



St Edward's Newsletter

October 2025

A great start to the new school year!

We are already at the end of our first half term of the school year and what a term it has been.

We have had many amazing events, some of which are highlighted in this newsletter. Please also remember to look on our school website and Instagram account for more news and stories.

All the children, including the new recruits to our school in Nursery and Reception settled very quickly into their new classes in September. We have had a huge display of excellent behaviour and hard work from our students with a number of them who have received post cards and golden letters. Children who receive golden letters become part of a weekly lucky dips and the names chosen get to spend time with the head teacher for time out of class with some treats and they even get to see some magic tricks performed by Mr Underwood.

Children in each class democratically chose their Pupil Parliament representatives, Subject Ambassadors re-established their roles, the Chaplaincy team were chosen and after a thorough application and interview process our Year 6 prefects were announced. After half term, we very much look forward to choosing our Head Boy, Head Girl and their deputies from Year 6.

Our PTA have been in action and started the year with a 'Meet & Greet' session which parents/carers were invited to and there was a very good turnout for this event. Friends of St Teddys also organised a coffee morning and a MacMillan cake sale raising money for cancer research. We look forward to many more events in the second half of the autumn term. Some of the fundraising events generate money that is used towards resources for the school that will benefit our children. Recently, the PTA funded licenses for the Lexia programme which means a large number of pupils have access to this programme which is helping to develop their literacy skills.

At the beginning of term we said goodbye to Father Angelus who was our Parish Priest for a number of years. We wish him all the very best and look forward to working with Father Britto and everyone in the Parish and our school community.

Goodbye to Father Angelus & Welcome to Father Britto

On Friday the 4th of September we had a special assembly for Father Angelus to say goodbye and wish him the very best for the future. Father Angelus was our Parish Priest for a number of years and we sincerely thank him for many years of invaluable service to the church but also our school. The whole school community came together including children, staff and governors for the assembly where prayers were read and Father was presented with a teddy and made an honorary St Teddy. Every class had prepared a card with special messages for Father. We will miss Father Angelus and hope that he will come back and visit us in the future.

We welcome Father Britto to our school community and look forward to working with him in the coming months and years ahead.





Macmillan Bake Sale

The Macmillan coffee morning and cake sale was a huge success and we raised £445 which will go to the Macmillan trust that are doing some wonderful work to support those who are ill and need support. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and especially to those who took the time to bake treats at home.

World Mental Health Day

On Friday the 10th of October we celebrated World Mental Health day by wearing something yellow. Yellow because, 'We Stand Brighter Together.' Children chose to wear an item of yellow and took part in some short activities focusing on better mental health and wellbeing.



'Following Christ we reach our goals'

Year 6 Prefects

Congratulations to our prefects for 2025-2026. These children were chosen after a thorough application and interview process with Mrs Casely and Ms Naz.

All the children did really well and it was a tough decision choosing the successful candidates. We are sure that our prefects for this year will work extremely hard to set a good example and will be fantastic ambassadors for the school. In the next few weeks we will be announcing our new Head Boy, Head Girl and their deputies.





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Black History Month in the UK is a dedicated time, observed annually in October, for schools and communities to educate themselves about and celebrate the contributions, achievements, and history of black people. Pupils in St Edward's are learning about historical figures who have been inspirational across the world as part of their History lessons. In addition to this, the school's library has been changed to encourage children to engage in black literature and art. The goal is to increase representation of black stories and ensure black history, sometimes underrepresented in mainstream education, is acknowledged and celebrated. At the end of the month classes will come together as a special 'Black History Month' celebration assembly to showcase their wonderful work.

Diwali Themed Lunch

Olive Dining put on a wonderful selection of food to celebrate Diwali. There were delicious naan bread, biryani and mouthwatering curries. The hall was decorated in traditional Hindu colours to signify the importance of this festival that is celebrated around the world.





St Edward's Day celebrations

On Monday the 13th of October we celebrated St Edward's Day. The day started with a whole school mass in church led by Father Britto and during the day the children took part in a range of different activities in their classes. Our Friends of St Teddy's were out in full force once again providing a small treat for all the children.

Theatre Extravaganza

Children in KS2 enjoyed a performance by M & M Theatre Company of the famous story 'The Secret Garden.' It was a fantastic show with lots of singing, dancing and laughter. Children in Year 5 also took part in a workshop during the afternoon.





Football Experience

Being part of the West Ham Primary Stars programme, St Edward's pupils were met with a warm welcome as they were proud participants in the official opening of the Foundry at Beckton. Baroness Karen Brady cut the ribbon on a day that showcased the wonderful work that the West Ham Foundation does in the community. The children were delighted to meet Dr Fatima Whitbread MBE and Anton Ferdinand.

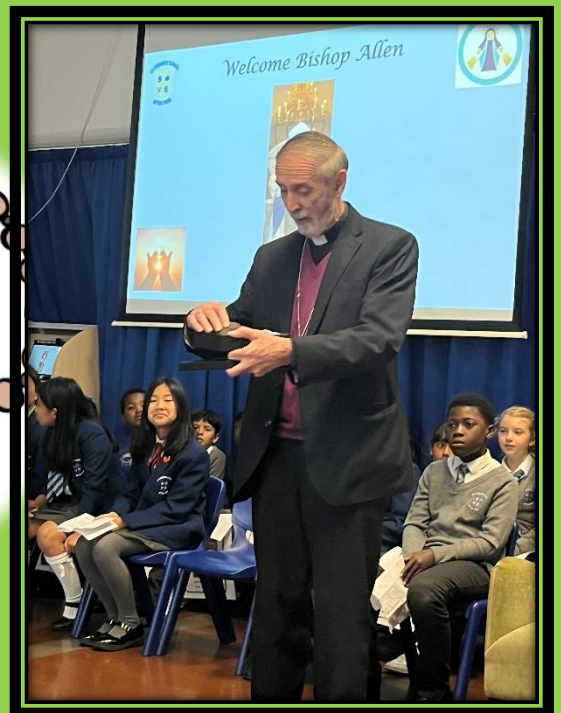
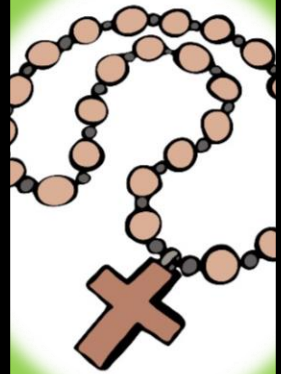


**Congratulations to our Year 1 and Year 2 boys for
winning the Newham Football Cup.**

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Rosary Service

We welcomed Bishop Alan to our school for a Rosary service. This started with a short service in the hall with our children in Year 6 leading. Bishop Alan was presented with a gift from the St Edward's family before the whole school made their way to the school playground. Bishop Alan blessed the statue of Mary along with the Chaplaincy Team. Father Britto also joined us for the service.



A huge thank you to everyone in our school community for their generosity in donating food items for our Harvest celebration. We had a Liturgy service at school on Thursday the 23rd of October and then our Chaplaincy Team took the food items down to the House of Prayer where the sisters will ensure that they are given to those in need.



Gospel Reading

Luke 12: 49 - 53

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

Gospel Reflection

Luke 12: 49 - 53

Love for Christ and following him calls for a radical and committed stand. It involves a life of righteousness for sanctification. It will transform persons into slaves of God. But this slavery is something meritorious and dignified. It endows them with new freedom. Such conviction and commitment, such freedom and purity are in direct contrast to the impurity and iniquity of sin.

This contrast will automatically land the followers of Christ into situations of opposition, division, and loss of peace. It is not that they make themselves causes and agents of division and unrest.

It is caused by the resistance and refusal of those who oppose them. In a world of duplicity, when men of God live with integrity, for sure it would cause division and disturbance. When convictions are upheld in contrast to compromises, for sure there will be division and loss of peace.

When some are on fire with love for Christ, it will automatically disturb those who are tepid and whose fire is under ashes. A true follower of Christ cannot side with the false values of a mediocre man. A fundamental option for Christ will certainly put one at odds with the rest.

One need not feel bad or guilty about it. Such division and disturbance are not negative that are consequences of evil and inauthentic lives. The division and discord caused by fidelity to Christ are the natural outflows of the unswerving adherence to him. In the name of maintaining peaceful and undisturbed relationships, one should not give up values and fall to compromises.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 24th October – INSET Day – School CLOSED

Monday 27th to Friday 31st October – HALF TERM BREAK

Monday 3rd November – ALL children return to school

Monday 3rd November - Year 4 swimming commences

Thursday 6th November – Year 2 at Houses of Parliament

Friday 7th November – Ash Class assembly

Monday 10th November – Anti-Bullying Week

Thursday 13th November – Year 5 at Museum

Friday 14th November – Beech Class assembly

Tuesday 25th November – Year 1 at Theatre Royal

Tuesday 2nd December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 3rd to 5th December – Assessment Week

Wednesday 10th December – Children's Christmas lunch

Thursday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 12th December – KS2 Carol Concert

Friday 12th December – Christmas Discos

Tuesday 16th December – Rock Steady concerts

Wednesday 17th December – Whole School Mass

Thursday 18th December – Class Christmas parties

Friday 19th December – Christmas Raffle

Friday 19th December – children finish school at 1.15 pm for Christmas break

PLEASE NOTE – these dates may be subject to change