Edenfield News

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Head's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the penultimate edition of the newsletter for this term. It is starting to feel extremely festive in school and Christmas certainly started in full force this week. The staff worked very hard on Monday evening to decorate the school and it has been transformed into a Christmas wonderland. Please see photographs below:















Christmas Fair

Thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting the school Christmas Fair yesterday evening. It was wonderful to welcome so many of you and your families to school. The PTA worked tirelessly to plan and prepare this event and the amount of effort needed must not be underestimated. The school is so very grateful for this support and dedication. The atmosphere was so festive and the children appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves. Highlights included the return of the popular ***Elf on the Shelf*** who distributed gifts to the boys and girls on behalf of Father Christmas as well as lots of lovely, Christmas themed games and activities.

Thank you also to those who donated raffle prizes – there are too many to mention but needless to say I think it was the most luxurious prize selection to date, ranging from restaurant vouchers to hampers, to beauty treatments. Please watch this space for the final total plus plans on how the money will be used to support your children.

A huge thanks to those who have already purchased an Edenfield School Calendar featuring the smiling faces of our lovely children. If you missed this opportunity last night, the calendars are now available to purchase on ParentPay. With ever increasing costs, the calendars are expensive to produce and could become cost prohibitive if we do not sell enough copies. They are very useful as they include all the school holidays, INSET dates and other special events. Calendars can also be purchased at the nativity performances next week. Please support our school calendar – thank you.

We continue to enjoy a very festive atmosphere in school as the younger boys and girls prepare for their respective nativities. There will be ***A Bundle of Joy*** to be performed by Class Reception and ***Super Star*** to be performed by Key Stage 1. ***A Bundle of Joy*** leads us to a very special bundle of joy in a little stable in Bethlehem amid kings, angels and a very grumpy donkey called Grumble! ***Super Star*** tells the story of the school celestial choir who all want to shine in this year's nativity. They need to dazzle Mr Marrz in order to be given the title role. However, it quickly becomes clear that it is not all about being the musical's main focus but about playing the role of the amazing star that showed the way to the stable in Bethlehem where Jesus was born. As the story unfolds, the children will shine a light on Jesus and how he is the true superstar of Christmas.

Please note tickets for both nativities go on sale, via ParentPay, from 4pm on Tuesday 2nd December. You will be able to purchase two tickets in total (NOT per performance), per family initially. There was some confusion last year with some families buying two tickets per performance - please do not try to buy more than two tickets in total as these will not be honoured and you will then need refunding. Please also note that it will take a few minutes for ParentPay to update at 4pm, when we press release, so please be patient. In this way, all families are guaranteed a total of two tickets with spares to be released next week on Friday 5th December from 9am.

Christmas Jumper day

The Archbishop of York Young Leaders in Year 5 will be hosting a Christmas Jumper day on Friday, 12th December to raise money for ***Save The Children***. Please send your child to school in normal uniform but Christmas jumpers may be worn instead of school jumpers in exchange for a minimum £1 donation. Please send your donation, via Parentpay. The school office will send a text when this is live on the ParentPay system. Well done to young leader, Isabelle B for designing the promotional poster attached.

Upcoming Christmas Events

Upcoming festive events (dates and further details overleaf) include:

- Christingle Service (hosted by Miss Thomas in school)
- Carol singing at Tesco (Haslingden)
- KS1 Nativity performances
- EYFS Nativity performances
- Wreath Making and craft evening
- Performance at the Light Up A Life Service
- KS1 and KS2 Christmas parties with Taz
- KS2 Slumber Party
- Whole School Christmas Lunch

The Great Lancashire Debate

Despite all the Christmas activity, the main curriculum continues at full speed, and, on Tuesday, a team of Y5 pupils represented Rossendale at the final of the Great Lancashire Debate, at County hall Preston. They were one of only six schools selected to speak at the final and I am delighted to share that the Edenfield debate team were announced as overall winners for the whole of Lancashire. Orla, Abby, Cecily, Tommy and Seb spoke with passion, clarity and expression as well as answering a range of challenging questions with maturity and superb knowledge of their chosen subject, ***Protect Our Green Spaces.*** They were also praised for their teamwork which shone through. They are very worthy winners and we are extremely proud of this fantastic achievement.



History Exhibition

In other curriculum news, it was lovely to welcome parents and carers to the history exhibition on Wednesday morning. Groups of children hosted stands to teach our visitors about the rich history of Edenfield, Rossendale and Lancashire. Children were able to use their enquiry skills to answer perceptive questions about their school, describe continuity and change, as well as sharing judgements about what they had learned. The projects covered were described in detail in the last issue.





Singing at Tesco and Light Up A Life Service

Singing Club will be helping to raise money for Rossendale Hospice in multiple ways over the next couple of weeks. On Tuesday afternoon (2nd December), they will be singing at Haslingden Tesco and will perform a range of carols, Christmas songs and songs from the shows. The club has also been invited by Rossendale Hospice to

perform again at their annual ***Light Up A Life Service*** – a special celebration to remember lost loved ones. It is an honour to have been asked to return and contribute to this service which takes place on the evening of 11th December. It was such a lovely experience for the children, and staff, last time and we are looking forward to returning and singing at such a special event.

EPIC

This week Class 4 are EPIC because …

The children have been thinking about how they can be lights in the world. The class has been thinking about how Jesus told us 'I am the light of the world' John 8:12. This metaphor links to our school vision and has reminded the children that the words and actions of Jesus teach us how to live a good life. The children understand that they have a duty to follow in the path of Jesus and spread his message by being good examples themselves. They thought about how they could display little acts of kindness in school, and also ways that they can be helpful at home during what is a very busy time of the year! As the Church looks forward to the first Sunday of Advent, the whole school has been thinking about the importance of being patient and how this period is an important time to reflect. Everyone is looking forward to thinking about another symbol of light during our Christingle service in school, next week, as we remember the love and joy that Jesus brought to our world.

All that remains is to wish you a very Happy Advent and a wonderful 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 3
Class 3 investigated which materials caused the most and least friction in science. They predicted the outcome then wrote up their findings.



Class 5
Class 5 investigated different world foods in DT.



Class 2
Class 2 used a range of medium to draw silhouettes, in the style of Dr Seuss.



Class 4
Class 4 visited Bolton Museum to learn more about Ancient Egypt.



Class 1
Class 1 had fun building shelters at Delamere Forest.



Class 6
Class 6 wrote their own setting descriptions based on the book **Nowhere Emporium**.



Class Reception
Class Reception enjoyed using all the new sounds they know to do some important writing in our class office!

Extra-Curricular Activities

Autumn Term 2025

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	**Compassion Club**	Year 3
Tues	**Skiing**	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Tues	**Lego Club**	Year 1
Tues	**Athletics**	Aut term 2 – Years 5 and 6
Tues	**Mixed Football**	Years 5 and 6
Weds	**Infant Sports**	Aut term 2 – Year 2
Weds	**Singing Club**	Years 4, 5 and 6
Thurs	**Art Club**	Years 1 and 2
Thurs	**Horse Riding**	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Thurs	**Digital Leaders**	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Lunchtime club)

STARS OF THE WEEK

Friday 21st November

Reception Class: Ada Chappell, Poppy Vogan

Class 1: Nina Trippier, All of Class 1

Class 2: Louis Durose Clarke, Sebastian Rawstron

Class 3: Lola Carter, Cole Robertson

Class 4: Esmie Dickinson, All of Class 4

Class 5: Heidi Elmer, Alice Walker

Class 6: Oliver Jackson, Hamish Campbell

Friday 28th November

Reception Class: Sebbie Heaps, Arthur Hamer

Class 1: Elliott Higgs, Ruby-Maye Jackson

Class 2: Jude Doyle, Dottie Woodburn

Class 3: Lucas Higginbotham, Erin Worthington

Class 4: Rosie-Kate Monaghan, Stylianos Chelas

Class 5: Ellis Bennett-Pope, Natasha Riley

Class 6: Brooklyn Donnelly, Sienna-Louise Farnworth

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 30th Nov	**Tower Wood second instalment due**
Wed 3rd Dec	**Catch up tour, for Sept 26 admissions, 9.30am/1.45pm (booking essential)**
Mon 8th Dec	**ClR and KS1 nativity dress rehearsal**
Tues 9th Dec	**Class R nativity performance, 9.30am**
Tues 9th Dec	**KS1 nativity performance, 1.45pm**
Wed 10th Dec	**Class R nativity performance, 9.30am**
Wed 10th Dec	**KS1 nativity performance, 1.45pm**
Thurs 11th Dec	**KS1 nativity performance, 1.45pm**
Fri 12th Dec	**Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children**
Tues 16th Dec	**KS2 Christmas party AM, KS1/R Christmas party PM**
Wed 17th Dec	**KS2 Christmas slumber party**
Thurs 18th Dec	**Whole school awards, 9.15am, via MS Teams**
Thurs 18th Dec	**Whole school Christmas lunch**
Fri 19th Dec	**Christmas Carol Service at church, 1.30pm**
Mon 5th Jan	**School re-opens for spring term**
Thurs 8th Jan	**Class 5 swimming starts at Marl Pits**
Thurs 15th Jan	**Primary School application deadline**

(Additional dates may be added throughout the term)

2026 School Applications

If you have a child starting primary school in September 2026 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:

- 15th January 2026 for primary

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Rossendale Hospice Penny Pinching

A big thank you to everyone who returned their Rossendale Penny Pinching boxes. These have been collected by the hospice and we will update you on our total once all the donations have been counted.

Tower Wood

Thank you to everyone who has already confirmed their place on Tower Wood. A reminder that the second instalment is due via ParentPay on 30th November. If you have any queries please contact the school office.

Thought of the Week

Jesus said,
"I am **the light of the world.**
Whoever follows me will
never live in darkness."

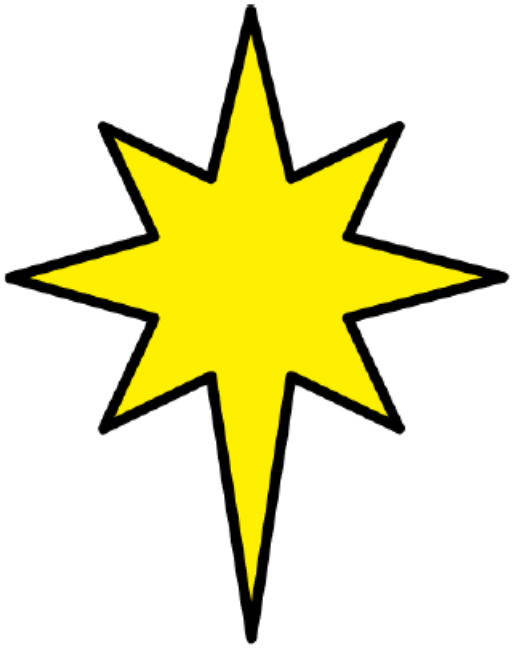
Christmas Jumper Day!



On Friday 12th December we will be having a Christmas jumper day. You will be able to wear your own Christmas jumper everything else is school uniform.

You will have to donate £1 via parent pay. Your money will be going to a charity called Save the Children.





If you do pay £1 we will be very grateful and so will Save the Children.

Thank you so much!