



Edisford Newsflash – Week 14

Hello everyone! Welcome to another weekly Newsflash which aims to keep you well-informed about weekly events at school. We will still be sending out a more detailed newsletter which celebrates children's achievements, but this newsflash will ensure that you are kept up to speed with things from week to week.

Marvellous Manners

Our Marvellous Manners celebrate British values and our Edisford Characteristics for Success – Confidence, Resilience, Getting Along, Organisation and Persistence. Each week, our Ambassadors give us a new Marvellous Manner to work on, and on Fridays, the teachers give out house points to those who have particularly stood out. It is a lovely end to the week and we enjoy seeing our children being rewarded for all the great things they do and their strong personal characteristics.

This Week's Marvellous Manners: **Being ready to learn**

Mrs Darnell, Mrs Smithson and Mrs Blackmore nominated: Alfie M & Nancy S, for trying their hardest in everything they do.

Miss Blockeel, Miss Knight and Mrs Halstead nominated: Harley E & Katie T, for their amazing fractions work in Maths.

Mrs Callus and Miss Slinger nominated: Florence F (Y3), Sophie M (Y3), Harper R (Y3), Sofa S (Y3), for sorting our classroom caddies.

Harry H (Y4) & Sophia C (Y5) for sorting our coloured pencils.

Safia C, for being a kind friend.

Eva J, for being lovely to everyone all the time.

Mrs Calton and Mrs Allen nominated: Luis V, for putting so much effort into the Christmas show rehearsals. And for getting his book out at the start of each lesson.

Poppy J, for being kind and helping people who haven't finished their work in class.

Tila M, for always finishing her work to a high standard.

Mrs Colvin nominated: Harry H, for always having the correct equipment and attentively listening in class.

Mehreen K, for always being ready to learn, always listening and getting involved.

Leon F, for excellent listening throughout our school assemblies.

Mrs Agius nominated: Ava W, for coming to school with the correct equipment.

Oscar L, for always being ready to learn and joining in with the show straight away.

Mrs Chadwick & Mrs Dryden nominated: Fynn R, doing so well at the putting hand up instead of blurting out during lessons.

Scarlett F & Anastazja G, for always being ready to learn and having the correct equipment.

Mrs Hamilton-Thorpe nominated: Fynn R, Charlie S, Niamh W, Ruby W for helping in the choir.

Robert A, Hamza M, Zac P, Owen S, for helping tidy and clear the new classroom.



Astounding Attendance!

1st place – Year 4
 2nd place – Year 1
 3rd place – Year 6



Well-being

This calendar is from the 'Actions for Happiness' website! It contains lots of ideas to help you and others feel good. Many of the ideas are around the theme of **connection**. Connecting with others and good relationships are important for your mental wellbeing.

December Kindness 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others	2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment	4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about	5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find	7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today
8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member	9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them	11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank	12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	13 See how many different people you can smile at today	14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one
15 Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day	16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you	18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving	19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated	20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need	21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you
22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh	25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!	26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy
29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2025				



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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Wellbeing and Smart Phones

As we approach Christmas, we realise that many children may be asking for mobile phones. We encourage you to read the following information to help you to make an informed decision.

Mobile phones

We know that children having access to a smartphone can expose children to risks including:

- Viewing inappropriate content
- Excessive screen time/use, which in turn can affect their mental health and sleep pattern.
- Contact from inappropriate people/grooming
- Cyberbullying

- Spending money on in-app purchases/scams. What effects do mobile phones have on children's mental health?

Compass discuss the research around this important topic, outlining the positive and negative effects that mobile phones have

<https://www.compass-uk.org/services/compass-changing-lives/what-effects-do-mobile-phones-have-on-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health/>

This report recommends that Primary aged children should be using non-smart devices.

<https://newsroom.ee.co.uk/ee-launches-age-guidance-for-smartphone-usage-in-drive-to-improve-childrens-digital-wellbeing/>

Smartphone Free Childhood

Could you delay when your child is given a smartphone with Smartphone Free Childhood? The premise behind this movement is that all parents/carers of a class all agree not to give their children smartphones (therefore the level of peer pressure is reduced) for a set time or until a specific age:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

News, Notices and Events

Reporting Absence

Please can we remind parents the importance of contacting the school office, via phone call or email, before 9:30am, if your child is absent due to illness.

Thank You!

A huge **THANK YOU** to Dove Sykes Nursery in West Bradford, for their generous Christmas tree donation! Every year, your wonderful trees put a smile on our children's faces. You are so kind!

Low Moor Club Christmas Markets

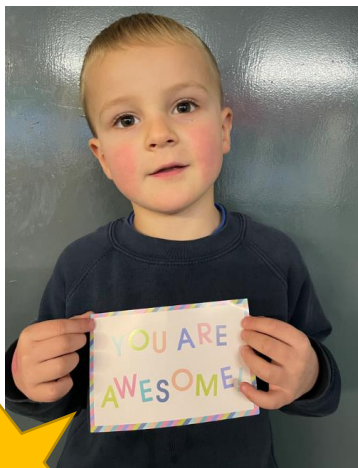
Head to Low Moor Club, St Paul's Street, on Wednesday 11th December from 4pm, for some festive, family fun!



Awesome Postcards!

Isaac C received a postcard in the mail this week, from Mrs Hamilton-Thorpe, for always being ready to learn in school and ALWAYS having a smile on his face. You are AWESOME, Isaac!

Jaxon B-H received a postcard in the mail this week, for his fantastic narration during the infant nativity! You were very loud and clear, and you remembered your lines SO well! You are AWESOME, Jaxon!



Autumn Term 2: Dates for Your Diary

Event/Notice	When	Action
Monday 4 th November	Y6 Robinwood Residential Trip	Return home on Wednesday 6 th November at 3pm.
Wednesday 6 th November	Halloween Disco	Infant disco – 4:00pm – 5:15pm
Wednesday 6 th November	Halloween Disco	Junior disco – 5:30pm – 6:45pm
Thursday 7 th November	Flu immunisations	Whole school
Tuesday 12 th November	Y6 Height & Weight	Opt out letters sent out on 29.10.24
Tuesday 12 th November	Open Day	11am
Thursday 14 th November	Y2 & Y6 Fire Safety Talk	Given by Clitheroe Firefighters
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need	Wear What You Dare, donations to be made on ParentPay
Thursday 28 th November	Open Day	Open Day for Reception 2025 parents
Monday 2 nd December	Rec & KS1 Nativity	9:30am in the school hall – SOLD OUT
Tuesday 3 rd December	Rec & KS1 Nativity	9:30am in the school hall – SOLD OUT
Wednesday 4 th December	Rec & KS1 Nativity	9:30am in the school hall – SOLD OUT
Thursday 5 th December	KS2 Show Rehearsals	At St. Mary's Hall
Monday 9 th December	Year 1 Class Trip	Turton Tower Christmas Experience
Monday 9 th December	KS2 Show Rehearsals	At St. Mary's Hall
Tuesday 10 th December	Rec & KS1 Panto Trip	Puss in Boots @ The Grand
Wednesday 11 th December	KS2 Christmas show	Afternoon performance at St Mary's Hall, 1pm
Thursday 12 th December	KS2 Panto Trip	Puss in Boots @ The Grand
Thursday 12 th December	KS2 Christmas show	Evening performance at St Mary's Hall, 7pm – SOLD OUT
Friday 13 th December	Early After School Club Closure	After school club will be closing at the earlier time of 5pm.
Friday 20 th December	End of term	Schools closes at 2pm
Monday 6 th January 2025	School Opens	School re-opens for Spring 1

