

NEWSLETTER

6th October 2026

*God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we settle into the new term, we have a few important updates, and staff changes to share with you all.

Fond Farewells and Exciting News

This week, we say a temporary goodbye to our wonderful ALNCo and Senior Leadership Team member, Mrs Ellis, who has been seconded to the Local Authority. While we are very sorry to see her leave us for a little while, we are immensely proud that her exceptional skills and dedication have been recognised at a wider county level!

Mrs Ellis has been a pillar of our school community for more than 20 years, progressing from a part-time teacher to a core member of our SLT and ALNCo. We will all dearly miss her brilliant analytical thinking, her wonderful sense of humour, and her reassuring calm head around the school. The fantastic news is that she is scheduled to return to us right after Easter.

Welcoming Our New ALNCo

Covering Mrs Ellis's vital role until her return is Mrs Hardstaff. Mrs Hardstaff is already an experienced ALNCo at Venerable Edward Morgan Catholic Primary School and knows the Shotton community very well. We are thrilled to welcome her to the St Ethelwold's family and know she will do a fantastic job supporting our pupils and families.

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Class 1 Update

To cover Mrs Ellis's teaching commitments in Class 1 until Easter, we have a wonderful team in place:

Mrs Chesters will be teaching the class from Monday to Wednesday. Many of you already know Mrs Chesters, and we are deeply grateful to her for stepping up to support the school.

Mr Holloway will be teaching on Thursday and Friday. Mr Holloway is new to our school family and comes to us highly recommended. I am sure you will all join me in giving him a very warm St Ethelwold's welcome and wishing him the best of luck in his new role.

Reminders & Upcoming News

·After School Clubs: Keep an eye out next week, as we will be sharing exciting news and details regarding our upcoming after-school clubs!

Breakfast Club: Just a quick reminder that our Breakfast Club runs daily from 8:00 am to 8:50 am at a cost of £1.50 per session.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, partnership, and warmth as we navigate these transitions.

Warm regards,

The St Ethelwold's VA School Team