



Edisford Newsflash

Week 11

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.

This Week's Marvellous Manners: **Being positive.**

Mrs Darnell, Mrs Smithson & Mrs Blackmore nominated: Alfie W & Pippa W, for always having a positive attitude no matter what they do, and always trying their very best.

Miss Blockeel, Miss Knight and Mrs Halstead nominated: Jacob W, for being so positive in maths and working really hard to work out the tricky answers.

Ben M, for always coming into school with a smile on his face and making others feel happy.

Mrs Calton & Miss Slinger nominated: Teddie Q, Lois A & Kitty F, for excellent resilience and positivity.

Year 3 and 4 football team, for playing with enthusiasm and positivity in their first school football match, even when some results didn't go our way.

Poppy N - Miss Wilkinson would like to give them points for enthusiasm and her knowledge.

Mrs Dryden nominated: Elowyn B, for getting stuck in with dancing and leading her line really well.

Harrison B, for being positive and enthusiastic about the song choice and being encouraging.

Safia C, Jaxon B-H & Carter C, for helping Mrs Dryden to move the tables in the classroom to be able to practise.

Mrs Colvin nominated: Luis V, for always having a smile on his face and tackling everything with enthusiasm and positivity.

Heidi D, for being a positive ray of sunshine, who just gets on with things and tries hard at everything she does.

Mrs Agius nominated: Kit G, Henry M & Ethan H, for their positive attitude about their work and show practise this week!

Mrs Jackson & Mrs Chadwick nominated: All of Year 6, for having a great time at Robinwood!

Next Week's Marvellous Manners: **Staying positive.**

Astounding Attendance!

1st Place - Year 6

2nd Place - Year 4

3rd Place - Year 3

Music Genre of the Week

Film Score

A film score is original music written specifically to accompany a film or a television program. The score consists of a number of orchestral, instrumental, or choral pieces, called cues, that enhance the dramatic narrative and emotional impact of a scene.

News, Notices & Events

St Paul's Church

A Nativity Scene Festival will be taking place at St Paul's Church, Low Moor, launching on Friday 28th November at 6.30pm. Reception Class have created a nativity scene to display and the choir will be singing on the night. Cheese and wine will be available for £3. It would be lovely to see lots of children and parents there!

⚠ ALL PARENTS MUST READ - ROAD SAFETY ⚠

We recently welcomed a representative from Lancashire County Council, who has raised concerns about pedestrians congregating on the driveway during drop-off and pick-up times. To ensure the safety of all children and adults, please follow these recommendations carefully:

Years 2-6: Enter the playground via the top gate in the middle of the railings from Edisford Road for drop-off and pick-up.

Reception - Year 1: Enter the playground via the top gate from Edisford Road. Please note that the second gate, which has previously been locked, will now be open during drop-off and pick-up times.

Breakfast Club / After School Club / Holiday Club: Please use the gate onto the junior playground and cross to the bottom gate, avoiding the main driveway.

Important:

No parking on the yellow zigzag lines on Edisford Road.

No pedestrians on the driveway at any time.

Thank you for your support in keeping our children and staff safe at all times.

Christmas Panto Trips

The panto trips are now available to pay for on ParentPay. Please can we ask all children to wear their school uniform on their trip day (no PE kits).

Reception - Friday 28th November
Year 1 & Year 2 - Tuesday 2nd December
Year 3 - Year 6 - Thursday 4th December

INSET Days - 2026/2027

Next year, we are scheduling our five INSET days together in the week before the October half term. As a result, the half term break will run for two weeks, from 16th October to 2nd November 2026.

We believe this change will benefit parents in two ways:

1. Holiday planning - We encourage parents to consider booking any holidays during the first week of this half term, when prices are typically lower than during the main half term week shared by most schools.
2. Shorter first half term - Reducing the first half term to seven weeks instead of eight will be particularly beneficial for our children, who can tire towards the end of long half terms.

By clustering the INSET days in this way, we also expect a reduction in leave of absence requests. As leave cannot be authorised during term time, this change will help parents avoid potential fines and ensure minimal disruption to children's learning.

During these INSET days, teachers will undertake training or participate in twilight sessions instead to keep their professional development up to date.

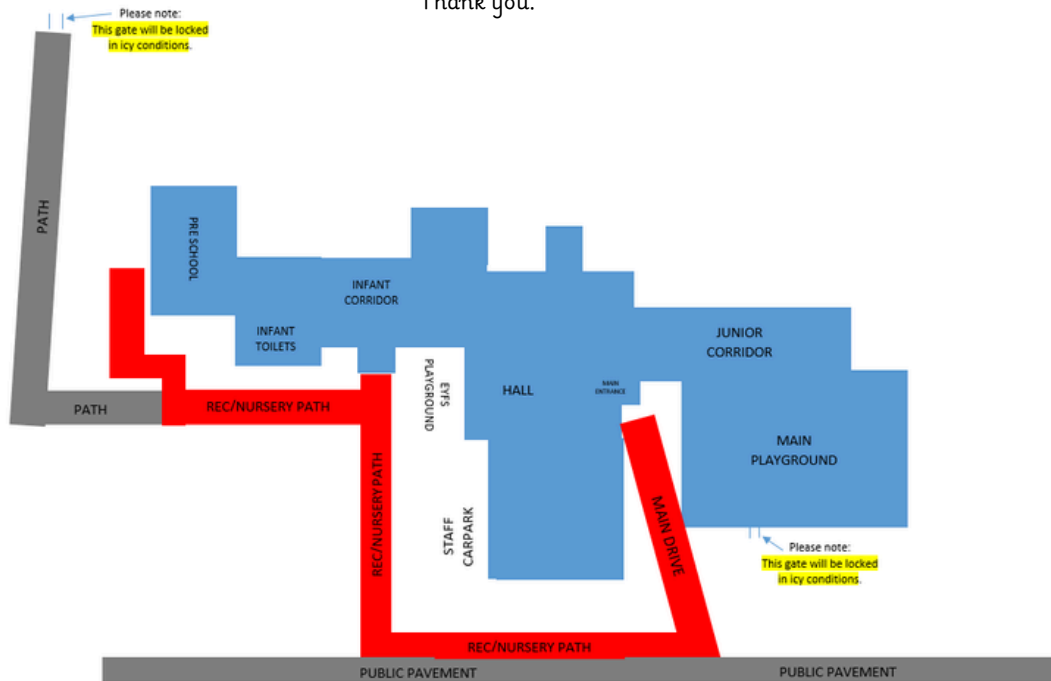
Winter Gritting Plan

Please refer to the plan to see the paths that will be gritted in icy weather conditions. Please note that public pavements outside of school grounds will NOT be gritted as part of the school plan. The gritted pathways are highlighted in red. This includes the main driveway, the infant path in the EYFS playground, and the path leading to pre-school. These are the ONLY areas that will be gritted. In the event of icy conditions, we ask that you wear appropriate footwear and that everyone adheres to the highlighted paths at all times.

Children in Year 2-6 should enter school via the main entrance at the end of the main driveway. The door will be open from 8:45am.

Children in pre-school, Reception and Year 1 should enter school via their normal entrance. Please note that not all of the EYFS playground will be gritted, only the most direct route into the entrance.

Please be aware that the path leading down towards Ennerdale Road will NOT be gritted, therefore, that gate will remain locked. Thank you.



Wellbeing Section

Our School Wellbeing Team

DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR HELP

If you have any questions or would like support for you or your child, please contact the school office. They can put you in contact with our Wellbeing team!

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Mrs Calton



Mrs Halstead

Next school nurse drop in session: Tuesday 13th January 2026, 3-4pm.

Autumn Term Dates For Your Diary

<u>When</u>	<u>Event/Notice</u>	<u>Action</u>
Monday 1 st September 2025	Inset day	School is closed to pupils.
Monday 15 th September	Y6 crime & punishment workshop	In school.
Tuesday 16 th September	Y2 Manchester Runway trip	More info to follow.
Tuesday 23 rd September	Open Day	For the Reception 2026 class. 9:15am.
Thursday 2 nd October	Y3 Outdoor Elements trip	Pay on ParentPay.
Monday 6 th October	Y1 & Y2 Witches & Wizards week	w/c 06.10.2025.
Tuesday 7 th October	Y4 Beacon Fell trip	Please pay on ParentPay.
Friday 10 th October	Hello Yellow! World Mental Health Day	Wear yellow to school! Donate here
Tuesday 21 st October	Y5 Jodrell Bank trip	Set off from school at 8:15am.
Tuesday 21 st October	Fire Safety Talks	Rescheduled.
Thursday 23 rd October	Non uniform day	Halloween themed! £1 donation (ParentPay).
Thursday 23 rd October	KS2 Bonfire Night safety talk	In school with Lancashire Police.
Thursday 23 rd October	Break up for half term	School closes at 3:20pm.
Friday 24 th October	Inset day	School closed.
Monday 3 rd November	Inset day	School is closed to pupils.
Tuesday 4 th November	School re-opens	School open for Autumn 2.
Tuesday 4 th November	Whole school flu immunisations	Electronic form to be completed.
Wednesday 5 th November	Parents afternoon	1:00pm - 6:00pm, available to book now.
Tuesday 11 th November	School Nurse drop in	3pm - 4pm.
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need 2025	Wear what you dare for Children in Need!
Wednesday 19 th November	Y6 residential trip	Robinwood, Todmorden.
Wednesday 26 th November	Y1 trip to Gawthorpe Hall	A Victorian Christmas experience.
Friday 28 th November	Reception trip - Christmas panto	The Grand, Clitheroe. More info to follow.
Tuesday 2 nd December	KS1 trip - Christmas panto	The Grand, Clitheroe. More info to follow.
Thursday 4 th December	KS2 trip - Christmas panto	The Grand, Clitheroe. More info to follow.
Monday 8 th December	Fire Safety talks	Y2 & Y6, in school.
Wednesday 10 th December	KS2 Christmas Show	St Mary's Hall, afternoon performance.
Thursday 11 th December	Reception Christmas Performance	9:15am & 1:15pm, in the school hall.
Thursday 11 th December	KS2 Christmas Show	St Mary's Hall, evening performance.
Friday 12 th December	Year 1 Christmas Performance	9:15am in the school hall.
Friday 12 th December	Year 2 Christmas Performance	1:15pm in the school hall.
Friday 19 th December	Break up for the Christmas holidays	School closes at 2pm.