

Edwards Hall Primary School

Newsletter week ending 2.10.26



Well done to Hasan A in Benjamin Zephaniah class who received this week's Headteacher's award



The following children were awarded Star of the Week:

0D Jemison	- Harrison C and Sophie S
0M Anning	- Maggie D and Lewis W
1E Attenborough	- Dasha L and Noelle S-B
1T Potter	- Kitty L and Maisie M
2B Queen Victoria	- Sky M and Jake P
2F Bridges	- Alana C and Daisy P
3G Boudicca	- Teddy M and Amelie V
3K Zephaniah	- Finley F and Henley D
4J Carter	- William M and Vincent P
4J Rashford	- Myles D and Dolcie G
5R Darwin	- Mason D and Velvet H
5D Mandela	- Alex W and Aurora B
6B Obama	- To be awarded next week
6R Shakespeare	- To be awarded next week



The winners of the attendance trophy this week are ***Mae Jemison class*** who achieved **100%** attendance week commencing 21st September.



Harvest appeal

Donate Food

Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate Money

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.



Scan the QR code
for our Seasonal Collection pages



Shopping List	
Tinned Meat Meals	
Biscuits	
UHT Milk	
Tinned Hot Dogs	
Tinned Meatballs	
Instant Mash	
Pasta Sauce	
Tinned Tomatoes	
Tinned Sweetcorn	
Tinned Peas	
Tinned Fruit	
Tinned Custard	
Jam	
Tea Bags - 40s and 80s	
Cereal - 500g or less	
Tinned Vegetarian Chilli	
Toilet Roll	



*This year, we will be supporting
SOUTHEND FOOD BANK
as part of our Harvest celebrations.
Reverend Wright will lead
assemblies for KS1 and KS2
children on the 7th October.*

*If you are able to make a donation,
please click [HERE](#) to see an up to
date list of urgently needed food
items (and items that are already
well stocked).*

*The items listed on the flyer are also
generally in need.*

***Please can donations be
handed to class teachers or
the office by Tuesday 3rd
November.***

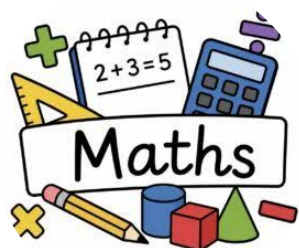
*Thank you for your support as
always.*

EYFS Parent Meetings



It is not too late to book a place at the EYFS meetings taking place next week and at the beginning of November. Please sign up [HERE](#) so we know how many adults are joining us.

Tuesday 6th October, 9-10am - Reading



Friday 6th November, 9-10am - Maths

Parents have found previous meetings very useful and we hope you will be able to join us.

Thank you to everyone who supported the EHSA uniform sale this week.



You helped raise £37 which, when added to the previous sales, totals £125.

Money raised goes directly to the EHSA who do a fantastic job in fundraising for our school.

There will be a sale each half term, so if you have any unwanted items in good condition, please leave these at the office.

Thank you also, to the volunteers who give up their time to sort and sell the donations, it is much appreciated.

FIRST CLASS

**SEE YOUR
RECEPTION CLASS
PHOTOS INSIDE**

TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER

Echo



Photos of our EYFS
classes have been sent
to the Echo for their
**NEW STARTER
SUPPLEMENT** which
will be published on
Tuesday 6th October.

Copies are available
from local newsagents
and supermarkets.



**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. Just pop in between 9am and 11am on 20th October.

Break Time Snacks



If your child enjoys a snack at break time this should be something healthy - ideally fresh fruit, dried fruit or vegetables. Please remind your child that their snack should be kept in their bag, as they should not go to the lunch trolleys at morning break.





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**

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!

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NO PARKING IN SCHOOL

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



**Early bird tickets for
our first ever firework
display, are only
available until 11th
October so don't delay
in grabbing your tickets
at a discounted price!**

*Tickets can be purchased
[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.*

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

"Inappropriate" means different things to different people. What's acceptable for one age group, for example, may be unsuitable for a slightly younger audience. Online, young people can chance upon inappropriate content in various ways – from pop-up ads to TikTok videos. The increasingly young age at which children become active in the digital world heightens the risk of them innocently running into something that they find upsetting or frightening. Trusted adults need to be able to help children be aware of what to do if they're exposed to age-inappropriate content.

WHERE IS IT FOUND?

PLAY NOW

SOCIAL MEDIA

Age-inappropriate content is easily accessible through many social media platforms. TikTok, for instance, is hugely popular with young people but is arguably best known for clips featuring music, dancing or profanity. Some social media users also express hate speech or promote eating disorders and self-harm, which could cause lasting damage to a child's emotional and mental health.

GAMING

Gaming is an enjoyable source of entertainment, but many popular titles can expose children to inappropriate material such as violence, horror, gambling or sexually explicit content. Playing games unsuitable for their age risks normalising to children what they are seeing. Some games also include in-game chat, where other (usually older) online players often use language that you probably wouldn't want your child to hear or repeat.

STREAMING

The range of video streaming services available online means that users can find almost anything they want to watch on demand. Children are therefore at risk of viewing TV shows and movies which contain nudity, drug and alcohol abuse, explicit language and extreme violence. Unfortunately, these streaming platforms can't always determine that it's not an adult who's watching.

ADVERTS

Online adverts frequently include age-inappropriate content: usually gambling and nudity or partial nudity, although adverts for alcohol or cigarettes are also common. Some search engines also feature adverts that are responsive to your search history: so if you've recently looked up a new horror movie, shopped for lingerie or ordered alcohol online, then the ads appearing on screen could reflect this the next time your child borrows your device.

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Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT THROUGH

Embarrassment or fear of getting into trouble can make it difficult for children to talk openly about age-inappropriate content they've watched. Remind your child they can always come to you if they're troubled by something they've seen online, without worrying about consequences. Before offering advice, discuss what they saw, how they felt and how they came to find the content in question.

CONNECT, DON'T CORRECT

If your child's been particularly distressed by exposure to content that isn't suitable for their age, it's important to offer guidance to prevent them from repeating the same mistake – but it's equally vital to help them deal with the emotions that the situation has raised. You could tell them about any similar experiences you might have had at their age, and how you dealt with it.

BLOCK, REPORT, CONTROL

After discussing the problem, you and your child can take action together. This could include blocking any inappropriate sites and reporting any content which violates a platform's rules. To further safeguard your child online, set up parental controls on internet-enabled devices that they use. This will significantly reduce the chances of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate content in future.

GET SPECIALIST HELP

Age-inappropriate content can potentially have a negative impact on a child's mental health, which is sometimes displayed through changes in their behaviour. If the problem becomes more severe, you might consider reaching out to a mental health professional or an expert in this field who can provide you and your child with the proper support.

STAY CALM

Even though it is obviously difficult to stay rational in a situation where your child has been put at risk, it's essential to think before you react. Your child may well have hesitated to open up to you about watching inappropriate content for fear of the consequences, so being calm and supportive will reinforce the notion that it would be easy to talk to you about similar issues in the future.

Meet Our Expert

Cor-ley Jorgensen is a Registered Counsellor with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, and she runs a private practice offering counselling to children, teenagers and families. Her main focus is creating awareness and educating the community on the mental health pressures of today's world, as well as resources and techniques to understand and cope better.



NOS
National
Online
Safety
#WakeUpWednesday



ESSEX
POLICE

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.



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

Mon 5th October
9.15am

Weds 7th October
1.45pm
5.30pm

Weds 4th November
9.15am
1.45pm

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



www.edwardshallprimary.co.uk



The first of our
September 2027 intake
tours start next week.

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

**Please note, Monday
5th October at 9.15am
and Wednesday 7th
October at 5.30pm are
FULL.**


Imperial Society of
Teachers of Dancing
Registered
Member

GET UP & DANCE

NOW ENROLLING

**ALL AGE CHILDREN
FROM 2+**

★ CLASSES HELD IN EASTWOOD AT EDWARDS HALL SCHOOL ★

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THEATRE ★ MUSICAL THEATRE ★ STREET DANCE**



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CONFIDENCE



LEARN
NEW SKILLS



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EXPERIENCED
TEACHERS



EXAMS
& SHOWS



Start your budding dancer/acrobat/performer in one of our affordable classes.
Make new friends, learn new skills, keep active and have fun.
Fully qualified and experienced teachers, the chance to take part in exams and shows.



OUR NEXT SHOW IS

FEBRUARY 2027

AT THE
TOWNGATE THEATRE



EMAIL
info.getupanddance@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER DETAILS



Dates From the Diary

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



Mon 5th October	Open Day for New Intake 2027 (9.15am)
Tue 6th October	EYFS Introduction to RWI Phonics and Reading for parents (9.00am) book here
Tue 6th October	Year 4 Swimming Lessons (pm)
Wed 7th October	Harvest Assemblies KS1 & KS2 - children only
Wed 7th October	Open Day for New Intake 2027 (1.45pm & 5.30pm)
Thu 8th October	Year 2 Trip (registration 8.30am)
Fri 9th October	Year 5&6 Girls' Football at Len Forge by invitation (all day)
Tue 13th October	Year 4 Swimming Lessons (pm)
Thu 15th October	Year 5 Anglo Saxon Showcase for parents (2.30pm) book here
Fri 16th October	Year 1 Picasso Showcase for parents (2.15pm) book here

Lunch Menu



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

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK THREE	Sausage Chorizo and Tomato Pasta Vegetarian Pasta in Tomato Sauce Peas/Sweetcorn, Garlic Bread <u>Or</u> Jacket Potato topped with either: Tuna Cheese Baked Beans <u>Or</u> Cheese Half Baguette Ice lolly or Fresh Fruit	Chicken Korma Curry/Vegetable Curry Rice, Sweetcorn/Peas <u>Or</u> Jacket Potato topped with either: Tuna Cheese Baked Beans <u>Or</u> Ham Half Baguette Pineapple Upside Down Cake or Fresh Fruit	Traditional Beef/Vegetarian Lasagne Garlic Bread, Sweetcorn or Baked Beans <u>Or</u> Jacket Potato topped with either: Tuna Cheese Baked Beans <u>Or</u> Cheese Half Baguette Jelly & Ice Cream or Fresh Fruit	Roast Gammon/Quorn & Gravy Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Carrots and Green Beans <u>Or</u> Jacket Potato topped with either: Tuna Cheese Baked Beans <u>Or</u> Cheese Half Baguette Sprinkle Sponge or Fresh Fruit	Fish Fingers/Quorn Fish Fingers Chips Peas <u>Or</u> Jacket Potato topped with either: Tuna Cheese Baked Beans <u>Or</u> Ham Half Baguette Syrup Cookie 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**.

The three week menu can be viewed on the [school website](#).



UNDERSTANDING MY ADHD



WITH STEVE CHALLEN

A SESSION FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE
AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN / YOUNG PEOPLE TO ASK QUESTIONS
AND DEVELOP THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR ADHD

YEARS 5-7
5TH NOVEMBER 2026
4.30PM-5.30PM

YEARS 8-11
19TH NOVEMBER 2026
4.30PM-5.30PM

78A EASTWOOD ROAD, RAYLEIGH, SS6 7PT
BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL -
FAMILIES@MEGACENTRERAYLEIGH.CO.UK

PARENTS AND CARERS TO REMAIN
ON SITE
- TEA & COFFEE AVAILABLE





CHAMPIONS ACADEMY

EST. 2022 • WHERE CHAMPIONS ARE BUILT

OCTOBER HALF TERM

U5 & U6 TALENT ID DAY

Come and show us what you've got! A fun morning of football and a pathway into our grassroots squads.

DATE

Monday 26 October

TIME

10:00am – 2:00pm

VENUE

Goals, Southend

AGES

U5 & U6 • Reception & Year 1



• Fun games & skills

• Spot your potential

• Meet our coaches

• Join our squads

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ON THE DAY

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morning of
football that's
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