



Head's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,



It has been wonderful to welcome back all of the children and you, their families, over the last two weeks. It was certainly a very warm start to the new school year but despite the heat, the children have been fantastic in school; they continue to work hard and impress both me and their new teachers. Behaviour across school, and during playtimes, has been exemplary – well done everyone! We extend a special welcome to our new children in Class Reception, and those who have joined us higher up the school, who all arrived with big smiles and have enjoyed meeting new friends, and exploring their classroom and the wider school environment. They have already learnt so many new routines and are carrying these out brilliantly.

Worship

Today, you should have received a letter with the dates for class worship for the autumn term. Whilst, following your feedback, we are going to continue to present Family Worship mostly online, via Teams, we have decided that each class will present Worship once, over the course of the year, in the hall. This means there will be approximately two services hosted here in school each term and you are warmly invited to attend these (there are no restrictions and you may also attend if it is not your child's class presenting). On these days there will be no online worship. We now have the benefit of a new sound and visual system to enhance delivery (see below). Please note this is in addition to our usual church services, the first of which will be the Harvest Festival on Friday 6th October at 9:15am, closely followed by our Education Friday Service on 20th October also at 9:15am. More details of these services to follow.

New Sound and Visual Technology

During the summer, we have had new state of the art sound and visual equipment installed in the hall. This includes a new 350 inch screen (it is incredible!) with top of the range projector and a new sound desk with powerful speakers and microphone technology (including headsets and stands). Not only will this ensure Family Worship can be seen and heard clearly by everyone, it will also enhance our daily worship, as well as performances such as the KS1 nativity, and choir recitals. It will also be well used for our various parent presentations and workshops. We used the equipment for the first time yesterday (we had to wait to be fully trained first) and it is absolutely wonderful. The children love it!

New Telephone Systems

These should have been installed during the summer, ready for use by 4th September. Unfortunately, there have been a few unforeseen technical delays but we expect the new phone system be in use in the next couple of weeks. The system will provide parents with different options such as reporting an absence. The system will also record all calls which may be used for training purposes. Please be aware that we may have some difficulties with the line on the day of the switchover but we will give you adequate warning and alternative methods of contacting school. The number will remain the same.

Pantomime

We have booked seats for the pantomime ***Jack and the Beanstalk*** at the Manchester Opera House. A letter will be sent home next week with the full details. Please check school bags for all school correspondence.

After school enrichment activities

Please remember to return your slip if you wish to take part in extra-curricular activities. Please be aware certain clubs have limited numbers and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. We will then have a waiting list for the next half term. Although we had hoped to start skiing and riding next week, we are still waiting for the go ahead from LCC, therefore these two clubs will hopefully start week commencing 25th September. Children on the list for these activities will receive information letters with full details and consent and medical forms to complete early next week.

Behaviour Policy

The government recently published new guidance on behaviour in schools and the content of behaviour policies. The school's Behaviour Policy has now been fully updated in line with this guidance and published on the school website. Due to the length of the document, we are not routinely sending paper copies home, however should you wish to receive a paper copy, please contact the office and this will be arranged. We pride ourselves on our high standards of behaviour and engagement and this is largely due to parental support. I urge you to read the policy so we can continue to work together to maintain our shared high expectations and a culture in school where everyone is treated with dignity, kindness and respect.

PE footwear

Please be reminded that the children will need indoor and outdoor footwear for PE. Trainers are required for outside activities and PE pumps are required for use in the school hall. This is particularly important as certain trainers leave unsightly marks on our restored hall floor which cannot be removed. Children will not be allowed to wear trainers in the school hall. It has also been noted that some children have worn trainers for school. Trainers or trainer style shoes are **not** allowed – please ensure your child is wearing sensible black shoes in line with the uniform guidance. Thank you for your cooperation.

Contacts

For parents and carers of pupils in school, please be sure to use our direct email addresses for all correspondence as this ensure a prompt response. The general school address on the website attracts a lot of junk and advertising mail and although checked regularly, sometimes important information is sent to Junk and can be missed. The emails you need to use are as follows:

- head@edenfield.lancs.sch.uk
- bursar@edenfield.lancs.sch.uk

Worship

We have been focusing on the words of our school vision, the importance of our core values (love, forgiveness, respect, joy, faith and hope) and our spirituality and then linking all of these together so we can continue to enjoy a fulfilled and happy journey where everyone thrives, here in school. We are going to continue to explore how God's word (*Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path*) can guide us through scripture and prayer. Spirituality can be really tricky to articulate and so far we have decided:

Spirituality is not something we can see; it is something we feel inside ourselves. It is about awe and wonder, asking questions, inspiration and being aware of something 'bigger' outside of ourselves.

We have also explored how in nurturing spirituality we can:

- Provide **space** for stillness, wondering, reflecting, questioning and listening. Encourage a sense of mystery through the use of contemplative prayer, symbols and silence and allow children to simply 'be'.
- Consider the **process** of learning as well as the end result. Provide opportunities for our children to express their learning creatively through drama, dance, poetry or art. Embrace difficult questions and as they try to make sense of the world, provide a safe framework within which they can argue, question and explore.
- Encourage the use of **imagination** to facilitate a sense of empathy and emotion and to allow children to reflect and make meaning for themselves.
- Build a **relationship** as people journeying together and discovering God, rather than as child/teacher.
- Foster **intimacy** through sung worship and creative prayer, or through listening to music
- Provide a context of **trust** in which children and adults learn together, listen to each other and exercise mutual respect.

Have a lovely weekend.

Warm wishes,

C. L. Garner

Guided by God, following in his footsteps

Our vision is theologically centred on Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path



A Week In Pictures



Class 5

Class 5 have made a fantastic job of planning the first Family Worship.



Class 1

Class 1 have been learning their Young Leaders Award kindness song.



Reception

Everybody in Class Reception enjoyed their first PE lesson on the big field. They ran really fast and joined in with some action rhymes.



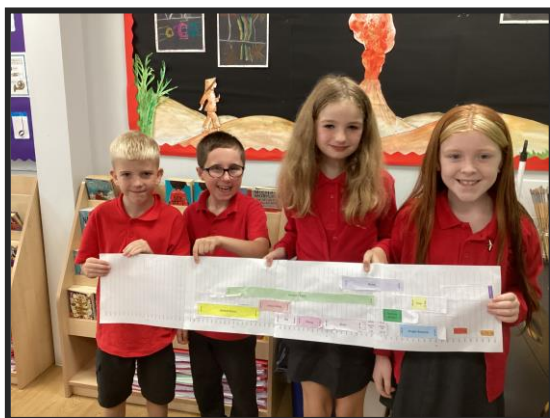
Class 2

Class 2 have enjoyed reflecting on our daily worships in our new reflection area. In RE, they have also looked at many different styles of Bible and how these are different.



Class 6

Class 6 have been studying the work of Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama.



Class 4

Class 4 have been creating timelines in history whilst looking at the chronology of different civilizations.



Class 3

Class 3 have enjoyed revising the 7 continents of the world by playing 'Globetrotting'.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Autumn Term 2023

Clubs take place from the end of the school day until 4.15pm unless otherwise indicated.

Day	Activity	Year Group
Mon	Equality Champion	Year 6 (Lunchtime Club)
Tues	Craft Club	Year 2 Group 1 (starts 19/09/23) Year 2 Group 2 (starts 07/11/23)
Tues	Ethos Champion	Year 6 (During School Day)
Tues	Netball	Year 5 and 6
Tues	Skiing	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 (until 5pm)
Tues	BRGS Club	Year 6 (Club ends on 26/09/23)
Tues	Table Tennis	Year 5 and 6 (Club starts on 03/10/23)
Weds	Lego Club	Year 1
Weds	Athletics	Year 3 and 4
Weds	Singing Club	Year 4, 5 and 6
Weds	Boys' Football	Year 5 and 6
Thurs	Book Club	Year 1
Thurs	Horse Riding	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 (until 5pm)
Fri	Digital Leaders	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Lunchtime Club)
Fri	Infant Multi-Sports	Year 2 (Club start date to be confirmed, more details to follow)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY SO FAR

Mon 25 th Sep	Class 6 Information Evening, 6pm
Tues 26 th Sep	Individual photographs
Tues 3 rd Oct	Class 1 visit to Delamere Forest
Fri 6 th Oct	Harvest Service at 9.15am
Mon 9 th Oct	Class 5 Ancient Greek Day with Tony North
Wed 11 th Oct	Open Day
Wed 11 th Oct	Class 6 visit to Blackpool Zoo
Mon 16 th Oct	Parents Evening via MS Teams, 3.30pm-7pm
Tues 17 th Oct	Parents Evening via MS Teams, 3.30pm-5pm
Fri 20 th Oct	Show Racism the Red Card Day
Fri 20 th Oct	Education Friday service at 9.15am
Fri 20 th Oct	School closes for half term
Mon 30 th Oct	School re-opens
Tues 31 st Oct	Nasal flu immunisations
Tues 31 st Oct	Secondary school application deadline
Fri 10 th Nov	Remembrance Service in church at 10.45am
Thurs 16 th Nov	Class 2 visit to Burnley Football Club
Fri 17 th Nov	Class 5 visit to Catalyst Science Discovery Centre
Tues 12 th Dec	Jack and the Beanstalk at the Manchester Opera House
Wed 20 th Dec	KS2 Christmas party AM / KS1 Christmas party PM
Thurs 21 st Dec	Whole school Christmas lunch
Fri 22 nd Dec	Christmas Service at church, 1.30pm

(Additional dates may be added throughout the term)

STARS OF THE WEEK



Friday 15th September

Reception Class: All of Class Reception

Class 1: Lucas Higginbotham, Elliot Thompson,
Winnie Worthington

Class 2: All of Class 2, Luke Littlewood, Helaina Crawford

Class 3: Elliot James, Adelia World, Seb Durose-Clarke

Class 4: Arthur Wilcox-Wood, Max Irwin, Charlotte Giblin

Class 5: Chloe Webb, Cohen Barker, Deniz Choudhury

Class 6: Huey Formby, Nancy Booth, Sophia Gray

Cauliflower Cards

We are keen to participate in the Cauliflower Cards project so every child can have their Christmas cards printed for sale. The paperwork and administration is usually co-ordinated by a parent so if you are interested in getting involved, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

BRGS Open Evening and Entrance Exam 2024

For admissions into Year 7 in September 2024 BRGS are holding their open evening on **Wednesday 20 September 2023**. The event will run from 6.30pm to 8.30pm and visitors can drop in at any time. The Principal's Address will take place in the Canopy at 6.30pm and 7.30pm.

The entrance examination for Year 7 admission in September 2024 will take place on 30 September 2023.

Parents who wish their child to take the 2024 entrance examination must register before **12.00 noon on Friday 22 September 2023** by completing the registration form on the BRGS school website.

Woodhey Open Evening

Woodhey High School will be holding their Open Evening for children starting school in September 2024 on Thursday 5th October from 5-8pm. To book tickets please use the link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/woodhey-high-school-open-evening-2023-tickets-713602122157?aff=oddtcreator>

2024 School Applications

If you have a child starting primary or secondary school in September 2024 you can apply for their place online at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place> You must apply for a place, even if an older brother or sister already attends the school.

The closing date for applications is:
31st October 2023 for secondary
15th January 2024 for primary