

# St Edmund's Echo

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A few weeks ago St Edmund's joined in with billions of people around the world in celebrating the Chinese New Year. This year was the Year of the Rabbit and the first time in a few years that people have been allowed to celebrate with loved ones because of COVID restrictions around the world.

In our school we celebrated it by taking part in some extra lessons learning about Chinese culture. For example did you know in China red is a lucky colour. That is why our newspaper this half term is all in red. Each Year group were given a different topic:

YR Chinese Food

Y1 Chinese New Year Decorations

Y2 Chinese Dance

Y3 Chinese Songs

Y4 Chinese story of the Zodiac

Y5 Chinese language/s

Y6 Musical instruments

It was a fantastic week of activities and we all learnt so much.

"I really enjoyed learning a new language and now I can say hello and welcome I mandarin"

*Year 5 pupil*

"I love Chinese food so I loved learning about Chinese culture too :-)"

*Year 4 pupil*



Year 1 lanterns



Year 2 Chinese Dance



## Chinese New Year Facts!

It is also known as 'Spring Festival'  
The colour red represents luck, joy and happiness.  
either!



During Chinese New Year, Children receive red envelopes. The envelopes have money inside them. The amount of money inside can be any amount but never include the number four. It should be able to be divided by four

Lion and dragon dances are very popular during Chinese New Year. It is believed they will bring good luck and fortune. During the dances you hear lots of loud drums and this should drive all the evil spirits away.



# Chinese Zodiac Signs

Many years ago in China, the Jade Emperor wanted to measure time to work out how old he was. He

decided to have a swimming race with different types of animals, so he could give a name to each year of the Chinese zodiac. The position each animal came in the race would decide which year was named after them.

The animals were:

A tiger, a snake, a rat, a rabbit, a monkey, a dog, a pig, a cat, a rooster, a goat, a horse, an ox and even a dragon!

Can you guess which animal is which?



Scan the QR Code to watch about the legend of the Zodiac signs.



Why did the kid  
toss the butter  
out the window?  
(Find the answer  
on the next  
page)

# Chinese Chicken Curry

## -Ingredients-

4 skinless chicken breasts, cut into chunks (or use thighs or drumsticks)

2 tsp cornflour

1 onion, diced  
2 tbsp rapeseed oil

1 garlic clove, crushed

2 tsp curry powder

1 tsp turmeric

½ tsp ground ginger

pinch sugar

400ml chicken stock

1 tsp soy sauce

handful frozen peas.

## -Method-

1. Toss the chicken in cauliflower

2. Season well and set aside.

3. Fry onions in oil in a wok for about 5-6 mins

4. Add the garlic and cook for a minute.

5. Pour the spices and sugars and cook for another minute.

6. Add stock and soy sauce....

Find out more- <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/chinese-chicken->



# House Points Competition

The House Point Competition is continuing to be the best one yet! This week KS2 took part in Inter House Hockey. Each winning house in Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 get a bonus 1000 points.

Each week House Points are shared in assembly but if you missed it you can go on the website to find out.

## Spring So Far:

St Andrews— 4,465

St Patricks— 4,698

St Davids— 4,219

St Georges — 4,159



  
**WORK  
HARD  
AND  
EARN  
HOUSE POINTS**

# Current World News

When you think of 3D-printing, you may think of small objects. But three companies are working together to print something much bigger. They're using a giant 3D-printer to create what they say is the first two-story 3D-printed house in the US.



Early Monday morning, a powerful earthquake struck southern Turkey and northern Syria. The earthquake has destroyed thousands of buildings, killed more than 3,700 people, and left thousands more injured.



**DID YOU KNOW...**

It would take 70,000 years in the fastest spaceship to reach the Alpha Centauri! That's how far it is!

## In Year 6 we have been learning...

### English-Anne Frank

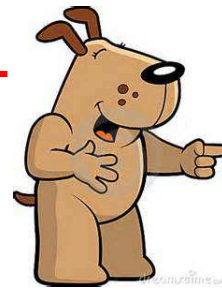
A young Jewish girl who experienced something horrible in World War II with the Nazis. She had to hide in a Secret Annex with a bookcase covered door to prevent anybody from seeing where they were hiding. Anne Frank had 1 big sister and they were both taken to a concentration camp.

(A.K.A the holocaust, a deadly place where people were killed and died.)

Anne sadly died from typhus.

### Maths-Fractions

We have been learning about fractions and how to add, subtract, multiply and divide. We are still focusing on division but we have been looking at the method keep, switch, flip. It is difficult but we will soon understand it



So they could see butterfly!!  
Answer to the joke!!

## How Many Activities Can You Complete During Half Term?

<p>Go for a walk as a family</p>	<p>Play skipping games</p>	<p>Try a new sport</p>	<p>Play musical statues</p>
<p>Go and fly a kite</p>	<p>Play in the park</p>	<p>Select a yoga* bugs routine to complete</p>	<p>Build a den</p>
<p>Perform a short fitness** workout</p>	<p>Go for a family bike ride/scooter</p>	<p>Play hide and seek</p>	<p>Learn a new dance***</p>

# Word Search!

## Chinese Lunar New Year

B Q P M Z A S N I S C B O X L I E  
P A O T T V N Y Y I Z X E W E H A  
P O P M Q Z P Y L N W K D U N S O  
R D V E C E L E B R A T E M J G C  
C T N A K B E A S T Q L C W S T T  
N M B C V B O A R S A H H Z N A E  
A S W D D X Q T H I A T I B X P L  
E B N V R J X L G K N W N R F V A  
A Z V F A I N I Y M Y F A M O T N  
W H K I G D J N R E J J O S Z U T  
D A P R O O E N V E L O P E S S E  
R A U E N L U C K Y H P D I J P R  
A C H W T B T C D F X G I H K T N  
B H D O E W S P N J C Q T Q I F E  
B N L R M G Z D J P T X U K D Y V  
I R L K W G R Y E U B D D N N C A  
T F E S T I V A L O Y V U M Z I O

beast  
china  
festival  
lucky

boar  
dragon  
fireworks  
rabbit

celebrate  
envelope  
lantern

## Up Coming Events In St Edmund's!

**Wednesday 22nd February -**

Ash Wednesday Mass

**Tuesday 28th February—**

Year 6 Visit To National Army  
Museum

**Friday 3rs March—World**

Book Day

**Tuesday 7th March—School**

to close at 1:15 pm Parent Con-  
sultation 1:30 pm—5:30 pm

**Thursday 9th March—Parent**

Consultation 4:00 pm—7:00 pm

**Week starting 20th March—**

Science Week

