Edenfield News

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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. The children have enjoyed a fantastic start to the new school year; they continue to work hard and have impressed 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.

Welcome

Last week, we also welcomed Mrs Lynn Berens to the school as she commenced her new post as a TA mostly based in Class 4. She will also be supporting pupils in Year 6 on certain afternoons. Mrs Berens previously worked at St Andrews Primary School in Ramsbottom and has many years' experience. I know you will join me in giving her a very warm welcome to the school.

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. Additional letters for horse riding and skiing, with all the necessary information, will also be sent home ahead of the clubs commencing. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who willingly give up their own time to provide such a wide range of extra-curricular activities. Last year we offered 43 clubs in total and approximately half of these were sports based. We are committed to ensuring that all children experience an enriched curriculum and that every child is supported in developing their own talents and interests.

Pantomime

We have booked seats for the pantomime ***Cinderella*** 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.

Policies

With the start of the new academic year, key statutory policies are reviewed and updated as required. As some of these are very lengthy, we will not be sending paper copies but urge you to read these on the website. Priority policies include:

- **Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy**
- **Behaviour Policy**
- **Anti-Bullying Policy**
- **Attendance Policy**

The school's Behaviour Policy was fully rewritten last year in line with government guidance. We pride ourselves on our high standards of behaviour and engagement and this is largely due to parental support. I look forward to continuing to work together to maintain our shared high expectations and a culture in school where everyone is treated with dignity, kindness and respect.

Key changes will also appear in the latest Attendance Policy linked to the flyers which were sent home last week. Please ensure you read this so you are fully aware of school expectations as well local authority policy and procedure.

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.

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

In worship, we have been reflecting on the excitement and challenges that a new school year brings. We thought about how September is a good time to consider what our hopes and dreams are for this year. We compared the year to the clean pages in all of our brand new exercise books and how we can fill those pages with our own journeys. It is also a chance for a fresh start. Christians believe that God always wants to forgive us and help us make the best possible choices. We asked God to guide us through all the opportunities which lay ahead and to help us make good decisions. We also asked for his care and support to navigate difficult times. Our thought of the week helped to remind us of God's love for everyone.

I am with you always
Matthew 28:20

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 4
Class 4 enjoyed working in groups, in Design Technology, to model how a circuit works.

Class 1
Class 1 enjoyed designing a front cover for The Enormous Turnip on Purple Mash.

Class 6
Class 6 enjoyed finding out about Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama and completed artist research pages all about her.

Class 2
Class 2 enjoyed searching for items made of plastic with Mrs Martin in Design Technology.

Class 3
Class 3 enjoyed reading The Tin Forest and are looking forward to writing their own versions in the coming weeks.

Class 5
Class 5 explored three myths as part of their study of ancient Greece.

Class Reception
Class Reception enjoyed exploring the outdoor area in their wellies and waterproofs.

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Extra-Curricular Activities

Autumn Term 2024

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

Day	Activity	Year Group
Mon	**Equality Champions**	Year 6 (Lunchtime club)
Tues	**Ethos Champions**	Year 6 (During school day)
Tues	**Inspire**	As per invitation
Tues	**Skiing**	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Tues	**Athletics**	Years 3 and 4 (Aut term 1) Years 5 and 6 (Aut term 2)
Tues	**Lego Club**	Year 1
Tues	**Boys and Girls Football**	Years 5 and 6
Weds	**Art Club**	Year 2
Weds	**Singing Club**	Year 4, 5 and 6
Weds	**Infant Sports**	Years 1 and 2
Thurs	**Horse Riding (starts October 24)**	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 (until 5pm)
Thurs	**BRGS Club**	As per invitation
Thurs	**Table Tennis (starts 03/10/24)**	Years 5 and 6
Thurs	**Digital Leaders**	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Lunchtime club)
TBC	**Dance**	Years 1 and 2

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

w/c 16th Sep	Extra Curricular clubs commence
Mon 16th Sep	Class 6 Information Evening, 6pm
Tues 17th Sep	Class 6 Taster Day at HHS (pupils only)
Tues 24th Sep	Individual photographs
Sat 28th Sep	BRGS entrance exam
Wed 2nd Oct	Vision screening for class reception
Fri 4th Oct	Harvest Service at Edenfield Parish Church, 9.15am led by KS1
Tues 8th Oct	Class 1 visit to Delamere Forest
Mon 14th Oct	Parents Evening, 3.30pm-7pm
Tues 15th Oct	Parents Evening, 3.30pm-5pm
Thurs 17th Oct	Class 5 Ancient Greek Day with Tony North
Fri 18th Oct	Education Friday at Edenfield Parish Church, 9.15am
Fri 18th Oct	School closes for half term
Mon 28th Oct	School re-opens
Thurs 31st Oct	Class 3 visit to Southport Eco Centre
Thurs 31st Oct	Secondary school application deadline
Mon 11th Nov	Remembrance Service held at Edenfield Parish Church, 10.45am
Mon 18th Nov	Class 4 visit to Bolton Museum
Wed 20th Nov	Nasal flu immunisations
Thurs 21st Nov	Class 5 visit to Catalyst Science Discovery Centre
Wed 27th Nov	Class 6 visit to Jorvik Viking Centre

(Additional dates may be added throughout the term)

STARS OF THE WEEK

Friday 6th September

Reception Class: Isabelle-Rose Handley

Class 1: All of Class 1

Class 2: All of Class 2

Class 3: Sophie Denton

Class 4: Gabrielle Hope

Class 5: All of Class 5

Class 6: Bella Ingoe

Friday 13th September

Reception Class: Ollie Holmes, Jax Robinson

Class 1: Jude Doyle, Ailey Chadwick

Class 2: Ivy Rourke, Oliver Irwin

Class 3: Helaina Crawford, Max Sanderson

Class 4: Jack Worthington, Orla Thompson

Class 5: Freddie Hulme, Sophie Mangham

Class 6: Sol Robinson, Ollie Giles

2025 School Applications

If you have a child starting primary or secondary school in September 2025 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 2024 for secondary

15th January 2025 for primary

School Calendar 2025

If you would like to sponsor a month of the 2025 School Calendar, please contact Mrs Rhodes, bursar@edenfield.lancs.sch.uk

The fee would be £40 per page and artwork would need to be supplied in a jpeg format.

Thought of the Week

I AM WITH YOU

always

MATTHEW 28:20

Thought of the Week

He who watches over you will never slumber or sleep

Psalm 121.4

There is never a moment when God is not listening to us