



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first newsletter of our 2025-26 school year. The new school year has started smoothly and is already well underway. We have enjoyed welcoming a number of new children to our school community, in the main school, The Nest and also in the Preschool. Having celebrated our first whole school Mass together with Fr Sean this morning, it was lovely to welcome a number of family members too. As you're aware, next week we are hosting parent welcome meetings enabling you to find out some specific information about your child's year group and we hope many of you will be able to join us for these.

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. Over the first couple of weeks, they have enjoyed sharing their 'All about me' boxes with their class so that they can start to connect with new friends and learn a little more about the other children in their class. Staff are looking forward to sharing 'All about me' boxes with the children too so that they get to know a bit more about us too.



Introducing our newly elected Year 6 House Captains

The start of the school year, with a new cohort of Year 6 pupils, saw the election of a new group of children to take on the role of being our school House Captains. The children self nominated themselves and then addressed the other Yr5 and 6 children in their house teams stating why they thought they would be a good candidate to take on the role.

Congratulations to our newly elected House Captains! We are confident that they will represent their houses with pride and inspire other children in our school.



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 an hour or two 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.

Language Ambassadors

Please meet our new KS2 Language Ambassadors for the Autumn term. They are: in Year 3 Orla and Eric, in Year 4 Thomas A and Clemmie, in Year 5 Edith and Nace and in Year 6 Ernie and Max. They are already showing how reliable they are, changing the date and weather calendars daily and promoting other languages and customs in school. They have had an induction meeting with Madame Wallace to help them support their class practising new words in-between French lessons using our Rigolo programme. Once more competition to get the job was fierce in every KS2 class this term, but there will be other opportunities at the start of the Spring and the Summer terms when the ambassador roles will swap and be taken on by other members of each class.



Come and join us for our OPAL Parent Play Days

We are really excited about the upcoming OPAL Parent Play days that are taking place later this month. For those of you who have been part of our school community over the past two years, you'll be aware of the OPAL journey that we have been on developing our play provision for our children at St Edmunds. It's been a fabulous journey that has seen us broaden the play types that are on offer for the children to engage with. We have really appreciated your parental support with this to date too with lots of parents helping with donations when we've asked for them or through your attendance at fundraising events which have helped us to fund some elements of our OPAL play offer.

We're mindful that you probably hear about OPAL fun and games from your children and you see some photos in the newsletters, but we'd like to invite you in to come and join in the fun, enjoying some time playing with your child or just enjoying watching the kinds of fun that takes place. Our OPAL mentor Sam will be with us for the two play days and will share a bit more information about OPAL with you at 1:30pm before the outside fun then begins! We are hosting two play days, one for each key stage on the dates below. It would be great to have lots of you join us for an afternoon of being big kids again! (Please come appropriately dressed for being outside regardless of the weather!)

Monday 22nd September 1:30-3pm
Key stage 2

Monday 29th September 1:30-3pm
Early Years and Key stage 1



Diary Dates

- Mon 22nd Sept OPAL Parent Play day (KS2 Parents) 1:30-3pm
- Mon 29th Sept OPAL Parent Play day (EY and KS1 parents) 1:30-3pm
- Fri 3rd Oct Harvest Festival EY/KS1 9am and KS2 2:45pm
- Mon 6th Oct Annie and Sue from OM Health and Wellbeing in school - offering parent appointments
- Mon 20th Oct Flu vaccinations
- Tue 21st Oct Individual School photos (for pupils in the main school)
HALF TERM (Wk beg 27th Oct)
- Fri 31st Oct Closing date for secondary school application for Yr6 pupils
- Mon 17th Nov Individual School photos (for pupils in The Nest)



★ We've had a fabulous first few weeks of play at
 ★ lunchtime since we've returned to school and even
 ★ the rainy days haven't stopped us having fun! The
 ★ children have enjoyed engaging again with the OPAL
 ★ play provision on return from the summer break.

All aboard our train carriage!



Slack line socialising



Scooting fun!



Their creative ideas have been flowing as they've been den building and forming all sorts of things with the large loose parts. Other children have enjoyed time on wheeled vehicles, dressing up, dancing to the music at the DJ booth, bouncing on the space hoppers or engaging in water play in the 'splash zone'

...in action!

Just bouncing around!



Creating our own rain in the Splash zone!



Can you guess who we are?



We are very grateful that Mr Creffield (Mrs Creffield's husband) kindly built us another welly rack to store another class worth of wellies over the summer break. We're mindful that we're coming up to the months whereby the weather isn't as kind to us and we're wanting to keep the field space open and accessible to the children all year round but they will need to have wellies on to keep their feet dry and their school shoes clean! We currently have enough welly storage built for 7 of the 14 classes and we're keen to know if there are any parents or grandparents who would be able to help build us one or more of the 7 remaining racks (like the picture on the left) so that we have the means for all children to have wellies in school everyday and for them to be stored safely. If you or someone you know would be able to help us with the building of these racks, please let Mrs Copeman know.

