



LOVE

FAITH

SERVICE

Dear parents and carers,

On Wednesday, we gathered in the hall to celebrate our Mass for the start of the school year. Thank you to Fr Paul for celebrating Mass with us – we ended by commissioning our new GIFT Team, who will help live out our faith in school every day.

Following our Mission Day last Friday, we have chosen the words Faith, Love and Service as the three pillars that our Mission Statement relies on – we will be launching this with the children in assemblies on Monday

Have a lovely weekend !

Upcoming Dates & Events:

- **Fri 25th September** – Parent Coffee Morning in the school hall.
- **Wednesday 7th October** – Open afternoon for prospective pupils and families at 2pm.
- **Friday 16th October** – Creation Day celebration at school.
- **Friday 23rd October** – school closes for the half-term break at 3.15pm.

Our Year 5 Leaders

Our Year 5 children are practising for their very important prefect roles next year. To help build their leadership skills they have been assigned to different teams to support and guide our younger pupils. These teams are; GIFT Team, Creation Crew, Science Ambassadors, Tech Team, Healthy Schools Team and House Point Captains. We will continue to showcase the wonderful work they do around school.



The school will be holding an Open Afternoon on Thursday 7th October at 2pm for any parents with young children who may want to choose St Edmund's. Please pass this invitation to anyone who may be interested.



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

Sunday 20th September 2026



Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Then at various times throughout the day, even right up to the eleventh hour, the landowner hired and sent more workers into his vineyard. In the evening, he said to his manager, 'Call the workers and pay everyone one denarius each.' The ones who had worked all day grumbled at the landowner, complaining that he paid the men who came last the same amount as them. The landowner said, 'My friends, I am not being unjust to you. Did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?' Thus the last will be first, and the first, last."

St Patrick's Church is now open all day on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Anyone who wishes to go and spend a few minutes in prayer is welcome to go in.

There will also be Mass celebrated on those three evenings at 6pm.



The Commissioning of Our GIFT Team

Spotlight on Attendance...

The class with the highest attendance this week was **Year 2** with 96.9%

Early Years: 93.9%	Year 4: 91.4%
Year 1: 92.2%	Year 5: 95%
Year 2: 96.9%	Year 6: 95.8%
Year 3: 96.4%	

Attendance Matters



This week, our KS2 pupils took part in their first cricket lesson with a coach from **Lancashire Cricket Club**. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and worked on developing their fundamental cricket skills, focusing on bowling and catching techniques. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm, determination and teamwork as they practised these important foundations of the game. We look forward to seeing their skills continue to develop over the coming weeks.

Important Notices:

Car Park Safety:

The safety of our pupils, staff and visitors is our highest priority. When using the school car park, please adhere to the **5mph speed limit** at all times and remain vigilant for pedestrians.

Please remember that our car park operates a **one-way system**. Following the marked route helps to reduce congestion and ensures the safety of everyone on site.

Please note that there is **no designated drop-off zone** within the school car park. All vehicles must be parked within a **marked parking bay** and should not stop or park outside these designated spaces.

If you are travelling as a passenger, please help us by ensuring the driver follows these safety procedures.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping to keep our school community safe.