



Dear Parents,

I am writing to you today with immense pride and gratitude to share some truly remarkable news about our school's financial health and, more importantly, the continued thriving environment for our children.

As you know, when I began my role as Headteacher in September 2024, St. Edmund's CofE Primary and Nursery School faced a significant challenge: an inherited budget deficit of £80,000. I met with many of you to discuss this openly, and your understanding and support since then have been invaluable.

It is with absolute delight that I can now inform you that as of the end of the financial year in April 2025, we have successfully reduced that deficit to an incredible **£3,000!** This monumental achievement is a testament to careful planning, diligent management, and a whole-school effort.

You might naturally wonder if this reduction came at the expense of our children's experiences. I want to assure you, unequivocally, that this is not the case. Our core vision remains steadfast: to ensure every pupil at St. Edmund's has **everything they need to achieve their full potential.**

In fact, throughout this period, we have made significant investments that directly benefit our pupils' learning and well-being:

- We replaced the old, unsafe carpets with **brand new flooring**, ensuring a healthier and more appropriate learning environment.
- We invested in a **new phonics scheme** to give our early readers the very best foundation.
- Our teachers now have cutting-edge tools with the purchase of **brand new interactive whiteboard panels**, enhancing classroom engagement and learning opportunities.
- For outdoor play and physical development, we repaired the school fort and installed **new playground markings** to support healthy living. We also utilised the sports premium funding to create an exciting **new trim trail.**

Beyond these essential improvements, our vibrant community has showered us with generosity. We've received wonderful donations, including **books, washing machines, toys for our nursery, and a huge contribution of technology such as iPads and Chromebooks**, among many others. These acts of kindness truly enrich our school and demonstrate the incredible spirit of St. Edmund's.

In summary, with just a little more controlled spending, our school is firmly back on track to be where it should be – a thriving, well-resourced environment where every child can flourish. We are incredibly excited about the future and what we can continue to achieve together.

Thank you once again for your continued trust and support.

Warm regards,

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