



## OPAL Parent Play Day

We had a fabulous start to this week as we enjoyed hosting our first ever OPAL Parent Play day for the children and parents in KS2. The outdoor space was full of fun, adventures, creativity and smiles as the children took great delight in welcoming grown ups to join their play or to take them on a guided tour of the different play types available across each of the play zones. Parents were den building, playing hockey, riding on scooters and some even braved the splash zone or dared to get into a barrel and roll down a hill! Parents, you did us proud and so too did the children. We're looking forward to hosting our EY and KS1 Parent play day this coming Monday and we hope that many of you will be able to join us for some more OPAL fun!



We have a few OPAL requests as we're on the look out for some more items to add to our dressing up box. If you've got any unwanted dressing up clothes we'll happily make use of them. We are especially seeking wigs, glasses and hats as these are very popular. We are also looking for some

sponges to use in our splash zone. Bath or car sponges would be ideal. Donations of such items can be handed into the office.

With regards to some of the items that you'll see on the playground and which are used within the children's play, please can we ask for your assistance before and after school when you're on the playground to help reinforce the following:

- lids stay clipped on the black storage boxes and that these aren't sat or climbed on
- Scooters and trikes remain stored away and are not accessed by the children at the end of the school day.
- Children are not allowed to climb on the DJ booth and should not be climbing on the back of the benches or picket fence along the edge of the playground.

Your help in reminding your child of these expectations would be gratefully appreciated.





**Rights Respecting School Display**  
 At the beginning of term we have revisited some of the articles in the UNCR. We have reminded ourselves of the 'ABCDE' of rights and that these are rights that **all** children have, from **birth**, that **can't** be taken away, **don't** have to be earned and that are of **equal** importance.

In particular, we have reflected upon Article 8, the right to an identity and considered how this links to the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Human Dignity - the respect we show to ourselves and others. Each class has then created handprints with everyone's fingerprints on to form a whole school display which reminds the children that everyone is welcome in our inclusive rights respecting school community.



**Exploring forces in Owls Class**

This half term Owls class are learning about forces. They have been thinking about pushing and pulling and how these forces move objects. They have also thought about how cars travel down ramps of different angles, to see if this affects the speed of the cars and the distance they travel. They have had great fun whilst learning about how forces create motion. You can see from the photos just how much fun and thinking has taken place!

**Diary Dates**

- 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
- Tue 14th Oct Friends Meeting—7:30pm
- 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
- Fri 7th Nov Whole School Remembrance Mass—9am
- Mon 17th Nov Individual School photos (for pupils in The Nest)



Noah's Ark  
 Inspired by some of the RE learning this half term, the children in year 2 collectively created animals to add to a vibrant Noah's Ark display in their corridor space.



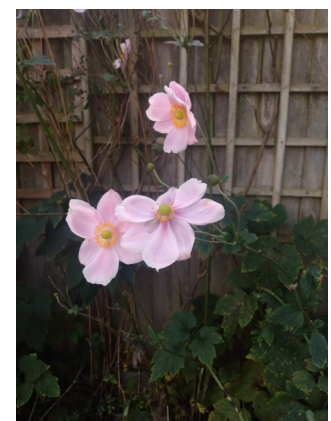
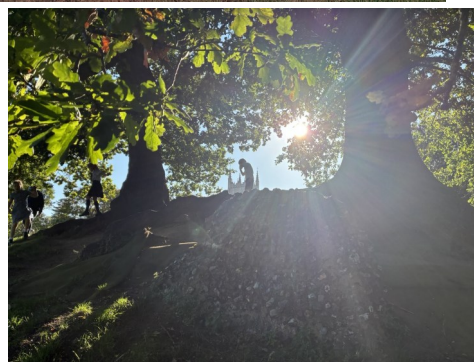
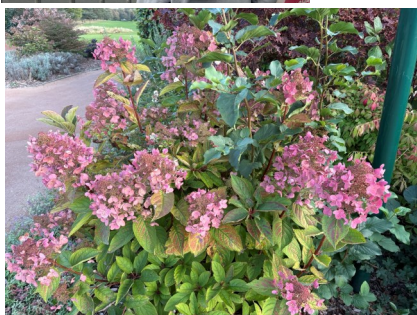
Robins class welcome teddy bears into their class

Our new little Robins are settling in to The Nest very well and have been enjoying their Teddy Bears topic. They had lots of fun acting out Five Little Teddies Jumping on the Bed by bouncing them on the stretchy Lycra and singing the rhyme. They all counted the bears and it was very funny each time one fell off. It was also great fun to lie under the Lycra while it bounced!



Yr5 RE—The Wonder of Creation

Year 5 have been learning about creation in RE. We are all stewards of God's world and sometimes we are too busy or distracted to notice the wonderful world we live in. For their homework task this week, the Year 5s were asked to take or draw a picture or write about something they can see or hear. A selection of their images and work have now been added to their RE displays in class. Take a look at some of the images they captured or created.





### A Message from the Friends of St Edmund's

Thanks to your amazing support, last year we raised over £8,000 towards learning experiences, trips & equipment and we're excited to see what we can achieve together this year.

Our first meeting of the new school year will be held on Tuesday 14th October at 7:30pm and we'd love to see as many of you there as possible. Whether you're a familiar face or a new parent keen to get involved, you'll be warmly welcomed.

#### **Uniform Amnesty!**

Do you have any outgrown but good-quality uniform? We're holding a Uniform amnesty on the morning of Wednesday 15th October. Please bring your donations to the Crypt between 8:30-9:15am. Your donations will help to raise funds at our next Uniform sale taking place soon. Thank you for your continued support - here's to another successful year ahead!

### Sporting celebrations

#### Year 5/6 Mixed Football tournament

We had a group of our Yr5 and 6 pupils who represented the school last week in a football tournament with 15 other local schools. The children played with great determination and demonstrated super collaborative team work. Over the course of the tournament they scored an incredible 25 goals and only conceded 1. Both of the teams representing the school did us proud. One of the St Edmunds teams finished first in the tournament and will now be through to the county finals later in the year.



#### Year 5/6 Cross Country event

This week we had another group of children representing the school as they took part in an inter-school cross country event at Howard Primary School. As a school we came second overall and 2nd in each of the individual Yr5 girls, Yr6 girls, Yr5 boys and Yr6 boys categories. Well done to all of the children who took part and represented our school. A special congratulations to Louis, Lydia and Matas who have qualified to represent West Suffolk in the next round. Thank you to the parents who helped transport the children to and from these sporting events, enabling our children to take part.

