

# EDGORTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## What we've been up to!

Wow! What a busy, exciting and rewarding half term it has been; full of festive fun, glitter, carols, presents, Christmas food and good spirit. I think all the children and staff (and parents) are looking forward to a much needed and very well-deserved break at Christmas. A huge thanks to the whole staff for going above and beyond as usual to help the children make special memories.

**Mrs. Appleton's Christmas Lunch** was a huge success as always. Many thanks to Mrs. Appleton and all her team for looking after us all so well; not only at Christmas but throughout the year, you are all very much appreciated. We had some amazing creations for the Christmas Hat Competition; judging was very tough indeed but we finally chose some winners. Well done to everyone who took part.

**Infant Nativity** – Wow, what can we say! All of their performances were just fantastic; the children thoroughly enjoyed entertaining their parents, grandparents and friends. Huge thanks must go to the staff who helped put the performances together; from costumes, scenery, lines, rehearsing and much, much more—superb team work!

**Forest School** with Miss Luttrell has continued with Year 6 and Reception class enjoying toasted brioche buns on the fire.

Huge thanks to one of our parents, Mrs. Pycroft for coming into school to tell the Infant children all about **Thanksgiving Day** and bringing in some pumpkin pie.



**Junior Christmas Carol Concert**—we all had a good sing-a-long to some classic Christmas carols and some new ones. It was lovely that so many families could join us for hot chocolate and mince pies—thanks to Mrs. Appleton and her team for baking these.

**Christmas Parties**—these were loud!!! But all children sang, danced and played lots of party games and generally had a great time.

**Reception Craft Session**—our Reception class enjoyed festive craft sessions with their families this week.

Special thank you to all of our families too, we are aware that we do ask a lot of you, not just at Christmas and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Everything we do is for the children, to make the most amazing memories for them.

Friday 19th December 2025

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## Parent Governor Results

We are delighted to announce the results of our recent Parent Governor Elections. As you know, we had 2 vacancies and 4 candidates applied. We are pleased to inform you that Scott Crookes and Caroline Popplewell secured those 2 places and we welcome them to the Governing Body. Our huge thanks to all the candidates who applied, your participation was greatly appreciated.



## Reception places for Sept 2026

Just a little reminder to anyone who has a child wishes to start in our Reception class in September 2026 to please submit your applications before 15th January 2026. We are still available for tours for any family and these can be arranged via the school office.

## Dinner Money

Dinner money for the Spring 1 half term is £13.75 per week or £82.50 for the half term (5th January to 13th February ). If your child wishes to change from home packed lunches to school meals or vice versa, please send an email to the office. Thank you

## PTFA Update

An enormous THANK YOU to everyone who helped raise funds with our Christmas events, from all the donations to buying raffle tickets. Every single penny raised goes back into the school to help provide those little extras for our children. The draw was made on Monday and we are delighted to announce the winners of the **Christmas Hamper Raffle were:** Eloise Y4, Rupert Y1, Toby Rec, Esme Y4, Arlo Y6, Eva Y5 and Arthur Y5. We're absolutely sure they will all enjoy these.

If anyone would like to join the PTFA or has a great idea for an event, please send an email to: [edgworthprimaryptfa@gmail.com](mailto:edgworthprimaryptfa@gmail.com)

Thank you once again, Your PTFA

## Youth Social Action

During our Christmas Fairs, Charlotte from Y4 made and sold a selection of bracelets and jewelry to raise funds for Derian House Children's Hospice; a very worthy cause, thank you Charlotte.

Alex in Y5 recently spent his weekend helping The Samaritans Purse make up their Christmas Shoeboxes for children in need around the world. The processing centre was at the church in Burnley and Alex and his brother checked, repacked and sorted the boxes to be sent to Belarus and helped load the lorry. They packed a total of 680 boxes in one day. What an magnificent achievement, we're very proud of you.



## Be Safe Online

Over the Christmas period children may get a phone or a new computer game that allows them to play online. To keep your children safe online, please check and set your parental controls. Visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/> for more information.



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School name	Type of school	Number of pupils at the end of key stage 2	% of pupils meeting expected standard	% of pupils achieving at a higher standard	Average score in reading	Average score in maths
Turton Belmont Community Primary School	Maintained school	11	100%	36%	109	110
The Olive School, Blackburn	Academy	91	98%	24%	111	113
Turton and Edgworth CoE/Methodist Controlled Primary School	Maintained school	21	86%	14%	109	107
Blackburn the Redeemer CoE Primary	Maintained school	60	85%	8%	108	109
Wensley Fold CoE Primary Academy	Academy	61	82%	0%	108	108
Lammack Primary School	Maintained school	69	81%	12%	109	108
Brookhouse Primary School	Maintained school	30	80%	7%	108	107
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Roman Catholic Primary School Blackburn	Maintained school	19	79%	5%	105	106
Daisyfield Primary School	Maintained school	41	78%	12%	109	107

## League Tables

League tables are out and I just want us to celebrate the offer we give to our children. We have the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest combined score in the LA – AMAZING – and we do so much more than that from the first day they walk through our doors to the last!

# 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.

Christmas Break Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026 (inclusive)			
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	08.55am	Whole school	School starts
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.00pm	Year 1	Year 1 Class Assembly - families invited
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.30pm	Whole school	Finish for the half term break
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.30-4.30pm	Infants	PTFA Disco
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	4.45-5.45pm	Juniors	PTFA Disco
Spring 1 Half Term Break Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 (inclusive)			
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	08.55am	Whole school	School starts



## Decorating the Christmas Trees at The Barlow

Each class walked up to The Barlow this week to hang their home made Christmas decorations on their trees. They were then treated to a biscuit and a drink from The Reading Room café. Thank you so much to the Barlow and The Reading Room.

## General Information

**School Closure due to bad weather**— please see our newsletters from October and November for detailed information or the school website. Thank you

**School Staff Car Park & Side Road**—please do not park on the school car park, side road, school patrol crossing, yellow zigzag lines and opposite the double white lines when dropping off and collecting children for safety reasons. Please pass this message onto other relatives/friends who may collect. Please see the emails and text messages from the Police regarding parking opposite the double white lines on Bolton Road. Thank you

**Thank you from the British Legion**—Also a huge thank you for helping to raise funds for The Poppy Appeal this year.

Wishing you all a peaceful, happy and relaxing Christmas break. 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](http://www.turtonandedgworthprimary.co.uk)). We'll see everyone back in school on Monday 5th January 2026.

Mr. Wheatley