

JUNIOR SCHOOL



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**“How can you say, ‘The sky’s the limit’ when there are footsteps on the moon?”**

The quote above epitomises education within our school. All children are unique, special, and have their own talents and gifts. We at St Edmund’s Junior School look forward to working with you and your child to ensure that his or her learning journey continues - not only in a way that challenges them intellectually, but in a manner that inspires their curiosity and enables them to dream.

We pride ourselves on really knowing our children; our school is perfectly sized to enable all staff, children and parents to become a united family in the single goal of providing your child with outstanding learning opportunities. Whilst our school has its own unique character, traditions and expectations, we are open to embracing what children want to learn, particularly as we are uniquely placed to offer them an exciting, engaging and outstanding education due to our dedicated staff, wonderful resources and inspiring facilities.

## ACADEMIC

**Our vision is to provide all children with outstanding learning opportunities. We do this by fostering a deep level of learning in an inspiring atmosphere. Alongside practical skills and knowledge, pupils are encouraged to develop lively and enquiring minds, the ability to question and debate rationally, and apply themselves.**

The school’s broad and well-balanced curriculum will help your child to discover their passions and the areas where their natural abilities lie. Our learning environment allows every child to express themselves and face new and enlivening experiences: how can you know where your talent lies, if you have never tried something? We open up as many doors as possible, enabling children to be challenged and inspired and experience a wide range of subjects and activities.

We offer the St Edmund’s Diploma as an optional extra. This qualification gives pupils the chance to undertake an independent research project in order to explore interests to new depths, and experience for themselves the joy of scholarly endeavour.

Our children benefit from small class sizes, the latest technology and equipment, and specialist staff teaching across the year groups allow their expertise in a subject to be enjoyed by all pupils. This creates the ideal environment for stimulating and engaging your child. Each teacher will identify and develop your child’s strengths, whilst tailoring their teaching approach to suit how your child learns, supporting them in any areas where they may need a little more assistance, or indeed, more challenge.

## PASTORAL

**At St Edmund’s Junior School, relationships are key; children learn best when they have a positive, happy experience of childhood.**

Our responsibility is to do the very best for your child. We are incredibly proud of our excellent relationships with children

and parents and we put pastoral care at the heart of our school with an approach that involves all staff.

Every pupil belongs to a Form and is the responsibility of a teacher or tutor who has oversight of academic progress, social development and the general wellbeing of the pupils. Children meet with their form tutor each morning and afternoon. Form time is used as ‘checking in’ time to make sure that children are happy with the balance of their studies and chosen co-curricular activities. Sessions can also be used to discuss topical issues such as friendships, e-safety or nutrition.

## CO-CURRICULAR

**It is our belief that children should not only receive a high-quality education inside the classroom but develop an array of life skills and experiences along with an entrepreneurial spirit and a determination to succeed.**

To achieve this, we offer a significant number of clubs and activities, run by the school’s teachers and specialist staff. These activities are designed to develop independent thinking, interpersonal skills, the ability to think calmly in a crisis and find solutions in even the most difficult of circumstances: Minecraft, chess club, computer coding, musical theatre, cup stacking, chess and creative writing to name but a few. Sports clubs and activities, including cricket, hockey and netball are also offered by our PE Department. Outdoor education plays an important part in our co-curricular programme, and the school has its own Forest School site with weekly activities led by our qualified staff. Occasionally, our Co-curricular programme is themed around a single topic for the children to ‘solve’ using a variety of skills, resources and expertise.

A bedrock of fostering teamwork and community at St Edmund’s Junior School is the House System. Children belong to one of four houses – Becket, Roper, Marlowe and Chaucer. As you would expect, there is friendly competition between the four houses. Throughout the school year pupils compete in many inter-house competitions such as chess, debating, athletics, swimming, general knowledge, singing, drama and many more.



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