Dear Parents/Carers

**MISSION STATEMENT:** *“I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me”*

A reminder that winter school uniform should be worn by all children until the Easter holiday. After the Easter break the school summer uniform is permitted.

**Please ensure that children arrive to school with all the items that they need for the day. This includes lunch boxes and kit or equipment for any after school activity clubs.**

Last week, St. Edward's was lucky enough to borrow samples of rocks from the moon, brought back from the Apollo 15 and 17 missions.  We also observed samples of meteorites and other precious rocks and fossils from around the world.  This week, we have been completing our Big Science Event in Bucks science competition, ready to enter the county competition held in June.  Do ask your children about their pupil-led investigations.

Good luck to all our Cross Country runners at tomorrow’s District Cross Country competition!

Many thanks to everyone who is fundraising for CAFOD through our Big Lent Walk. The walk takes place around the school grounds each Thursday morning in Lent, from 08.30. Parents and children are welcome to participate and we would welcome all donations via the below link:

<https://donate.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-edwards-aylesbury-big-lent-walk-2025/donation-amount>

Tickets are now on sale for the FOSE BINGO night. Entry is £8 per person and this includes a book and 2 flyers. Tickets can be purchased via your ParentMail account. There will be a raffle on the evening with plenty of fantastic prizes! Please do support this fun evening! Thank you to FOSE for all the effort involved in organising.

**Unfortunately there will be no Spanish After School club next week (Tues 18th March)**

Recently, we shared a survey from our local Mental Health Support Team, seeking feedback on how they can better support St Edward's families with children's wellbeing. While responses were limited, those who participated expressed a need for more support. It was therefore disappointing that there were no attendees at the Family Forum meeting on Mental Health and Wellbeing, where our Mental Health Support Team was available to offer guidance and resources. Previous Family Forum and curriculum support events have also had low attendance. We encourage families to engage in future opportunities to ensure we continue to strengthen the support available.  Therefore, we would like parents to fill in a short survey about the types of support they would like and times that are most suitable for parents to attend. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeRriulY-Z_BHlQwqvCm2ukRbfzH9T1eOaLIp1QBsDgr7gNzw/viewform?usp=dialog> **So far we have only had 7 responses!**

Please see below for some reminders for next week:

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|  | **Day** | **Activity** |
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| **Whole school** | Monday 17th March | Crochet club |
|  |  | Beginners knitting |
|  | Tuesday 18th March | Debating & Philosophy club |
|  |  | Science club |
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|  |  | Chess club |
|  | Wednesday 19th March | Cross Country Club |
|  | Thursday 20th March | Choir |
|  | Friday 21st March | FOSE Mufti-Day – wear non uniform for a £1 donation to FOSE |
|  |  | Street Dance – please see ParentMail for details on how to book |
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| **Year 4** | Thursday 20th March | 4S Forest School |
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| **Year 5** | Tuesday 18th March | Year 5 swimming |
|  |  | Year 5 & 6 Football club |
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| **Year 6** | Tuesday 18th March | Year 5 & 6 Football club |

Please see below for the Wednesday word:

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Kind regards

St Edward's Catholic Junior School