Edgworth School Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2026

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What we've been up to!

Harvest Appeal - We have developed close links over the years with a Charity called Urban Outreach who help homeless people. We had a superb response to our Appeal and collected lots of items to help those in need. Thank you to everyone who donated; this is very much appreciated.

Nasal Flu vaccines - these were recently administered to all children who had consent. Thanks to the wonderful team at Intrahealth.

Year 6 Bike-Ability - Our Year 6 class have completed their level 2 Bike-Ability course with thanks to Sporting NRG.

Personalised Christmas Cards - families should have already received their child's artwork from which you can order personalised Christmas cards, wrapping paper, gift tags, mugs and tote bags. Thank you for supporting this project.

School Photographs - the school photographer visited us recently to take individual and siblings photographs - the proofs will be sent home soon if you would like to place an order.

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 Edgworth, 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, What's App groups) 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.

Parent/carer's voice - Strategy 30 consultation

Please complete the 10 minute survey for "Strategy 30" at The Bishop Fraser Trust. A chance for you to share what you want for the future. Please see message sent on 21st October

Parents' Evening - Tues 24th November 2026

We will be holding our first Parent's Evening of the year on Tuesday 24th November for the whole school. We will use the Arbor app again so that parents may book their own appointments. Appointments will be available from 2.45 to 3.10pm and then again from 3.45 to 6.55pm. 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 23rd, Wed 25th, Thurs 26th Nov 3.30-4.00pm, Tues 24th 3.45pm to 6.55pm. We can accept cash or card payments but you will need to bring your bank card with you. All commission raised from the Book Fair goes straight back to school to purchase library books for our children. Thank you for your support.

Admissions September 2027

Just a reminder that the cut off date for applying to secondary schools is 31st October 2026. Please refer to your 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 2027 is 15th January 2027.

Music Mark 2026-2027

We are extremely proud to receive the award for Music Mark of Recognition for Dedication & Improvement 2026-2027 from Bolton and Blackburn with Darwen Music Service. This has been awarded to our school to celebrate the value that we place on music within our school. Huge thanks to Mrs. Carr who leads on music in our school.

Children in Need 2026

We will be helping to raise funds for Children in Need this year by coming to school in our pyjamas in exchange for a donation. Please note that all outfits must be suitable for normal school activities. Thank you



School Meals

The cost of school meals for children in juniors who have a school meal is £93.50 for the half term (Monday 2nd November to Thursday 17th December)

Bonfire Themed Lunch - Thursday 5th November

This special 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 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. Thank you.

General Information

Pupil Absences - please remember that if your child is ill, to contact the school office before 09.30am. All absences for holiday requests must be submitted in advance on the form 'Leave of Absence Request form' which is available from either the school office or to download from the school website.

School Car Park– We will be continuing with our trial of closing the school car park gates at key times to try to help to keep our community safe whilst entering and leaving the school grounds.

Poppy Appeal–Poppies, etc. will be on sale in school from Monday 2nd November. Our Year 6 pupils will take the poppy box around each class on a daily basis until 11th November. We have a selection of stick on poppies or button hole poppies (no pins will be given out) and we suggest a maximum donation of £1 cash donation.

Calendar of Events

The complete school calendar of events is attached to this newsletter and can also be found on the school website, under the Parents tab, Term Dates. 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.

Date	Time	Year Group	Event
Mon 2nd Nov	All day	Whole School	08.50am Back to school
Thurs 5th Nov	12-1.00pm	School Meals	Bonfire lunch for pupils on school meals
Thurs 5th Nov	3.00pm	Year 3 families	Year 3 Class assembly - families invited

Parent Governor Election - Results

We are delighted to welcome Mr Emery to the Local Governing Board of our school. Many thanks to the candidates who applied and we are sorry that there were insufficient places for all those interested this time.





Wishing you all a peaceful and relaxing half term and we'll see you on Monday 2nd November. Don't forget to check out our Facebook page to see more amazing pictures of our school in action! (via the school website www.turtonandedgworthprimary.co.uk)

Mr. Wheatley