Edenfield News

Issue 18: 15th July 2026

Head's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

And so we come to the final newsletter of the year - how is that even possible? The days may be long sometimes (especially these hot ones) but the years are certainly short! I am sure you will all feel the same as your children prepare to move up a year, a key stage, or even to their respective high schools as their chapter at primary school closes and another begins. More on Y6 shortly.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the parents and carers, pupils, staff and governors for another most enjoyable and successful year. The children as always have been an absolute pleasure to care for and teach, and we have enjoyed watching them grow, thrive and flourish. It may have been a year free of inspections but we have continued to strive to achieve the highest of standards, both academically and pastorally, so that your children experience excellent teaching and wonderful memories in all aspects of school life.

Leavers' Service and Y6 Tribute

This takes place on Friday 17th July at Edenfield Parish Church at 1:30pm. Unfortunately, for the first time in twenty years, I will be unable to attend. This is because I will be attending my son's graduation ceremony at the exact time of the service and governors have granted me leave on this day. I know you will understand the significance of me attending this event, nevertheless, I am extremely sorry that I will not be there in church, on Friday, to close the year with you all. As such, I would like to share a few words for Year Six as they prepare to leave us on Friday.

Dear Year Six,

You are a year group, who without even realising it, became one of the most resilient groups of children the school has ever known. In 2020, when schools closed and the world as we knew it changed forever, you were in class reception and only just starting out on your primary school journey. You learned to adapt, to be patient and that plans can change in an instant. As a result, you had to grow through uncertainty, change and so many challenges!! Yet here you are now - one of the kindest, most empathetic and determined groups who has achieved so much over the last seven years. It would take more than a global pandemic to dim your light which continues to shine so brightly. You have already proved that you can overcome everything that the world unexpectedly placed in your path, you grew through history – a time your future children and grandchildren will study in their lessons one day. You should always be proud of how far you have come and I certainly am, alongside all the teachers who have taught and loved you, over the last seven years. The good times certainly outweigh the bad memories now and we are finishing on such a high this week with your incredible production of Oliver and your amazing academic achievements. We have loved every minute of teaching you – what a delight it has been to know you - continue to aim high, and shine bright!

Love, Mrs Garner

Diocesan Leavers' Service

On Wednesday 1st July, the Y6 children attended the Leavers' Service at Manchester Cathedral. The main message of the service was to help prepare the children to persevere, with God's help, on the journey that is ahead of them, as they prepare to move into Year 7. The Y6 children created a **Prayer Chain** ahead of the service: using a rainbow of colours, each child wrote a prayer that reflected God's promises of following and trusting Jesus. This was displayed alongside all the other schools' prayer chains at the service. The school was thrilled to be invited by the Diocese to lead the singing on the 'stage' at the service. Class 6 were absolutely incredible leading a congregation of hundreds of children in singing and dancing along to the chosen songs. Bishop Mark and Terry Hart, deputy director of the diocese, commented how they were the best school to date! After the service, the children enjoyed a celebratory pizza lunch in the city. It was a truly memorable day as we prepare to say goodbye to our Y6 children and send them on their way to new and exciting times ahead!



Oliver!

Year Six and the Year 4/5 ensemble are ready to perform the most amazing show this week. Please see the separate letter sent home earlier this week for arrangements on the night. I am sorry to confirm that vehicle access is strictly prohibited at Woodhey, on the nights of the performances, so please arrive in plenty of time to park nearby. Photographs will be uploaded to Google Classroom and the video of each performance will be ready to order on ParentPay from Wednesday 15th July.

Summer Fair and Big Run

A huge thank you to all those who supported the Summer Fair and the Big Run - we are very grateful for your support. The total profit raised was £2473. What an incredible achievement! Thank you to the PTA, parents and school staff who helped to plan and prepare the run, and the fair, beforehand as well as host a wide variety of stalls and attractions on the day. Thank you also to those who bravely volunteered to marshal the running route.

After the run, it was wonderful to see so many of you fill the school and support the many stalls and games on offer. The money will be well invested to enhance further opportunities for your children.

Bridgewater Hall

A huge well done to the children who performed at Bridgewater Hall last week. It was an incredible experience as we sang alongside a number of primary and high schools from across Lancashire, accompanied by the 120 piece orchestra. The head of the music service, Helen Robertson, wrote personally to thank the children saying: *thank you all for your support, dedication and musicianship to deliver such a high standard of performance.* I represent all of the children and parents when I say it was an experience we will never forget!







Whole School Awards

Please join us for Whole School Awards, via MS Teams, on Thursday at 9:15am as we celebrate the achievements of the children this term and this year. We did consider hosting this in the hall but the intense weather conditions have made this impossible. This is likely to be a long session but we will ensure that the children have access to drinks and movement breaks throughout.

Epic

This week both Class 4 and Class 5 are EPIC because …
Class 4 have been reflecting on their journey throughout this school year and thinking about all they have learned, achieved and experienced together. The children have taken time to celebrate their successes, recognise how they have grown as learners and friends, and given thanks for the many opportunities they have enjoyed. Reflection helps us to appreciate how far we have come and encourages us to look forward with hope and confidence. As one chapter comes to an end, the children have been thinking about new beginnings and the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!" Isaiah 43:18-19. The children have enjoyed setting positive goals for the future. They are ready for a new challenge in their new year group and are excited to continue growing and learning. *Mr Cartridge*

Class 5 reflected on the word 'end' and the various words which can be built from these three letters. In particular, they explored the word 'ascend' and how this means we are all 'going up' to our new classes soon. Year Six will 'ascend' to their high schools and start a new chapter in their lives. Year 5 continued this period of reflection through their Young Leaders' work and how they have ended up 'being the change they want to see'. As Young Leaders we: "Stand in awe of the great things God has done" and we use this verse to guide us in the next chapter of our lives. *Mrs Hartley*

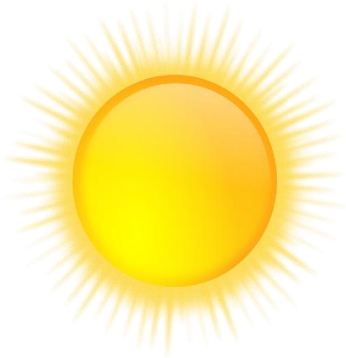
All that remains is to wish you all a wonderful summer holiday with family and friends. I look forward to another happy and successful year, and to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 1st September.

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

Happy Holidays to You All!



Week In Pictures



Class 3
Class 3 designed modern mosaics.



Class Reception
Class Reception enjoyed a special celebration trip on the East Lancashire Railway.



Class 1
Class 1 enjoyed creating freeze frames showing different scenes from Snow White.



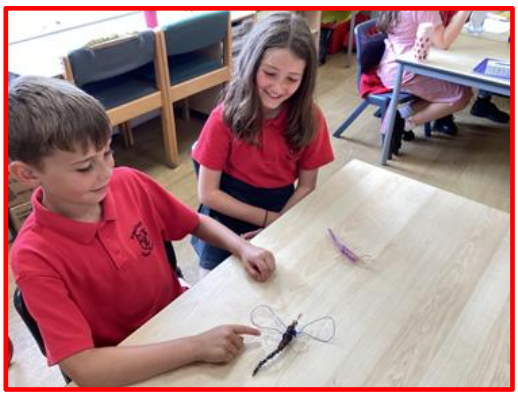
Class 6
Class 6 enjoyed completing their leavers' books ready for their final week in school.



Class 2
Class 2 experienced life at a Victorian seaside guest house when visiting Fleetwood Museum.



Class 5
Class 5 wrote and performed their own weather reports in geography.



Class 4
Class 4 made insect sculptures in art using different coloured wire.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Summer Term 2026

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

Edenfield CE Primary School

Production of



Thursday 16th July
6pm

Woodhey High School

Tickets still available on ParentPay, £7 each

ParentPay

A reminder that any outstanding balances for school dinners and other activities must be cleared on ParentPay before the end of the summer term. Outstanding debts will be referred to LCC.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 15th Jul	KS2 Summer production
Thurs 16th Jul	Whole School Awards @ 9.15am, via MS Teams
Thurs 16th Jul	KS2 Summer production, 11.30am-4pm
Fri 17th Jul	Y6 Leavers' Service at Edenfield Parish Church, 1.30pm
Fri 17th Jul	Close for the summer holidays
Mon 20th Jul	INSET day
Tues 1st Sep	School re-opens

STARS OF THE WEEK

Friday 3rd July

Reception Class: Oscar Nolan, Poppy Vogan

Class 1: Mackenzie Robertson, Edith Meddings-Lowe

Class 2: Penny Hall, Tommy James

Class 3: Ethan Mellish, All of Class 3

Class 4: Esmie Dickinson, Luke Littlewood

Class 5: Abbey Chadwick, Gabrielle Hope

Class 6: Riley O'Toole, All of Class 6

Friday 10th July

Reception Class: Nina Forouzanfar, All of Class Reception

Class 1: Beauden Howard, Jax Robinson

Class 2: Skye Doherty, All of Class 2

Class 3: Ivy Rourke, Ben Sales

Class 4: Matilda Mutez, Esmae Gowing

Class 5: Tommy Milne, Orla Thompson

Class 6: Sophie Mangham, Jack Elias Firth

Dinners

Pupils wishing to change dinner arrangements at the start of the new academic year will need to complete a *school meal arrangements change form*, prior to the end of term.
This includes Class 2 pupils moving to Class 3, who will cease to be eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals. The form is available on the school website under Office Forms section or from the school office.

Awards Assembly & Leavers' Service

Whole School Awards will take place on **Thursday 16th July at 9.15am** via MS Teams. All welcome.

The Leavers' Service, led by Mr Holt and Year 6 will take place on **Friday 17th July at 1.30pm in church.**
All welcome.

The service will finish at approximately **2.45pm** and children may go home early with their parents, after returning to school to collect their belongings. Older children may, with parental permission, go home unaccompanied. School will remain open until the normal time for those pupils who are required to stay until 3.20pm.

Thought of the week

Our Faith is not a leap into the dark but a step into the light.