



Edisford Newsflash

Week 39

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.

Our Headteacher's End of Year Message

What a Year It Has Been!

As we come to the end of another busy and successful year at Edisford, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on everything our children have achieved and the many wonderful experiences they have enjoyed.

It has been a fantastic year filled with opportunities for our children to learn, explore, perform and develop their confidence beyond the classroom. We are incredibly proud of the breadth of experiences we provide, and it has been wonderful to see our children embracing every opportunity with enthusiasm and curiosity.

At Edisford, we believe we are a little bit different, and it is those small differences that make a big difference to your children. From the opportunities we provide, the relationships we build, the experiences we create and the personal characteristics we nurture, we strive to ensure that every child feels valued, supported and inspired to achieve their very best.

Our aim is not only for children to leave Edisford with strong academic foundations, but also with confidence, resilience, kindness and a love of learning that will stay with them throughout their lives.

A Year of Wonderful Experiences

Our pupils have enjoyed a wide range of trips, visits and workshops throughout the year, providing opportunities to bring learning to life and create memorable experiences.

Year 6 had an unforgettable adventure at Robinwood. Year 5 visited Jodrell Bank and enjoyed Go Ape and the STEM Lego workshop, and Year 4 explored our local environment through Eco Town and a visit to Beacon Fell. Year 3 became fossil experts through their Fossils Workshop and enjoyed a visit to Blackpool Zoo. Year 2 experienced the excitement of Manchester Runway and the Airport, as well as Professor Tuesday and The Great Fire of London workshop, alongside a visit to Billy Bob's. Year 1 enjoyed their visit to Gawthorpe Victorian Christmas and Billy Bob's, Witches and Wizards Week, as well as a wonderful visit from the Birds of Prey Charity. Reception children visited Little Lancashire and enjoyed a visit from Wilbur, Mrs Smithson's dog.

Across the whole school, children enjoyed a wonderful visit to The Grand to watch the pantomime, as well as our Christmas performances, which showcased the incredible confidence, creativity and talents of our children. These events are always special moments in the Edisford calendar, and it was a pleasure to see so many families supporting them.

Celebrating Children's Achievements

We have continued to celebrate and recognise individual achievements throughout the year through our weekly Marvellous Manners awards, celebrating children who demonstrate our values and make a positive contribution to our school community.

Our Endeavours programme has continued to develop children's personal characteristics, including resilience, getting along, persistence, confidence and organisation. Through our Endeavours badges, children have been encouraged to challenge themselves, discover new interests and celebrate their achievements in Adventure, Musician, Artisan and Performing Arts.

In Key Stage 1, our Flairs badges have celebrated children's achievements in Gastronomy, Communication, Textiles and Performing Arts. These opportunities allow children to develop their talents, celebrate their individuality and recognise that success comes in many different forms.

Developing Our Wider Curriculum

We were delighted to celebrate Earth Day this year, marking the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough. This was a fantastic opportunity for children to learn more about our planet, sustainability and the importance of caring for our environment.

We continue to believe that education is about more than what happens inside the classroom. Through our trips, enrichment opportunities, celebrations and wider curriculum experiences, we aim to develop confident, curious and well-rounded young people.

Listening to Our Families

We have continued to listen carefully to the views of our families. Our parent survey, completed during our second Parents' Afternoon in February, provided valuable feedback and demonstrated how positively children and families feel about the education, care and opportunities provided at Edisford.

We are grateful to everyone who took the time to share their views. Your feedback is incredibly important, and we have worked hard to respond to suggestions and continue improving our provision for all children.

Improvements Across School

This year has also seen some exciting developments across school. We have made significant improvements to our Early Years outdoor provision, including new play equipment, a new construction area, a new sand shed and extensive planting to create a stimulating and nurturing environment for our youngest children.

We have also been proud to support the expansion of Edisford Day Nursery, which now includes a Baby Unit and Toddler Unit, strengthening our provision for families within our community.

We have also introduced our new Behaviour Curriculum, built around Edisford Walking, Edisford Listening and Edisford Speaking. These routines help children understand the importance of moving around school safely, listening respectfully and communicating positively with others.

It has been wonderful to see these expectations becoming embedded across school and supporting our children to be confident, respectful and responsible members of our community.

New Things on the Horizon

At Edisford, we are always striving to improve and ensure that our children receive the very best experiences and opportunities. As part of our School Improvement Plan, we have some exciting developments planned for the year ahead.

Firstly, we will be enhancing our approach to reading by introducing smaller guided reading groups and investing in new resources to support high-quality whole-class reading lessons. These changes will allow us to further develop children's reading skills, confidence and love of books.

We will also be redeveloping our lunchtime provision to ensure that all children have access to meaningful activities that support their physical, social and mental wellbeing. We want lunchtimes to be a positive part of every child's day, providing opportunities for children to play, connect with others and develop new interests.

Alongside these curriculum and pastoral developments, we are also investing in our learning environments. We will be installing new flooring throughout the infant areas and creating a newly refurbished library space. We are particularly excited about developing an enchanted forest theme for our library, creating a magical and inviting environment that inspires children to read, explore and develop their imaginations.

Thank You

I would like to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. Your encouragement, involvement and partnership make such a difference to our children's experiences and achievements.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the Edisford staff for their dedication, care and commitment. Their hard work ensures that our children receive the very best opportunities every single day.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer break and enjoy spending quality time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year at Edisford.

Kind regards,
Mrs Hamilton-Thorpe.



Out of School Achievements



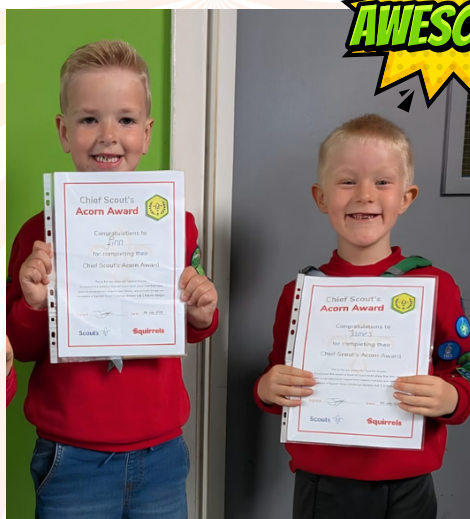
SUPER!

Congratulations to Sofia, Arya, Florence & Kitty Fletcher for taking part in the "Dance 365 Dance" show by Miss Angela Westwell School of Dance. The girls were preparing for show since last September!

Well done to Lando, for achieving his blue belt in martial arts!



FANTASTIC!



AWESOME!

Finn and James have been part of the first Squirrels Drey in Clitheroe and they have achieved the highest award - The Chief Scout's Acorn Award. They are the first Squirrels to be awarded this! Amazing work!



WOW!

Isaac and his teammates at Soccer HQ won the U8s Champions League Tournament,, and Isaac was voted player of the tournament overall!

HOW TO INSPIRE CREATIVITY IN CHILDREN

ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO TAKE RISKS



GIVE CHILDREN THE FREEDOM TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS



HELP CHILDREN TO EXPLORE THEIR IDEAS



HELP CHILDREN TO EMBRACE MISTAKES



ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO PROBLEM SOLVE



ALLOW CHILDREN TO TAKE PART IN UNSTRUCTURED PLAY



HELP CHILDREN TO PUSH THEMSELVES OUT THEIR COMFORT ZONE



INTRODUCE CHILDREN TO NEW EXPERIENCES



BE A CREATIVE ROLE MODEL FOR YOUR CHILD



ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO BE CURIOUS

Summer Term Dates For Your Diary

<u>When</u>	<u>Event/Notice</u>	<u>Action</u>
Monday 13 th April	School re-opens	Welcome back for the Summer term!
Monday 20 th April	Y3 Animal Experience	In school. Info sent to parents.
Tuesday 21 st April	School nurse drop in session	3-4pm, no appointment required.
Monday 4 th May	School closed	Bank holiday.
Friday 8 th May	Attenborough's 100 th birthday!	Wilflife party! £2.20 per child.
Monday 11 th - 14 th May	KS2 SATs week	Good luck, Y6!
Monday 18 th - Friday 22 nd May	Mental Health Week	Activities throughout school.
Friday 22 nd May	Non uniform day	£1 donation to be paid via ParentPay.
Friday 22 nd May	Break up for half term	3:20pm finish.
Monday 1 st June	School re-opens	Welcome back!
Thursday 4 th June	Y3 Ancient Greece workshop	Info sent to parents.
Monday 15 th June	School photos	Individual school photo day.
Tuesday 16 th June	Y6 Summer trip	Tenpin bowling, Blackburn. Letter sent to parents.
Tuesday 23 rd June	Reception Summer trip	Little Lancashire Village! On ParentPay now.
Wednesday 24 th June	Summer bake sale	Info to follow. POSTPONED.
Friday 26 th June	School photos (take 2!)	Individual school photo day, re-take.
Wednesday 1 st July	Whole School Sports Day	Rec & KS1: 9:15am - 10:15am. KS2: 10:30am - 12pm.
Thursday 2 nd July	Y1 & Y2 Summer trip	Billy Bob's Ice Cream Parlour! On ParentPay now.
Tuesday 7 th July	Y3 Summer trip	Blackpool Zoo! On ParentPay now.
Wednesday 8 th July	Y5 Summer trip	Go Ape! Letter sent home.
Wednesday 8 th July	Y6 Summer Show	St Mary's Hall evening performance. Info to follow.
Thursday 9 th July	Y4 Summer trip	Manchester Science & Industry Museum! Letter sent home.
Monday 13 th July	Y6 Leaver's Disco	Available to pay on ParentPay now.
Thursday 16 th July	Break up for the Summer!	School closes at 2pm. After school club open 2-5pm.

Have a wonderful summer!



See you on Tuesday 1st September!

Autumn Term Dates For Your Diary

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