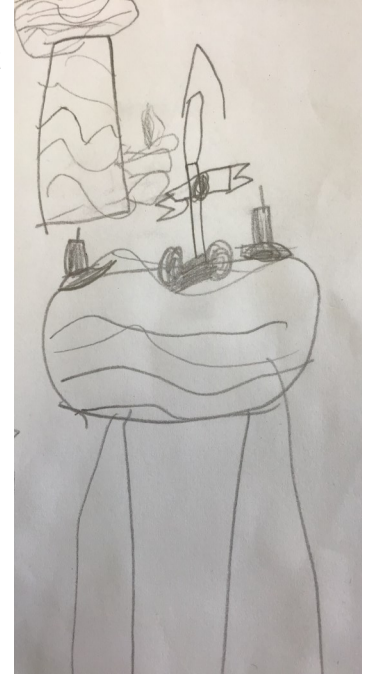
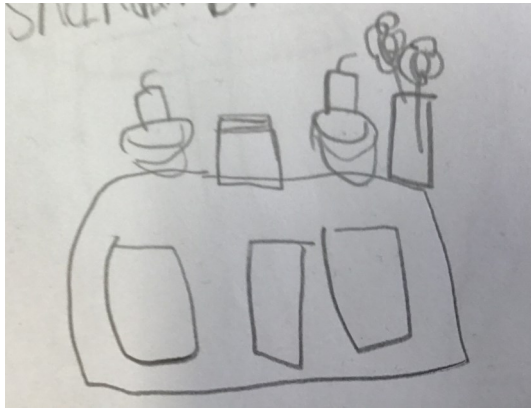




## Year 1 visit to St Edmund's Church

Year 1 recently went to visit St Edmund's Church to find out more about our Catholic Church. They enjoyed finding out more about what it is like inside the Church. They were doing some observational drawings of what they saw inside the church. This included the Crucifix, Altar, Font and candles. When looking at the mural above the altar one child said 'Look at God, his hands are wide because he's looking after the world'.



## Kingfishers and Owls class head to Lackford Lakes

Last half term, the children from Owls and Kingfishers classes visited Lackford Lakes. They went pond dipping, taking care when exploring, to see what they could see. They spotted newts and different larvae. They then went on a near and far walk using magnifying glasses and binoculars. They hid quietly in bird hides and saw some amazing birds on the nature reserve. The children had a great time engaging in the different activities.



### Year 6 WW2 Day

On 22nd May, the Year 6s had a WW2 day. A man called Carl, from Portals of the Past, came in and explained in detail the most iconic events in WW2, as well as details about rationing, bomb disposal, air raids, code breaking and the kit our armies used. Carl showed us a map of Europe in 1939, and explained how WW2 started. He had flags on the map and they showed us which countries were occupied by who as he went through all the most iconic, exciting and historical times. After the talk we did a bomb disposal activity with a metal loop that had to travel around a metal wire without touching it. If you touched it, it made a beep sound. We also did a quiz about key events from WW2. After lunch we looked at military equipment from the war including guns (which were not loaded) and helmets.

We all enjoyed WW2 day and thanked Carl for teaching us more about WW2.

Written by Rio and Nancy



The following information is from Smartphone Free Childhood (SFC)

### Let's reclaim childhood

Smartphones have fundamentally reshaped childhood. Not because this is what any of us want, just because, until now, choosing another path has felt impossible. That's why the Smartphone Free Childhood movement exists. Not to judge or divide, but to stand together.

In little over 15 years, smartphones have changed the shape of childhood. The evidence shows they're doing more harm than good, it has become impossible to ignore yet we've been left to figure this out alone. There's no roadmap. No NHS guidance. No government policy. Just families everywhere trying to do their best, up against the most powerful and persuasive companies on the planet.

SFC believe collective action is the answer. Faced with this impossible choice, the solution is to work together. By collectively agreeing to delay smartphones in communities across the country, we can turn the tide and reclaim childhood from the tech giants. And the good news? We're already proving that when enough of us choose to work together, change isn't just possible – it's inevitable.

SFC is not anti-tech, it's pro childhood. Tech isn't the enemy – it's how we use it that matters. We want children to grow up confident using technology, not dependent on it. That's why we believe in building digital skills gradually and intentionally, and giving children more time to be children before they're always connected. SFC is about balance, not banning.

More information about SFC can be found on their website <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/> They have just released their first Smartphone Free Childhood explainer video that dives into how smartphones and social media are designed to keep children hooked, the impossible position this puts parents in and why collective action is the way forward. The 10 minute video can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFsiYAsgx7U>

There has already been a SFC WhatsApp group set up for our school community called, 'St Edmund's Primary SFC'. If you would like to join that community, you can do so via the SFC website, where you can then click to join a local community. By selecting 'Suffolk' you will then be able to see the St Edmunds community on the list of groups to join.

## Summer Term Diary Dates

Wk beg 9th June	Yr 5 Activity week (including Horstead residential trip)
Tue 10th June	Brightbites visit to EY to talk about dental hygiene
Mon 16th June	French exchange students arrive from Ombrosa School
Tue 17th June	St Benedicts A-level French students coming to teach in Year 5
Thur 19th June	Yr 4 Cornet WCET concert at The Apex (parents able to attend a performance at 2pm)
Fri 20th June	Whole School Mass—Corpus Christi 9am
Tue 24th & Thur 26th June	Yr5/6 Performance at 2pm
Thur 26th June	Yr 2 Lackford Lakes trip
Fri 27th June	Yr 6 Crucial Crew at West Suffolk College
Fri 27th June	Yr 4 Vikings Day
Wk beg 30th June	Yr 6 Activity week (including Aylmerton residential trip)
Mon 7th July	KS2 Sports Day
Thur 10th July	Rocksteady gig 9am
Sat 12th July	Summer Fayre 12-3pm
Mon 14th July	EY/KS1 Sports Day
Tue 22nd July	Last day of term

### Federation Forest School fun!

As part of our collaboration as a Federation the Early Years classes at both St Edmund's and St Joseph's joined together for a whole Forest School Day involving the coming together of over 75 children. This provided a unique experience for the children and staff, opportunities for the children to make new friendships and for the staff to develop their Forest School expertise. It was lovely to see the children's confidence, self-esteem and independence grow as they joined in activities together such

as making cheese toasties on the fire, building dens, exploring the mud kitchen, climbing trees and hunting for bugs. It was a great fun day together.



## Carers Week 2025

This year, Carers week will be taking place between 9-15th of June with the theme, 'Caring About Equality', calling for an equal society where carers are truly valued, recognised and supported. To find out what's planned in Suffolk or how you can take part please visit the Suffolk Family Carers website <https://suffolkfamilycarers.org/carers-week-2025/>

Carers Week is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges unpaid carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK.

Carers Week provides us with an opportunity to once again remind you that there are a number of children amongst our school community who are considered to be Young Carers. A Young carer is a young person, who is caring for or emotionally affected by a family member who has a physical or mental illness, disability or misuses drugs or alcohol. Sibling carers are a young person who is affected by a brother or sister's disability, illness or additional need.

The Young Carers amongst our school community enjoy engaging in activities with Alex, our school's Young Carer coordinator and also having the opportunity to participate in a range of experiences outside of school.

If you feel that your child would be considered as a Young Carer and you would like us to make a referral for them to be registered with Suffolk Family Carers, please speak to Mrs Copeman.

### Year 6 Art trip to Fitzwilliam Museum

On Tuesday, Year 6 visited the Fitzwilliam museum in Cambridge. The focus of their trip was art and across their day, they carried out observational drawings in different ways.

In their two groups, they looked at different armoury and ceramics and carried out careful sketches of items that were on display. During another part of the day they focused on portraits.

The children were set the challenge of drawing without looking at their piece of

paper and without taking their pencil off the page which required great concentration.

We are proud that the children represented our school really well and an enjoyable day was had by all.

