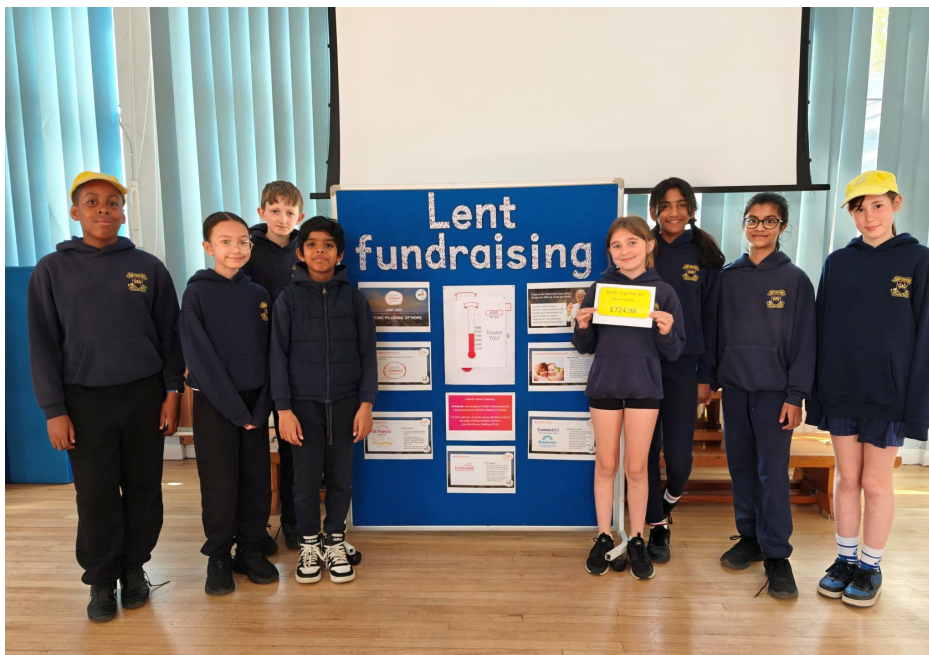




While remembering Pope Francis the children in Early Years talked about him being named after St Francis of Assisi. They talked about his love of nature, so the children put natural objects including pine cones and shells into their prayer garden as they prayed and remembered him along with other important people in their lives. They also made wooden crosses and added initials and names for those who they were remembering.



## Lent fundraising 2025



On the final day of last term, the Year 6 RE ambassadors and School Councillors helped to do a final count up of the monies raised throughout Lent. We were absolutely blown away by the incredible total raised by the children this year. They collectively raised £724.98, the largest amount of money we've ever raised throughout the season of Lent. We are very grateful of your parental support with this fundraising project and we know how gratefully received this money will be by the Catholic Children's Society.



As you have been made aware, on Education Sunday in September 2023 and 2024 Bishop Peter wrote to all parishes to outline the vision for Catholic education in the diocese. This confirmed the expectation, originally begun by his predecessor, that all Catholic schools be part of a Catholic Multi-academy trust by September 2025. We encourage parents to attend one of the two meetings on the 7th May at 9.00am or 2.30pm to use this opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the MAT.





As a Rights Respecting School, we emphasise the importance of ensuring all children have the right to relax and play both in and out of school. Our OPAL play provision contributes significantly to this entitlement (Article 31 in the UNCRC) and Mrs Shepperson has captured and put together the above display which is celebrating the range of play opportunities that the children have at St Edmunds. Some of our Year 4 children also helped to capture the views of children in school and these comments have been added to the display too. Zoom in to take a look at what they had to say.

### Year 2 Scientists

Just before we broke up for the Easter break, Dr. Lucas came into school and led a Science session for our Year 2 pupils. He talked to the children about why you need skin cream, what soap/detergent is, and how it helps oil and water mix together. The children then dressed as scientists (with goggles and lab coats), mixed a simple skin cream, observed changes as they worked and thought about what they might add to make it more appealing and more suitable for different consumers. They came up with some really good suggestions such as adding a scent and including some form of sun protection.

Many thanks to Dr Lucas from Haleon for sparing his time to come and lead the session.





### Summer Term Diary Dates

Wed 7th May	MAT Consultation meetings at 9am and 2:30pm
Fri 9th May	OM Health & Wellbeing in school
Tue 13th May	Yr 1 Banham Zoo trip
Mon 19th May	Class photos
Tue 20th May	Yr 6 Art trip to Fitzwilliam Museum
Tue 20th May	Horstead trip meeting 3:30pm
Thur 22nd May	Yr 6 WW2 Day

### Advanced notice of key dates for next half term:

Wk beg 9th June	Yr 5 Activity week (including Horstead residential trip)
Thur 19th June	Yr 4 Cornet WCET concert at The Apex (parents able to attend a performance at 2pm)
Tue 24th & Thur 26th June	Yr5/6 Performance
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



When we have received deliveries in school the children have loved being creative with the polystyrene packing peanuts that have kept the contents nice and safe inside.

If you or the business you work for, receives any deliveries with this type of packaging inside and you would typically just put it into the bin, please think of us and send it into school for the children to enjoy making use of.



As we're using the field this term, it might be

worth your child keeping a spare pair of socks in their bag in case they're playing on the field and the grass is damp (especially if they have shoes with an open top).

### **Please meet our new KS2 Language Ambassadors for Summer term!**



They are: Lois in 3LSO, Leah in 3P, Amaya in 4C, Kate in 4H, Raphaël in 5H, Elijah in 5N, Eliana in 6H and Tilly in 6W .

Their job is to reliably change the date and weather calendars daily in their classroom and to promote other languages and cultures in school. Last week they had a training meeting with Madame Wallace so that they can support their class in practising new words in-between French lessons using our Rigolo programme. Once more, competition to get the job was fierce in each class this term, but there will be other chances at being selected throughout their time at St Edmund's!



### Eggciting news from Forest School

The bird boxes that Mr Hockey put up for us on the water meadow before Easter are now inhabited! When out at their Forest School session this week, the Year 2 children saw two boxes in use, one by a Great Tit and the other we haven't quite managed to see yet!



### Early Years Farm Trip

The children in Early Years had a fabulous time at South Angle Farm earlier this week. They had the opportunity to feed animals such as goats and alpacas. On their visit they also saw donkeys, pigs, sheep and ducks. They had the chance to handle a variety of animals too including rabbits, a snake, a bearded dragon and a millipede. Many of the children demonstrated their ability to be ambitious and take risks to try new things whilst on the trip. As 'Ambitious' was this week's learning characteristic, it was lovely for us to celebrate some of those who had been particularly brave trying something new on their trip, during our celebration assembly today.







...in action!



The field has been full of fun, creativity and laughter this week as the children have enjoyed using the large loose parts in their play. There have been dens and forts aplenty and some fabulous collaborative mixed age play taking place. The mud kitchen and digging zone have seen all sorts of 'tasty' creations being made too! The introduction of a new swing in the wooded area near the MUGA has been a great success and the children have demonstrated patience and kindness towards one another whilst they awaited a turn. It's been really lovely to see the children being collaborative and helping to take responsibility for tidying up at the end of the lunchtimes which made it rather difficult to pick an individual child to win the 'Tidy Up Award' this week.