

EDGORTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



What we've been up to!

Friday 26th September 2025

Welcome to the first full newsletter of the academic year. You'll be delighted to hear that all of the children including our new Reception pupils have settled in amazingly well; we're all so incredibly proud of every single one of them and they all look so smart.

Our Kids Zone Before & After School Club offers an amazing wraparound service should anyone need help in this—please enquire at the school office.

We have a fantastic selection of free and paid after school clubs, ranging from Chess Club, KS1 & 2 football clubs, multi-sports club, Lego and PAWS. Plus many more clubs will be offered throughout the year, please keep watch for these.

We have plenty of pre-loved uniform looking for new homes—if anyone needs any items, please call into the school office.

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Open Day—Tuesday 30th September 2025

We are delighted to once again hold our Open Day for any new prospective families: Reception Sept 2026 admissions onwards and/or families considering changing their child's current school on Tuesday 30th September. We will be opening the school between 09.30 and 11.30am, again after lunch from 1.15 and 3.00pm and from 4.00 to 6.30pm. We have attached a flyer and would be very grateful if you could you please share this with as many new families as possible.

Harvest Worship & Harvest Appeal

On Monday 29th September, the whole school will take part in Harvest Worship Assembly led by the team from Urban Outreach. We are again thrilled to support this brilliant local charity with whom we have a long standing connection to. Attached, you will see a list of the things they are most in need of and we are asking our families to support this cause with any donations you feel you can make. We are collecting donations today—Friday 26th and Monday 29th September. Please send your donations into class with your child on either of these days. The donations will be taken away on Monday morning after worship has ended. Thank you, as always, for your charitable donations and unrelenting support.



PAWS

Thank you to the wonderful P.A.W.S. (Protecting Animals with Schools) who are continuing to transform the farm area. They are helping to teach the children all about the importance of respecting animals and wildlife. To further extend our children's thirst for knowledge, each class now has a class pet: Reception have Giant African Land Snails and stick insect eggs, Gruffalo class have a hamster called Pudding, Stick Man class have a tortoise called Norman, Year 3 have a Gecko named Aurora, Year 4 have African Pygmy dormice called Snap, Crackle & Pop, Year 5 have African Pygmy Hedgehog called Winter and Year 6 are soon to welcome some Dumbo Rats.

In addition, all children in all year groups will receive an additional afternoon session with PAWS to learn about animal husbandry.

If you have any spare sets of waterproofs or wellies, please do consider donating these to school, we would be ever so grateful.

Huge thanks to the team at PAWS.



Youth Social Action

Well done to Eva and Henry in Year 5 for organising and running a fantastic competition to raise money in support of sea life. Not only did they raise funds, but they also helped raise awareness of the importance of protecting our oceans and the creatures that live in them. A brilliant effort—well done Year 5 and to all the children who entered!

Individual & Sibling Photographs

The school photographer is due to visit us on Monday 20th October for individual and sibling photographs. School aged pupils who are in school on this day will have their photo taken individually and again with any younger/older siblings. However, if you would like your child/ren to have their photo taken with any pre-school siblings, this can be arranged and will take place between 08.30 and 08.55am on the day. All you need to do is take your children at 08.30am and enter school through the Zog classroom entrance where a member of staff will greet you. Photographs will be taken and families can exit school via the same door. Zog classroom is accessed from the junior playground, near Reception class.

Photograph proofs will be sent home shortly after this with details of how to order online; these make great little Christmas presents and of course, make lovely memories.

Personalised Christmas Cards

Every year the children get the chance to make their own personalised Christmas cards, which they're very proud of. These are reproduced professionally and make lovely memories to send to your loved ones; they can also be made into gift tags, wrapping paper or mugs. Your child's Christmas card should be coming home somewhere around mid October with details on the reverse of it of how to place an order online. We will send an email nearer the time with more information and ordering date deadline, etc. so please keep a look out for this.

Admissions September 2026

The Application process for applying for places to Primary and Secondary Schools for September 2026 has begun—please see the attached flyers containing closing date information. Please also refer to Blackburn with Darwen Local Authority website for more information: <https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/admissions>

School Meals

Mrs. Appleton and the Catering Team are delighted to welcome a record number of pupils back to school meals. They are putting on their spectacular **Bonfire Lunch on Wednesday 5th November**. The lunch is open to all children and those already on school meals will automatically receive this. If your child usually brings a packed lunch but would like to join in for one day only, please send an email to Mrs. Page in the school office to book on before 3rd November. Menu is attached. If your child wishes to change from packed lunches to school meals or vice versa, please contact the school office. School meals are priced at £2.75 per day and we kindly ask that if your child in juniors has school meals, then their dinner money account on Arbor is kept topped up and in credit. Our pupil school council are currently looking at our school menus and we are hoping to have our updated menus out after half term. Thank you so much for all your support.

Outstanding attendance!

I want to personally thank families who have made attendance decisions, deliberately, to support their child's great attendance at school. Attendance, across the entire school, remains high at 98.2%. Between 97%-100% puts you, our families, into the highest 'banding' and above benchmark figures! **Outstanding: please keep it up!** Punctuality is still excellent, in general, but we do have a small number of families arriving a little late. Please try to get into school on time every day to allow your children the best possible start to their day, thank you. In the year just ended, 24-25, I am absolutely thrilled to share that we had the 2nd highest overall attendance in BwD and the attendance of our children with a SEND need or EHCP was the highest in the whole LA! Number 1!

It can come as no surprise, and certainly no coincidence, that this correlates with our strongest achievement data, right across school, in 8 years. In many cases over 10% above the national average and in some cases over 20% above the average. If you want to see our whole school overview, it is available on our website with loads of other valuable information: www.turtonandedgworthprimary.co.uk (Key information > Academic data).

The above are the changes that have enabled our children to jump those 16 places – so, genuinely, thank you and well done!



General Information

Nut free school —as allergies are becoming more and more common, we kindly ask that nuts or products containing nuts are not brought into school or put into children's lunch boxes. Thank you

Car Parking— Please do try to walk, cycle or scoot to school where possible or if you do drive, then please park considerately at all times and completely avoiding the School Patrol Crossing, side road and school car park. We have been informed that the police are making regular checks and are issuing tickets.

Assistance from Pharmacies—some pharmacies are now able to prescribe antibiotics for the following common conditions—sinusitis, sore throat, earache, infected insect bite, impetigo, shingles and uncomplicated urinary tract infections in women.

Calendar of Events

The complete school calendar of events can be found on the school website, under the Parents tab, Term Dates and will be the version that is kept updated. If there are any changes or new additions to the calendar, we will highlight these in amber for your ease. Paper copies can also be collected from the school office.

Fri 26 th & Mon 29 th Sept	All day	Whole school	Harvest donations being collected for Urban Outreach
Tues 30 th Sept	All day	New families	Open Day for any new prospective family
Fri 10 th Oct	All day	Year 6	Bike-Ability
Fri 17 th Oct	All day	Year 6	Bike-Ability
Fri 17 th Oct	3.30-4.30pm	Infants	PTFA Autumn Disco Optional Fancy Dress
Fri 17 th Oct	4.45-5.45pm	Juniors & past Year 7's	PTFA Autumn Disco Optional Fancy Dress
Mon 20 th Oct	Morning	Whole school	School Photographer for individual & siblings
Thurs 23 rd Oct	9.00-10.00am	Year 1 Families	Year 1 Parent Craft Session
Fri 24 th Oct	Morning	Whole school - for those with consent	Nasal Flu Immunisations
Fri 24 th Oct	3.30pm	Whole school	Finish for the half term break
Autumn Half Term Break Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October 2025 (inclusive)			

PTFA News

PTFA Autumn Fancy Dress Disco—Friday 17th October—Our wonderful PTFA are once again holding the Autumn Fancy Dress Disco. Entry is £5 per child, which includes a soft drink. Tickets can soon be purchased via your child's Arbor app, or you may also pay on the door (cash or card).

The PTFA would like to **invite Y6 pupils who are attending the Junior disco to also attend the Infant Disco** if they wish so that they can spend some fun time with their Reception buddies. They will finish school at 3.30pm and go straight into the disco to meet their buddy. At the end of the Infant Disco they would stay in school until the Junior Disco ends at 5.45pm. **All children in all year groups should come to school in their own clothes and shoes regardless of whether or not they are attending the disco (outfit must be suitable for outdoor play, PE and normal school activities).**

The Infant Disco will be at 3.30-4.30pm and children who are attending should come to school in their disco clothes & shoes (suitable for normal school activities).

The Junior Disco will be at 4.45-5.45pm and as is tradition, we are also inviting our last year's Year 6 leavers to attend if they wish. Year 7's attending should pay on the door. Phones are not allowed at either disco. There will be the famous 'Tuck Shop', hotdogs, pizzas, tattoos and other autumn themed stalls with all proceeds going to the PTFA which in turn helps the school to pay for additional resources to provide the best opportunities for our children. Please see email sent for more information. Thank you for your support.

If anyone would like to join the PTFA or has a great idea for an event, please send an email to:

edgworthpta@outlook.com

Thank you once again, PTFA

Wishing you all a peaceful and relaxing weekend. Don't forget to check out our Facebook page to see more amazing pictures of our school in action! (via the new school website www.turtonandedgworthprimary.co.uk)

Mr. Wheatley