Edenfield News

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Head's Message

Welcome to the final issue of the spring term and what a busy week it has been with lots more to follow next week.

The Great Lancashire Debate Award

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome the Chairman of the County Council, Alf Clempson, alongside County Councillor Joanne Ash, to a special assembly. As you may remember, in November, a team of Year 5 pupils won the Great Lancashire Debate which was hosted by County Councillor Clempson. The school's name is now engraved on the winning shield which was proudly received by Orla, Abbey, Tommy, Cecily and Seb. Mr Clempson praised the children for their confident, passionate speech, with specific reference to the brilliant way in which they had answered questions from the judges. Hopefully, we can return next year with a new team and defend our title!



Equality and Inclusivity Mark

The awards kept coming this week, and on Wednesday, the school was delighted to welcome Sam Hoban, LCC equality and inclusion consultant, for the final accreditation visit for the Lancashire Equality Mark. At this stage, we had already successfully achieved five out of the six Equality badges: Race, Religion and Belief, Disability, Gender, and Sexual Orientation.

To secure the final badge, Holistic Diversity, the Year 6 Equality Champions played a pivotal role. They led a range of meaningful initiatives, including raising awareness of the children's charity Barnardo's. Through their efforts, they raised an impressive £500 by organising a bake sale and hosting a 'Big Quiz', which was thoroughly enjoyed by pupils across the school.

In addition, the children championed the importance of mental health and wellbeing. They shared the story ***Out of a Jar*** with KS1 pupils, helping them to understand the dangers of bottling up emotions and encouraging them to recognise that sharing their feelings is a positive and healthy choice.

Sam Hoban was clearly impressed by the children's dedication and active involvement in achieving the badge. She also praised the school's strong commitment to ensuring that all pupils feel happy, safe, supported, and able to achieve their very best. She says:

It was wonderful to be able to spend time with you and see how deeply embedded Equality work is across the school. It's clear that this area builds on strong existing practice and evolves to meet the changing and future needs of pupils, staff, and parents.

Your accreditation summary highlighted in detail all the support structures, initiatives and policies etc. that are available to ensure positive outcomes for all members of the school community. I was interested and inspired to see and learn what school is putting in place to meet the needs of pupils.

I was especially impressed, as usual, meeting and speaking with your pupils. They are truly a strength of the school.

As a result of this collective effort, the school has now fully achieved the Lancashire Equality and Inclusion Mark which will remain valid for three years. This accomplishment was celebrated with the awarding of the official Lancashire Equality Mark banner and flag, marking a significant success after just over two years of hard work. It should be noted that the school has completed the mark in record time as it can take up to five years to achieve. The work does not stop here; we will continue to champion inclusivity and raise awareness of the protected characteristics in all areas of school life and know the children are the best ambassadors in promoting this across school, and beyond.



Pictured: Edenfield Equality Champions

Last Choir Singing

There were more awards to come on Wednesday evening when Singing Club won their heat of Last Choir Singing at Stage City, Preston. The children performed two songs, Price Tag (Jessie J) and Somebody to Love (Lewis Capaldi), brilliantly, and in perfect harmony, and were judged on aspects such as, tuning, tempo, timing, dynamics, complexity, performance and togetherness. We have yet to read our report but I have no doubt it is excellent. The children will now sing in The Grand Final at Blackpool Opera House (Winter Gardens) on 17th June.



Educational Visits

It has been a very full week for educational visits. Class 3 enjoyed a trip to the Roman museum in Ribchester and Class 2 had a fantastic day at Chester Zoo learning about habitats. Yesterday, Class 6 had a very early start, leaving school at 6:30am for a day of Shakespeare in Stratford Upon Avon. The day started at Mary Arden's Farm on the outskirts of the town where the children participated in a drama workshop based on ***A Midsummer Night's Dream***. After lunch, the children were transported to the town centre to visit Shakespeare's school where they experienced a typical sixteenth century lesson with the Tudor master, including learning Latin before practising how to write with a feather quill and ink. They also had the opportunity to dress up as Tudor school children. The day ended with tea at a restaurant. A wonderful day was enjoyed by all.



Art Gallery

This afternoon, we were delighted to exhibit and celebrate the special artwork completed by the children, as part of Art and Wellbeing Week, by hosting an Edenfield Art Gallery for parents and carers. The range of art and creativity on show was wonderful and testament to the hard work and efforts of the children and staff. If you were unable to attend, but wish to purchase your child's

special piece, these are available to buy, via ParentPay, at £3.00 each. All proceeds will be used to invest in art materials for the classes. Thank you for supporting this event.









To follow next week ….

It will be another extremely busy time next week as Years 5 and 6 will be leaving for their residential holiday in Windemere on Monday. There will be a full report and photographs in the next issue after Easter, but in the meantime we wish all the children and staff a very enjoyable time and hope that the weather stays kind for all the exciting outdoor pursuits and challenges planned. Other special dates are:

- Whole school awards on Thursday 26th March at 9:15am (including awarding prizes for the Book Character Competition)
- Easter Service at Edenfield Parish Church at 1:30pm led by Year 4

EPIC

This week Class Reception are EPIC because …

The children have been sharing the message of a wonderful gift that has been given to each one of us by God. This is the gift of 'free will'. In Galatians, chapter 5, verse 13, Paul reminds believers that they were "called to be free," but warns against using freedom for selfish indulgence, instead encouraging service to others in love. The children explored how having free will can be a wonderfully tricky gift. A little bit like receiving a brand new shiny bike before you have learnt to ride. The bike is really special, but learning to ride it is tricky and sometimes, you will make mistakes and fall off. To learn to ride properly, you have to get back on and try again. Sometimes we can use our free will in a way that might hurt others. When this happens, we need to try again, we need

keep trying to use our free will to serve God and each other. The children discovered that even Jesus had been challenged throughout his life to make the right choice. In the desert, Jesus had to use his free will to avoid temptation. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed to God, he knew what was to come and he was afraid. "Jesus could have run away" said the children in Class Reception. This is a feeling that all of us would have had if faced with the same reality. Would we have stayed or would we have used our free will to seek safety and run away? Jesus stayed, he used his gift of free will to follow God's plan. Jesus in fact used his free will to save us all. What a wonderfully tricky gift!

All that remains is to wish you all a wonderful weekend – enjoy the sunshine on Saturday!

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

Week In Pictures



Class 3
Class 3 loved their visit to Ribchester to learn about The Romans and look at Roman ruins.



Class 1
Class 1 thoroughly enjoyed the living history day about the Great Fire of London.



Class 4
Class 4 planted potatoes in science.



Class Reception
Class Reception enjoyed an imaginary trip to New York on Class Reception Airways!



Class 2
Class 2 had a fabulous time at Chester Zoo learning about animals and their habitats.



Class 6
Class 6 Equality Champions delivered a story called 'Out of a Jar' to KS1 classes which explored different types of emotions.



Class 5
Class 5 worked practically making 3D shapes using nets in maths.

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Extra-Curricular Activities
Spring Term 2026

All extra-curricular clubs ***except horse riding*** have now ended. Details of the new after-school clubs on offer will be sent home, when we return in April.

Toast

If you would like your child to receive toast for the next half term, the cost is £8.40.

Please make payment via ParentPay, by 9.00am on Tuesday 22nd April. If you make payment after this deadline, please contact the school office to make us aware.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 23rd Mar	Class 5 and 6 TW residential visit
Tues 24th Mar	Class 5 and 6 TW residential visit
Wed 25th Mar	Class 5 and 6 TW residential visit
Thurs 26th Mar	Whole School Awards @ 9.15am, via MS Teams
Fri 27th Mar	Easter service at Edenfield Parish Church, 1.30pm, led by KS2
Fri 27th Mar	School closes for Easter
Mon 13th Apr	School re-opens
Fri 17th Apr	Tower Wood presentation @ 9:15am, in school
Fri 1st May	INSET day
Mon 4th May	May bank holiday
w/c 11th May	Class 6 Testing Week
Mon 11th May	Cl R Learn to Ride
Tues 12th May	Cl R Learn to Ride
Wed 13th May	Cl R Learn to Ride
Tues 19th May	Class 1 Smithills Farm (Please note change of date)
Fri 22nd May	School closes for half term
Mon 1st Jun	INSET day
Tues 2nd Jun	INSET day
Wed 3rd Jun	School re-opens
Tues 9th Jun	Class 6 visit to Museum of Lancashire
Mon 15th Jun	Class 5 visit to Tatton Hall
Wed 17th Jun	Last Choir Singing Final, Blackpool Opera House
Thurs 18th Jun	Class 4 visit to Lunt Meadows
Tues 23rd Jun	Class photographs
Thurs 25th Jun	Class 2 visit to Blackpool Tower and Lytham Beach
Wed 1st Jul	Leavers' Service at Manchester Cathedral

(Additional dates may be added throughout the term)

STARS OF THE WEEK

Friday 13th March

Reception Class: Mary Edden, Ada Chappell

Class 1: Beauden Howard, Edith Meddings-Lowe

Class 2: Noah Abou Zeid, Angelica Higgs

Class 3: Ralphie Turner, Lola Carter

Class 4: Alfie Smith, Evelyn Diack

Class 5: Jorgie Reid, Brianna Flanagan

Class 6: Ivy Hooper, Minnie Chapelhow

Friday 20th March

Reception Class: Charlotte Brooke-Steel, All of Class Reception

Class 1: Charlie Sanderson, Parker Wilson

Class 2: Louis Durose Clarke, All of Class 2

Class 3: Freddie Ingham, All of Class 3

Class 4: Esmae Gowing, Sophie Denton

Class 5: Harvey Bracewell, Orla Thompson

Class 6: Jack Seal, Sophia Mahgoub

Reminder - water bottle each day

Please can we remind you to send a water bottle every day with your child. It is important that they can keep hydrated throughout the school day. These can be refilled at school as necessary.

Personal Items

Please ensure that all personal items are clearly labelled with your child's name.
We will check for names before placing items in the lost property.

Readathon

Thank you to everyone who has already paid in there Readathon sponsorship money via ParentPay or cash via the school office. Any outstanding monies can still be paid by either option.

Thought of the week

Easter spells out beauty, the rare beauty of new life – S.D. Gordon