

Edisford Newsflash – Week 2



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.

Marvellous Manners:

Miss Blockeel, Miss Knight and Mrs Halstead nominated: Oliver L (Y4) for showing kindness to others.

Jackson B, for amazing artwork/self portrait.

Mrs Callus and Miss Slinger nominated: Darcy C, for always displaying kindness.

Pearl C, for being a good friend to everyone.

Jaxon B-H, for always being ready to learn.

Mrs Calton nominated: Robert A (Y6), Jesse H (Y6), Fynn R (Y6), Anastazja G (Y6), for always showing kindness to children outside and letting them join in.

All of Y3 for settling in to the juniors so well.

Mrs Colvin nominated: William L, for working hard in everything we have done so far.

Leia W, for always being kind and working hard.

Zachary W, Jacob B, Elsy D & Lottie A, for their amazing Science work and working fantastically together.

Mrs Agius nominated: Max G, for being proud of the work he produced.

Orla F, for working so hard and trying so hard, too!

Mrs Chadwick & Mrs Dryden nominated: Teddy H, for being so mature and for the amount of work he has produced.

Hamza M & Ivy C, for working consistently hard.

Leona A, for performing on stage during the summer holidays!

KS1 Reading Awards will be back from next week!

Astounding Attendance!

1st place – Year 1

2nd place – Reception

3rd place – Year 6

Notices

Flu Immunisations

On Thursday 7th November, the flu immunisation team will be in for the whole school. Please find the link below to electronically opt in or opt out for your child. Please note that you must fill out the form even if you do not wish your child to have the flu immunisation. The link will expire on 11th October 2024.

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/bfc0ec3c>

Parking

Please can we ask parents to be mindful when parking at pick up and drop off times. Please do not park across driveways, on the yellow zig zags or by dipped kerbs. Thank you.

Open Days

We have two open days coming up, for Reception 2025 parents:

Tuesday 24th September – 11am

Tuesday 8th October – 11am

Applications must be in for 15th January 2025! Please let others know if they might be interested. We are full in many other classes, but we do have some spaces, so please let other parents know that they can always ring us to enquire.

Reading Support

Are you able to contribute to our lovely infant children by giving your time to listen to them read? We would appreciate anyone who can devote an hour or an afternoon to listen to children on a regular basis. This special 1:1 time is invaluable. Please contact Miss Blockeel (deputy head/year 1 teacher) if you are able to offer your help.

Last Year's Sponsored Fun Run

So far we have used the monies raised towards playground equipment, new book titles and to create a sand shed from the existing shed in the reception and year 1 playground. We thank you kindly for all your support.

Donations for Reception Outdoors

If anyone with older children is planning on having a clear out and you have any small diggers, tractors, fairies or troll type creatures we would appreciate any donations. These can be sent in via Miss Taylor in the school office. Thank you in advance.

Mrs Hamilton-Thorpe's Welcome

Welcome back! What a busy two weeks we have had! Everyone has arrived back at school with a renewed energy and the Edisford spirit can be seen everywhere! We hope you all had a lovely summer and are ready to get yourselves stuck into school and learning!

There have been some changes around school over the summer. Our buildings and maintenance supervisor, Mr Chadwick, has worked tirelessly to repaint many areas in school and build our EYFS Sand Shed (open from today). School is looking smarter and brighter – thank you to Mr Chadwick!

We have also renamed our English and Maths groups. They are now our 'Expeditions' and each group has a star name, or a name of a mountain range. Here they are:

EYFS and KS1

Electra – Nursery level, *Vega* – Reception level, *Polaris* – Year 1 level, *Betelgeuse* – Year 2 level, *Sirius* – Year 1/2 level.

KS2

Pennines – Year 3 level, *Cairngorms* – Year 4 level, *Pyrenees* – Year 5 first level, *Dolomites* – Year 5 final level, *Appalachians* – Year 6 first level, *Himalayas* – Year 6 final level.

We have smaller groups for Maths and English, so there is greater support within the class. This is because we have an extra teacher in the mornings.

Reading

We have issued every child with their own reading book. PLEASE could you ensure that your child, whatever their year group, reads AT LEAST five times a week. It is the only real homework we ask you do (except for spellings and times tables). Where other schools give out lots of sheets for children to complete at home, we know this doesn't make a measurable difference to children – we also feel that it takes away from precious family time.

2024 Reception Children

We have also welcomed our lovely new Reception children to Edisford. They have all settled in so well and have had their first week at school – we look forward to seeing them thrive and flourish over the next year! Well done to all their parents, who have supported them so well to show such confidence and resilience this week!

Reading at Home: Expectations

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – Ten to twenty minutes with you.

Year 3, 4, 5, 6 – At least 20 minutes.

At Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 level, children should read with you for ten to twenty minutes. From Year 3 to Year 6, children should be reading for at least 20 minutes. Reading TO and WITH your child is also very important. Reading is the biggest predictor of academic success – for the whole curriculum, so it is worth its weight in gold. We will be checking planners and reading records to see if your child has read, and alerting you if we feel your child may be falling behind.

Our message to you is read, read, read!

Ambassadors

Our ambassadors have now been elected by each class and have taken on some new roles this year. They will be Lunchtime Monitors, will deliver a new 'Thought for the Day' and will be deciding our Marvellous Manners each week. They are:

Grace and Ashton – Year 6 Ambassadors

Bella and Charlie – Year 5 Ambassadors

Lottie – Year 4 Ambassador

Scarlett – Year 3 Ambassador

Eva – Year 2 Ambassador

Kitty – Year 1 Ambassador

Ambassadors are elected by their class peers every term – we want lots of children to experience being in a leadership position.



Healthy Snacks

We know that children look forward to their snack at break-time. We would ask that children bring a healthy snack to school, please. Apples, bananas, healthy grain bars are good examples of these. Healthy snacks give children's brain better fuel. Please also remind your children to put their rubbish in the bins provided, too – train them into this at home, so that it becomes second nature for them to do it wherever they are.

Uniform

We will soon be handing out our last Endeavour badges. These can be sewn onto the sleeve of the navy school jumper. It's lovely to see you all looking smart and proud to wear our Edisford uniform!

PE – *Doomfang, Skullion, Nightfury, Smaug*

Please wear your house PE kit on the day of your class PE lesson. Year 5 will be starting swimming soon, so look out for Mrs Agius' letter.

Attendance

We will be reviewing attendance and checking children are on time for school every day – please ensure that you get your child to school for every day that they are fit and well and that they are on time. The timings are as follows:

8:45-3:15 Reception and Year 1

8:50-3:20 Year 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

If a child's attendance drops below 90%, we will be following this up to see how we can help improve it. 90% may seem high, but it equates to **a full day off every fortnight** and over five years, half a year! It is described as 'persistent absence' and affects your child's progress at school.

Holiday Requests

It is unlikely that I will be able to authorise a holiday for you this year. Unfortunately, the government has stricter guidance which means family holidays cannot be authorised. Please try to book your holidays out of term-time wherever possible.

Wellbeing Sessions

A small group of children will take part in our own Wellbeing Sessions every Friday for half a term. These sessions will be run by Mrs Calton and Mrs Halstead. This half term, we are running KS2 Wellbeing Sessions, and next half term, we will run KS1 Wellbeing Sessions. Our Wellbeing Lead and Deputy Headteacher, Miss Blockeel, has also completed her Wellbeing Lead training and will be our point of contact for wellbeing.

Edisford Day Nursery – New Nursery Provider

We are delighted to welcome our new nursery provider, Right Start Day Nurseries to Edisford! The nursery is now called Edisford Day Nursery and the new directors, Darren Stoker and Rhys Woodmason, have employed the existing pre-school staff. As is usual at this time of year, they have some spaces for 3 & 4 year olds, so please enquire at the office with Miss Taylor or Miss Collinson, the nursery manager. Places will be booked up during the term, so act quickly! There are some grand plans afoot for the nursery, so watch this space!

New Staff

We would like to welcome our new staff to our school team: Miss Williams who will be supporting children in Year 3, Mrs Cottier, who is working in Year 2, and Miss Morris, who will be teaching Year 5 and Year 2. Mrs Jackson will be teaching Year 6 and Year 5 every morning and Mrs Smithson, who teaching Reception. They are all great additions to the team and we are lucky to have them!

We will be updating you every week on school events and dates in our weekly Newsflash, but for now, have a lovely weekend and see you next week!

Mrs Hamilton-Thorpe.



Autumn Term: Dates for Your Diary

Event/Notice	When	Action
Tuesday 3 rd September	Start of the Autumn term	We can't wait to welcome you all back!
Thursday 5 th September	Judo Taster Sessions	Y1 – Y6
Tuesday 10 th September	Open Morning	Reception 2025 parents
Thursday 12 th September	School Photoshoot	With Zoie Carter-Ingham
Thursday 12 th September	Tennis Taster Sessions	Y2, Y3 and Y4 with Mark Schofield
Monday 16 th September	Y6 Crime & Punishment Workshop	With Past Productions, payment to be made on ParentPay
Tuesday 24 th September	Open Morning	Reception 2025 parents
Tuesday 8 th October	Y6 York Dungeons Trip	Payments to be made on ParentPay
Tuesday 8 th October	Open Morning	Reception 2025 parents
Thursday 17 th October	Y5 Jodrell Bank Trip	Payments to be made on ParentPay
Thursday 17 th October	School closes at 3:20pm	Half term begins
Tuesday 22 nd October	Autumn Term 2 begins	Back to school
Wednesday 30 th October	Parents Afternoon	Provisional date, date tbc
Monday 4 th November	Y6 Robinwood Residential Trip	Return home on Wednesday 6 th November
Thursday 7 th November	Flu immunisations	Whole school
Thursday 14 th November	Y2 & Y6 Fire Safety Talk	Given by Clitheroe Firefighters
Monday 2 nd December	Rec & KS1 Nativity	More info to be released
Monday 2 nd December	Rec & KS1 Panto Trip	Puss in Boots @ The Grand
Tuesday 3 rd December	Rec & KS1 Nativity	More info to be released
Wednesday 4 th December	Rec & KS1 Nativity	More info to be released
Wednesday 11 th December	KS2 Christmas show	Afternoon performance at St Mary's Hall
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
Friday 20 th December	End of term	Schools closes at 2pm