

# St. Edward's NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to **SUMMER** Term!



## ST EDWARD'S 'FIRST SCHOOL VISIT' ON NEW BUBBLE SCULPTURE

**BARRATT LONDON - 20/04/2021**

Barratt London recently unveiled a new bubble inspired sculpture at its Upton Gardens development in Newham. They invited our Year 4 pupils where they were able to play on the new sculpture. While they were there, the children were entertained by local bubble artist, Maxwell The Bubbleologist, who held a fun workshop for them to further highlight the history of the site.

Mr Underwood was extremely happy to see our children experience their first outdoor play on the new sculpture after the lockdown and is looking forward to starting the many school trips that normally would happen soon.

We would like to thank Barratt London for enabling us to get involved in this community celebration.

Designed by Zachary Eastwood-Bloom the sculpture was inspired by West Ham United's anthem 'I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles'. Upton Gardens is set on the site of the old Boleyn Ground, which was home to the football club from 1904 until 2016. Set in the development's Legacy Walk, a communal outside space for residents and the local community, the sculpture honours the history of the stadium and the club which once played there.



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# Happy St. George's Day

ST EDWARD'S CELEBRATION



To celebrate St George's Day on Friday the 23rd of April, all staff and children had a non-uniform day and came into school dressed in red and white. Red and white represent the colours of the English flag.

The flag of England is derived from St George's Cross. The association of the Red Cross as an emblem of England can be traced back to the late middle ages and it was increasingly used alongside the Royal Banner in the wake of the English Reformation, especially as a maritime flag.

The children looked wonderful in their colourful costumes and enjoyed learning about the history of St George. Thank you to everyone who donated; this money will be used to buy something for the school.



# Better late than never... Easter Dinner for St. Edward's Pupils and Staff!



With lockdown and our pupils missing the fun on Christmas and Easter Celebrations, everyone at St. Edward's enjoyed a yummy Easter Roast Dinner courtesy of our new caterer - Olive Dining. Father Angelus and our Chair of Governors, Mr Laniyan joined the celebration. We want to thank Mrs Clarke, Ms Hudson and the rest of the Olive Dining team for organising this special day for our children.

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## Easter Treat Hunt @ St Edward's!

*Just before the Easter holidays, all children had the opportunity to take part in a special Easter Hunt. Each class were timetabled to go into the courtyard and had 10 minutes each to find the hidden sweets. There were shouts of joy and squeals of laughter as the children raced around the courtyard. The children had a fantastic time and went home with many treats. A huge thank you to the Year 6 team for organising this event!*



## Stephen Lawrence Day

To commemorate Stephen Lawrence Day on 22 April, Ash Class learnt about the tragic life of this talented teenager who was a victim of a hate crime on 22nd April 1993. The children wrote poems in his memory and drew cameo portraits of him. May he rest in peace.





W/C 26/04/21

W O R D

W/C 03/05/21

KS1: equal

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KS1: fuzzyYear

Year 3/4: brief

T H E

W E E K

3/4: brilliant

Year 5/6: infinite

Year 5/6: fallible

Word of the Week is introduced at the beginning of each week and allows children to look in-depth at a word with a depth of meaning. We look at the spelling, etymology, meaning, root word (if there is one) and related words and possible prefixes and suffixes. Children will be expected to understand the meaning of the word and use it in context.

We hope you can find time to find out what your child has to say about our Word of the Week over the next fortnight!



## Neli gets her blue badge from Blue Peter!

Well done to Neli who earned her Blue Peter badge by writing a story titled "The Time Travelling Claw Machine". She was ecstatic to be awarded the badge which has motivated her to complete the three pledges challenge of Plastic, Power and Plants which will earn her the green badge. Earning the Blue Peter badge gives you a fun pack of rewards which includes free entries to many attractions in the UK. We hope that you receive your green badge soon and keep up the amazing work!

Neli was also featured in BBC News as she laid flowers outside Buckingham Palace for an article about Prince Philip's tribute who sadly passed away recently. May his soul Rest in Peace and our thoughts go out to Her Majesty the Queen.

We loved to hear stories about our children excelling in and outside of school. Please continue to share your stories with us!



### Prince Philip tributes: 'A rock, a hero and one of a kind'

By Martin Jackson  
BBC News  
12 April



As news of Prince Philip's death spread, people made their way to Buckingham Palace to pay tribute and reflect on the duke's life - and the

## NOTICE TO PARENTS

### IMPORTANT EVENTS

### DATE

Bank holiday Monday - School CLOSED

3rd May

Polling day - SCHOOL OPEN

6th May 2021

Next Half Term dates

31st May - 4th June

### POLLING DAY SCHOOL IS OPEN AS NORMAL

### SCHOOL PICK UP

May we remind parents that it is important to queue and wait for teachers to call and hand over your child to you. This is for everyone's safety and to help staff ensure that your child is safely handed over to you.

Thank you for your co-operation

### NEW CAMERA INSTALLED IN THE MAIN HALL

A big thank you to Father Angelus who kindly donated a new camera in our main hall to enable us to continue to safely deliver mass in school and make it available to all our children.

### ACCELERATED READER

At St Edward's we want to continue developing the love of reading for all our children, therefore, we are in the process of implementing the Accelerated Reader programme. This will replace the online Bug Club programme that we have used over the last few years. Accelerated Reader helps create a culture of reading through choice and puts children in the driver's seat. Teachers guide the students, while engaging quizzes and activities help hone students' reading skills with authentic practice which encourages growth. We are very excited about launching this programme and will be providing further information in due course. In the meantime, children will continue to bring home reading books every week.

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# THE Wednesday WORD



## SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday is traditionally known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. Jesus is the 'Good Shepherd' who can be trusted to guide our lives in the right direction.

Part of a shepherd's job is to look after the sheep, to guide them and help them to stay safe. In the Gospel below, Jesus encourages his disciples to put their trust in him; it is through trusting in Jesus that they will find security and hope.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021

There can be many things that trouble our hearts, but following and trusting in Jesus leads us on life's right and joyful path, freeing us from fears and worries.

Enjoy a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **TRUST**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



To see this week's Parish Version of The Wednesday Word: [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org) - Parents' Pages - Lectio Divina with Fr Henry.

## THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021



Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and, as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father."

Adapted from John 10:11-18  
The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year B

You are warmly invited to learn more about the Gospel through your local parish church.

"It is important to have friends we can trust. But it is essential to trust the Lord, who never lets us down."

Pope Francis



HAVING FAITH  
IN YOUR FAMILY

The Gospel above or the **FAMILY TIME** section overleaf can be read independently by adults or children alike. However, reading the Gospel as a family really does help the family to grow in faith, wisdom and love.

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**Jesus, the Good Shepherd, wants us to place our trust in him.**  
When we trust Jesus to lead us, just as a shepherd leads his sheep, he helps us to make the right choices. Jesus fills our lives with goodness, so that we stay close to him and do not go astray.

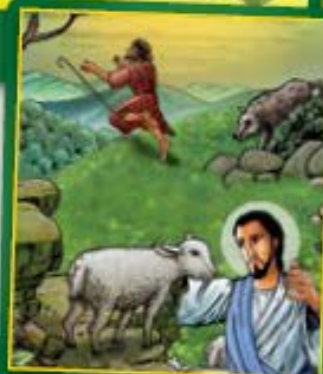


## 1 Our Special Time Together

Enjoy reading the Gospel overleaf (or below for younger children)

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd, who is ready to die for his sheep. Anyone who is hired cannot be trusted like the shepherd. They don't own the sheep. Someone who is hired may run away when they see a wolf coming and leave the sheep. Then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep. But the shepherd does not run away. I am the good shepherd. I know each of my sheep, and they know me."

**In this Sunday's Gospel, what did Jesus call himself?** Which word or words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the Gospel picture make you think about?



## 2 Wednesday's Word is ...

# TRUST



## 3 Loving God & Each Other

"Let us trust in Jesus the Lord!  
This is the key to success in life."

*Pope Francis*

Ask your child what the word 'trust' means to them. Knowing who to trust is really important. A friend who can be trusted is a gift from God! Who does your child really trust and why do they trust them? Ask your child if they can think of a time when they were trusted. Perhaps you can tell your child about those people in your life whom you trust the most, and say why you trust them.

"Put your trust in Jesus. He will fill your plans with meaning and joy. Open your hearts trustfully to Jesus!" *St. Pope John Paul II*

Each of you say how, in the days ahead, you can show your trust in Jesus. Perhaps, rather than worry, pray and offer any concerns to Jesus. How can we show Jesus, and others, that we are people who they can trust? Perhaps we can always try to: tell the truth; choose to do the right thing; be generous with our God-given gifts of time, talent and money; keep our promises.

Dear Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who guides us through life.  
Please help us always to place our **trust** in you. Amen.

**Gospel Gallery**

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**WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH**

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**

☒ HIRED MEN ☒  
☐ RUN AWAY ☐  
☐ TRUST JESUS ☐  
☐ GOOD SHEPHERD ☐

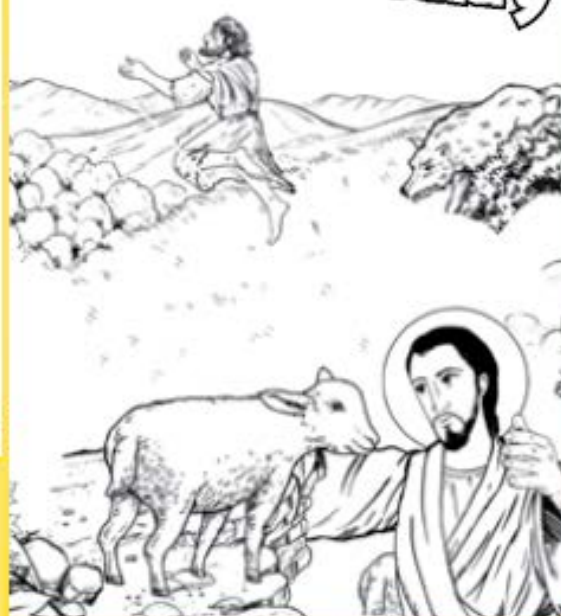
SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

Cross out the letters **a u f** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

**kanuowt ugotoda saheptherud stheepa**

Jesus said, "I am the \_\_\_\_\_."

I know each of my \_\_\_\_\_, and they \_\_\_\_\_ me."



Search for at least three differences between this picture and the colour one. Then draw them in before colouring.

Jesus continues to be our Good Shepherd through the lives of our parents, teachers, priests and others, who show us how to live in a way that pleases God. We can be certain that we will never go wrong by trusting in Jesus.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...



For more, see: [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org) and [cbcew.org.uk](http://cbcew.org.uk)

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## GOSPEL - JOHN 10:11-18



11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

12 The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and runs away, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;

13 he runs away because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

14 I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me,

15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.

16 And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and I must lead these too. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, one shepherd.

17 The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

18 No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as I have power to lay it down, so I have power to take it up again; and this is the command I have received from my Father.

### Prayer for the day

Loving Heavenly Father, You have loved your children with immeasurable love. You are love. We pray that we will be strengthened in our inner being – in our soul – with the love that is wider than we can understand, deeper than we are able to imagine, and greater than we could ever know. As You encourage and embolden us, may we more fully know the mystery of the Gospel as revealed in our lives.  
Through Christ our lord,  
Amen.