

EDGORTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



What we've been up to!

Friday 24th October 2025

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our **Harvest Appeal**. These were collected by a local charity called Urban Outreach with whom we have long standing links. We had a fantastic array of items, all of which are very much appreciated. Our **Forest School**—Year 5 class have been continuing with their Forest School sessions at The Barlow woods, courtesy of Bolton Council Playing for Success team. The children have also been supported by volunteers from The Barlow, so huge thanks to them also.

School Photographs—The school photographer visited us recently and proofs will be sent home with your child after half term should you wish to place an order.

Personalised Christmas Cards—Families should have already received their child's personalised Christmas cards. Orders can now be placed online, see reverse of card for information or email sent. The commission raised from this project will be put straight back into school. Thank you for your support.

Y6 Bike-Ability—Our Year 6 class completed their Level 2 Bike-Ability course with Sporting NRG.

Nasal Flu Immunisations—today children who had consent provided were given their nasal flu immunisation. Many thanks to the team at Intra-Health.

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School Closure due to bad weather

Over recent years, we have extensively reviewed our 'extreme weather' procedures and stress to all our families that I will always make every effort to open school in cases of bad weather but only if I can guarantee it is safe to do so. **"Safe" is not always referring to the ground conditions and often refers to the ratio of adults and children I can offer.** I would ask for everyone's understanding that there MAY be instances when the weather conditions around school do not seem severe at all but, as many staff travel long distances to Edgorth, I may be unable to safely open school due to the number of staff who can make it in. The procedure for informing families remains the same in that, **only if the school is to be closed or delayed start**, we will send an Arbor message and email to all parents, staff, governors and external agencies at 7am and a note will be added to the school website to advise of the plans for the day. Please do not use any other form of communication (e.g. Facebook) or hearsay as a basis for a decision about school opening as this has led to confusion in the past.

It is possible that in extreme weather we may have a delayed start, but this would be communicated in the official 7am message. If the weather takes an extreme turn for the worse during the day, we will contact all parents to arrange collection of children. Children will not be released unless we have made contact with parents.

Please ensure the number we have as your emergency contact is one that can be reached during the day. On occasion, we have tried to ring an emergency number only to find it is to a phone that must be switched off during the working day and so, as such, is not an appropriate emergency contact number. Thank you in advance of your support on this challenging issue.

Attendance-98% average!

Please look out for our attendance email that celebrates the great start to the year to date and provides some important reminders and updates.

School Meals

Mrs. Appleton and the Catering Team are putting on their spectacular **Bonfire Lunch on Wednesday 5th November—menu attached.** 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 4th November. Dinner money for the Autumn 2 half term is £96.25 or £13.75 per week. Thank you

PTFA News

PTFA Autumn Fancy Dress Disco—Friday 17th October—what a great time we all had at the disco. The children, staff and helpers all had a great time playing games and showing their best dance moves. Huge thanks to everyone who came along and to the staff and volunteers who made it all happen.

Our next big fundraising event will be the Christmas fairs which are held in school during the school day. We'll send more information nearer the time.

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

edgworthprimaryptfa@gmail.com

Community Help

Chapeltown Neighbourhood Watch are looking for help from the community, in particular volunteers/families who live in Chapeltown and regularly walk to school. There is a small stretch of road between Chapel Grange and Embankment Road that has no pavement and is potentially unsafe for our families walking to and from school with children. The School Warning Light on Greens Arms Road in Chapeltown is currently being manually switched on and off by a local resident. The Neighbourhood Watch are seeking additional volunteers to help with the manual switching on and off of the lights when walking to and from school. This would enable any parents/pedestrians walking to and from school especially during the winter months and darker nights to be able to activate the lights in the morning and evening periods. The fob to switch the lights on and off is located on the pole of the light and instructions will be provided to anyone who is interested in volunteering. Once the lights are activated, they will stay on for 90 minutes and then turn off automatically. The operating of the light relies on good will from the community, therefore if anyone is interested in helping, please inform school. Thank you

Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be on sale in school from Monday 3rd November. Our Year 6 pupils will take the poppies round each class every day until 11th November. We have a selection of stick on poppies or button hole poppies (no pins will be given out) and we recommend a maximum cash donation of £1 for children if they wish to buy an item.



Admissions September 2026

Just a reminder that the cut off date for applying to secondary schools is 30th October 2025. Please refer to Blackburn with Darwen Local Authority website for more information: <https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/admissions>. Cut off date for applying for a primary school place for September 2026 is 15th January 2026.



Parents' Evening

We will be holding our first Parent's Evening of the year on Tuesday 25th November for the whole school. This year we will be putting the booking of appointments onto the Arbor app so that parents may book their own appointments. This is the first time that we have gone automated so please bear with us if you encounter any difficulties. We will be sending out an email after half term with more information so please do look out for this. There is a slight anomaly to the Year 5 appointment times in that Mrs. Waddington will only be available from 4.30pm to 6.55pm on Tuesday 25th. However, she has added an additional date of Wednesday 26th November from 3.45pm to 5.25pm. All other classes will be held on Tuesday 25th November. The creche will be operating as normal in the school hall, alongside Kids Zone and our Pre-loved uniform will be available for families to top up any items they need. Thank you

Book Fair—we will also have a Book Fair in school for this week which will be open Monday 24th 3.30-4.00pm, Tues 25th 3.45pm to 6.55pm, Wed 26th & Thurs 26th Nov 3.30pm to 4.00pm. We can accept cash or card payments. All commission raised from the Book Fair goes straight back to school to purchase library books for our children. Thank you for your support.

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.

Mon 3 rd Nov	08.55am	Whole school	School starts
Wed 5 th Nov	12.00	School Meals	Bonfire Lunch for pupils on school meals
Thurs 13 th Nov	08.45am	Year 4	Class trip to Eureka - Chew to the Pool!
Mon 24 th to Thurs 27 th Nov	3.30-4.00pm	Whole school	Book Fair
Tues 25 th Nov	3.45-6.55pm	Whole school	Parents' Evening with creche & Pre-Loved Uniform
Wed 26 th Nov	3.30pm-5.30pm	Year 5	Additional Parents' Evening for Year 5 families only
Thurs 27 th Nov	3.00pm	Year 5	Year 5 Class Assembly - families invited
Fri 28 th Nov	All day	Whole school	Non-Uniform in exchange for a coloured hamper donation.
Mon 1 st Dec	am	Whole school	Trip to the Panto!

Wishing you all a peaceful and relaxing half term break and we're looking forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 3rd November. 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

