

Edwards Hall Primary School

Newsletter week ending 16.10.26



Well done to Skye in Queen Victoria class who received this week's Headteacher's award



The following children were awarded Star of the Week:

0D Jemison	- Milla M and George S
0M Anning	- Caspian N and Jessica J
1E Attenborough	- Lucy G and Delphi G
1T Potter	- Ayaan K and Vanassa P-K
2B Queen Victoria	- Cara F and Rose H
2F Bridges	- Matilda J and Leo J
3G Boudicca	- Henry W and Elijah J
3K Zephaniah	- Marcus W and Freddy W
4J Carter	- Dylan W and Molly S
4J Rashford	- Beatrix E and Arlen T
5R Darwin	- Rayan H and Matilda S
5D Mandela	- Lily C and Jessica M
6B Obama	- Maanvi K and Ronnie S
6R Shakespeare	- Grayson H and Amelia H



The winners of the attendance trophy this week are ***Charles Darwin class*** who ***achieved 100%*** attendance week commencing 5th October.



The Edwards Hall School Association are holding a bake sale after school on **Wednesday 21st October.**

If you are able to make a donation, please drop off your bakes at the school office from **Tuesday 20th October (am) to midday on Wednesday 21st October.**

Please remember that bakes must be nut-free/no raw eggs and ingredients should be clearly listed for allergy awareness.

We look forward to seeing you at the sale, helping to raise funds for the school.

Please note, this is a cash only event.

Edwards Hall

CAKE & TUCK

Sale

A Parents Association Event



Don't miss it!

**WEDNESDAY 21ST OCT
3-3.45PM**

Junior playground (cash only)

All proceeds raised will
support our school

Non-Pupil Days & Half-term Holiday

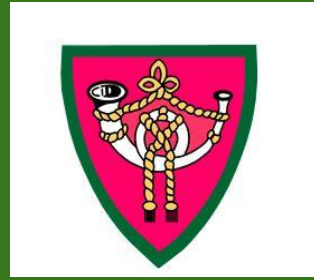


Just a reminder that school is closed to pupils on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd October for training days.

The half-term holiday will follow from Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October. School reopens on Monday 2nd November.

We wish everyone a happy half-term!

Remembrance Poppies



Year 6 children will visit classrooms each afternoon from Monday 2nd to Wednesday 11th November selling remembrance poppies. Children should keep their donations safely in their bags until year 6 visit their classroom each day.

Thank you for your support.



Girls Football Tournament



Our year 5/6 girls football team took part in a competition at Len Forge last Friday.

They were a fantastic team!

Their collaboration and persistence resulted in them drawing 10 games, losing 2 and winning 1. They finished joint 8th out of 14 schools.

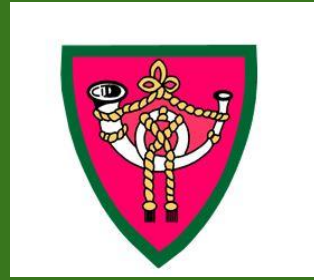
A special shout out to Erin for scoring a goal from the other end of the pitch - she was the goalkeeper!

I am very proud of all of you, well done!

Miss Kirsh



Donations for KS1 DT Lessons



Please could we ask for donations of cardboard boxes and tubes for the following:

Year 1, Chair for a bear - cardboard tubes and boxes (a suitable size to make a chair for a bear!)

Year 2, Vehicles - shoe boxes



Donations can be handed in from next week and after half-term to year 1/year 2 class teachers or the office, thank you!

Donations for EYFS



EYFS would be extremely grateful for any old pots, pans, muffin tins, metal bowls or utensils to restock their mud kitchen.

They are also looking for off cuts of guttering (half or whole) to use at their water station!



Please hand donations to the EYFS team or the school office, thank you for your support.

Wellington Boots



If you are having a sort out over the half-term holiday and find you have any spare unwanted wellington boots in sizes suitable for KS1, please could these be brought to the office.

Queen Victoria class have a wonderful woodland area outside their classroom but it can become a little muddy over the winter so Miss Beaman would like to keep some spare boots at school for general use by the class.

Thank you in advance.



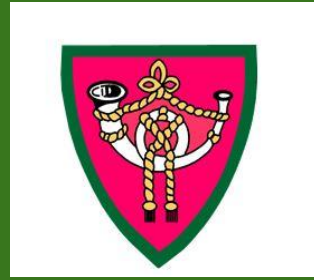
We have already had a wonderful response to our collection for the Southend Foodbank.

You may still make a donation after half-term as the foodbank will be collecting on Tuesday 3rd November.

Thank you for your support as always.



Safety Notice



It is great to see so many of our children cycling and using their scooters to come to school.

However, we must keep everyone safe and therefore ask that children do not ride scooters and bikes on the school grounds, including the paths leading to the gates.

Thank you for your support.





**Tuesday,
20 October 2026.**

From 9:00 to 11:00am

Edwards Hall Primary School

Macmurdo Road, Eastwood, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 5AQ

If you have a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and have any questions or need advice, drop-in and see us.

At this surgery: Specialist Teaching Service, SEND Early Years, EHCP coordinator (school age), SENDIASS, The Lighthouse, NHS Occupational Therapy, CAMHS, Inclusion Team, Educational Psychology Service, School Nursing Team, Southend SEND Independent Forum (SSIF) and the Local Offer team.

For future dates and locations, visit:

www.livewellsouthend.com/SENDSurgeries



There is no need to book a place at our SEND Surgery next week. Just pop in between 9am and 11am on 20th October.



STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2027?



Come and find out why
Edwards Hall is such a great
choice for your child's
education

- Meet the teachers and leaders
- See our beautiful grounds and spacious, well-equipped classrooms
- Find out more about our ambitious curriculum
- Learn about how we ensure children make excellent progress
- Experience the warm welcome that all children receive at Edwards Hall

'Pupils love being part of Edwards Hall Primary School.'

'Teachers have considerable subject expertise. They bring the curriculum alive for pupils, who relish every learning opportunity.' - Ofsted 2025

Weds 4th November

9.15am

1.45pm

Monday 9th November

1.45pm

Scan the QR code to
book your place or call
01702 524470



www.edwardshallprimary.co.uk



**NEW
DATE
ADDED!**

**Due to high demand we
have added an
additional open
afternoon on
Monday 9th November,
1.45-2.45pm.**

Please use the QR code or click
[here](#) to book your place if you
have a child due to start school
in September 2027.

Please note, Wednesday 4th
November at 9.15am is **FULL**.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ENCOURAGING OPEN CONVERSATIONS AT HOME

With tricky topics and occasional clashes of opinion, it can be challenging to maintain an environment where children feel able to talk candidly and honestly. However, encouraging such conversations helps to develop trust – making it easier to unpack even sensitive subjects as children get older. Here are our top tips for promoting open conversations at home.

1 CREATE A SAFE SPACE



Criticism, blaming or shaming can prevent children from feeling emotionally safe – while showing affection, positive attention and an interest in what a child has to say builds their sense of security. These formative years are when children's opinions and values begin to take shape, so it's important to provide a non-judgmental environment in which to discuss them – especially if their opinions differ from your own.

2 CONSIDER OTHER OUTLETS



Some children may find it easier to talk while they're participating in another activity such as drawing, writing, walking or sport. If it's possible, taking part in these activities together presents you with an opportunity to communicate while doing something side by side. A child may feel less pressure that way and can be more inclined to open up of their own accord.

3 NORMALISE CHATS ABOUT FEELINGS



Incorporate mental health and emotional wellbeing into everyday conversations, using age-appropriate language and examples to help children understand their emotions. Ask questions like "How are you feeling today?", "What was the best and worst part of your day?", "If you could start today again, what would you do differently?" and "Is there anything you want to talk about?"

4 LISTEN ACTIVELY



When children express themselves, make it obvious that you're listening closely and giving them your full attention. Maintain eye contact and validate their feelings without immediately trying to solve the problem. It's not helpful to dismiss their issues as childish or 'teenage angst' – or to assume that they'll simply 'get over' whatever they're feeling. Children don't have your life experience; their resilience is still developing as they learn to push through difficulties and handle problems.

5 ASK OPEN QUESTIONS

Encourage children to share their thoughts by asking open questions about their feelings and experiences. Closed questions (such as "Did you enjoy school today?") are more likely to elicit a simple "yes" or "no" response. Instead, you could ask things like "Who did you spend time with at break?" or "Who did you sit with at lunchtime?"

6 RESPECT THEIR BOUNDARIES



If a child isn't ready to talk to about something yet, respect their boundaries: this reinforces that their feelings are important and worthy of consideration. Ideally, you're aiming to let them know you care without smothering them, so just make it clear that you're there for them whenever they're ready to chat. Gentle, regular check-ins can sometimes be the best form of progress.

7 LEAD BY EXAMPLE



Model open, honest and healthy communication in front of children and young people. Try to demonstrate kindness when talking about others and yourself, because if children hear adults being overly harsh, critical or judgmental, or see them having unrealistic expectations of themselves, it makes them more likely to adopt and repeat this behaviour themselves as they grow.

8 HAVE REGULAR CHECK-INS



Check in with children periodically to discuss how they're feeling and what's going on in their lives. This could be a weekly or monthly conversation, where the child has an opportunity to share whatever's on their mind. For parents and carers, getting away from the house and other distractions might be productive here: you could consider regular trips to a coffee shop or a café, or just a weekly walk.

9 PROVIDE RESOURCES



It's often beneficial to let children know about other support that's available to them if they're struggling to talk to you specifically. Encourage them to talk to school counsellors, trusted adults or even a therapist, if necessary – while normalising this route and dispelling the harmful stigma around asking for help. Older children could engage with resources such as Kooth or YoungMinds.

10 CELEBRATE EMOTIONAL EXPRESSION



It's beneficial to praise children for expressing their feelings honestly – emphasising how important it is to talk about their emotions and how proud you are of them for doing so. This can be especially pivotal for boys, who often experience more of a stigma around talking frankly about their feelings and their mental health – a barrier that can be overcome with enough love and support.

Meet Our Expert

With 30 years' experience as a teacher, trainer, consultant and interim executive board member, Anna Sotamen has a superb understanding of what works in pedagogy, school improvement and leadership. She has also advised the Department for Education on their mental health green paper.



#WakeUp
Wednesday

The
National
College



We aim to provide a snapshot of online safety advice for parents and carers which we hope you find useful.

Click [here](#) to access the Essex Police online safety website which has some helpful links on how to make the settings on devices secure.



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EDWARDS HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

FIREWORKS

Gates open at 5.30PM - Display starts at 7PM

THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

TICKETS	EARLY BIRD UNTIL 11/10/26	NORMAL PRICE
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ADULT	£7	£10
CHILD	£5	£8
UNDER 4'S	FREE	FREE

FAMILY TICKET - £25 EARLY BIRD OFFER ONLY!!
(2 Adults & up to 3 children)

(TICKETS NON-REFUNDABLE)

SCAN
TO
BUY



ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT...
HOT FOOD, ICE CREAM, HOT DESSERTS & MORE!

ENTER VIA MACMURDO ROAD ONLY.

NO PARKING IN SCHOOL

MACMURDO ROAD, EASTWOOD, LEIGH-ON-SEA, ESSEX, SS9 5AQ



Although the early bird ticket sales have now closed, you may still buy your tickets for the firework event on 5th November [HERE](#) or by scanning the QR code on posters around the school gates/building.

If you are able to help at the event, please complete the Google form [HERE](#) to register your interest. Entrance is free for every adult helper.

Wednesday Beforeschool Tennis Classes



Book Now
For Autumn
Term 2
While Spaces
Last!



Questions?
Email us on
Info@jwtennis.co.uk
Phone us on:
[07702 839337](tel:07702839337)

Classes run on Wednesdays straight before the school day at 8:00am!

The sessions provide:

- ✓ Coaching from an experienced Lawn Tennis Association Accredited Tennis Coach
- ✓ A fun, structured environment for children to learn a new sport with other children
- ✓ An indoor all weather option so the session run in all weather
- ✓ All necessary equipment, including tennis rackets
- ✓ A great introduction to tennis!

Just £34.50 for the 6 lessons until the end of term.

To book a place

1. Scan the QR code below or follow the link
2. Select Edwards Hall Primary
3. Select 4th Nov, then Select 8:00am.

Ensure that you enter your child's name as the booking name so that your child appears on the club register. If the child's name is not entered it may result in them not being able to take part in the class.



<https://www.jwtennis.co.uk/school-lesson-booking.php>

Bookings are open for next term's tennis lessons which take place in school on a Wednesday morning.

Please use the information here to book a place.

Dates From the Diary

The full school calendar can be found on our [website](#) for your reference.



Tue 20th October	LA SEND Surgery - drop in for parents 9am-11am - Training Rooms
Tue 20th October	Year 4 Swimming at Runnymede (last lesson)
Tue 20th October	EYFS Nursery Rhyme Showcase for parents (2.35-3.05pm) book here
Thu 22nd & Fri 23rd October	Non-Pupil Training Days
Mon 26th - Fri 30th October	Half-term Holiday - school reopens on Monday 2nd November
Tue 3rd November	Year 3 Swimming Lessons
Wed 4th November	New Intake Open Day for September 2027 (9.15am & 1.45pm)
Thu 5th November	EHSA Firework Event (Gates open 5.30pm)
Thu 5th November	EYFS Maths Meeting for Parents (9.00-10.00am)

Lunch Menu



We will be on week **TWO** of our lunch menu next week.

We will return on week ONE with a special firework lunch on Thursday 5th November. Please look out for the menu which will be emailed to you next week.

WEEK TWO	Pepperoni Pizza/Cheese & Tomato Pizza Potato Wedges Sweetcorn	Chicken Pastry Bake/Quorn Pastry Bake Crispy Square Potatoes Carrots	Pork/ Vegetarian Sausages Mashed Potato Baked Beans or Peas	NON PUPIL TRAINING DAY	NON PUPIL TRAINING DAY
	<u>Or</u> Jacket Potato topped with either: Tuna Cheese Baked Beans	<u>Or</u> Jacket Potato topped with either: Tuna Cheese Baked Beans	<u>Or</u> Jacket Potato topped with either: Tuna Cheese Baked Beans		
	<u>Or</u> Cheese Half Baguette	<u>Or</u> Ham Half Baguette	<u>Or</u> Cheese Half Baguette		
	Chocolate Angel Delight or Fresh Fruit	Golden Syrup Flapjack or Fresh Fruit	Jelly and Ice Cream or Fresh Fruit		
AVAILABLE DAILY: Salad Bar and Fresh Bread					

Please remember, payment for school meals (where applicable) should be made in advance via **Arbor**.

SAVE THE DATE!

Southend SEND Information Day

Mental health and wellbeing focus



27 November 2026
10AM - 2PM



Southend Civic Centre,
Victoria Avenue, SS2 6ER



Scan the QR code for more information
and pre-register now!



www.livewellsouthend.com/SENDInformationDay

