Edwards Hall Primary School
Newsletter week ending 6.11.26

Well done to Brooke D in Ruby Bridges class who received this week's Headteacher's award

The following children were awarded Star of the Week:

0D Jemison	- Bowie H-J and Elliott M
0M Anning	- Bowie O and Finley W
1E Attenborough	- Sienna K and Lois H
1T Potter	- Jeremiah R and Matilda W
2B Queen Victoria	- Riley B and Everly H
2F Bridges	- Brooke D and Hadley G
3G Boudicca	- Yodhi B and Lilia-Rose S
3K Zephaniah	- Harry B and Mia H
4J Carter	- Daisy T and Harlen D
4J Rashford	- Kyla F and Edith M
5R Darwin	- Jacob J and Hudson M
5D Mandela	- Hector S and Jenson B
6B Obama	- Callum B and Ralphie R
6R Shakespeare	- Dexter G and Nancy D



The winners of the attendance trophy this week are ***Mary Anning class who achieved 98.9%*** attendance week commencing 19th October.



Thursday 12th November is photo day!

Children will be photographed individually and with their sibling(s) at Edwards Hall. There is no need to make arrangements for siblings to be photographed together, this will be coordinated by the school.

ALL children should be in their school uniform with a cardigan or jumper as the photographs are taken on a light background.

IS THURSDAY YOUR CHILD'S PE DAY?

Years 2, 3 & 4 - please do not wear or bring your PE kits to school on Thursday. *The children will be taking part in a light PE lesson and so will not be getting changed.*

PSHE Lessons



You said that you would like to know what your child will be learning about in PSHE each half term, and we listened.

Please use the button below to access the year group overviews for PSHE lessons for years 1 to 6 this half term.

PSHE Overviews

Year 5 Anglo Saxon Showcase

Before half-term parents and carers were invited into school for the year 5 Anglo Saxon showcase.

Comparisons were made between life as an Anglo Saxon and the modern day; what they ate, the jewellery they wore, their weaponry and what it was made from and in general how they lived. The children really enjoyed presenting their findings. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children.







Year 1 Picasso Showcase

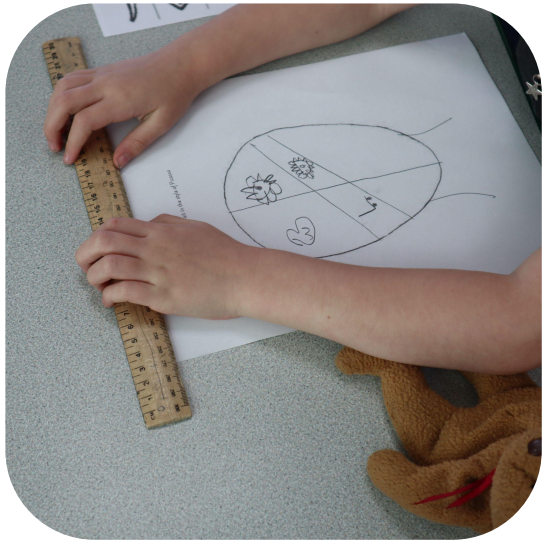
Before half-term, children in year 1 invited parents and carers into class to create portraits in the style of Picasso.

They instructed their adults and used skills they had already learnt in their art lessons.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us.









New PE Tops

As the children are wearing their PE tops more frequently now, we have updated the design. We are sure you will agree, the new fabric is much easier to wash and dry and better still, does not require ironing!

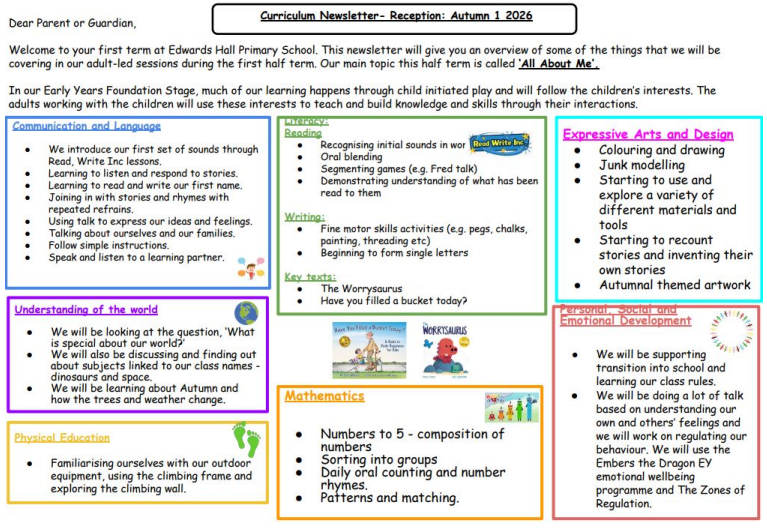
The new style PE tops are available from Arbor and are priced at £6 for age 3 to 13 years and £6.50 for adult sizes.

The children may still wear their old style tops until they need replacing.



Curriculum Newsletters

Our Curriculum Newsletters for this half-term have been uploaded to the school website. You may access these here anytime to find out what your child will be learning about in school.



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Curriculum Newsletter– Reception: Autumn 1 2026

Welcome to your first term at Edwards Hall Primary School. This newsletter will give you an overview of some of the things that we will be covering in our adult-led sessions during the first half term. Our main topic this half term is called **'All About Me'.**

In our Early Years Foundation Stage, much of our learning happens through child initiated play and will follow the children's interests. The adults working with the children will use these interests to teach and build knowledge and skills through their interactions.

Communication and Language

- We introduce our first set of sounds through Read, Write Inc lessons.
- Learning to listen and respond to stories.
- Learning to read and write our first name.
- Joining in with stories and rhymes with repeated refrains.
- Using talk to express our ideas and feelings.
- Talking about ourselves and our families.
- Follow simple instructions.
- Speak and listen to a learning partner.

Literacy:

Reading

- Recognising initial sounds in wor
- Oral blending
- Segmenting games (e.g. Fred talk)
- Demonstrating understanding of what has been read to them

Writing:

- Fine motor skills activities (e.g. pegs, chalks, painting, threading etc)
- Beginning to form single letters

Key texts:

- The Worrysaurus
- Have you filled a bucket today?

Expressive Arts and Design

- Colouring and drawing
- Junk modelling
- Starting to use and explore a variety of different materials and tools
- Starting to recount stories and inventing their own stories
- Autumnal themed artwork

Understanding of the world

- We will be looking at the question, 'What is special about our world?'
- We will also be discussing and finding out about subjects linked to our class names - dinosaurs and space.
- We will be learning about Autumn and how the trees and weather change.

Mathematics

- Numbers to 5 - composition of numbers
- Sorting into groups
- Daily oral counting and number rhymes.
- Patterns and matching.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- We will be supporting transition into school and learning our class rules.
- We will be doing a lot of talk based on understanding our own and others' feelings and we will work on regulating our behaviour. We will use the Embers the Dragon EY emotional wellbeing programme and The Zones of Regulation.

Physical Education

- Familiarising ourselves with our outdoor equipment, using the climbing frame and exploring the climbing wall.

Curriculum Overviews for the year are also posted on our website and can be found here.

Remembrance Poppies

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

Thank you for your support.





Year 1 Donations



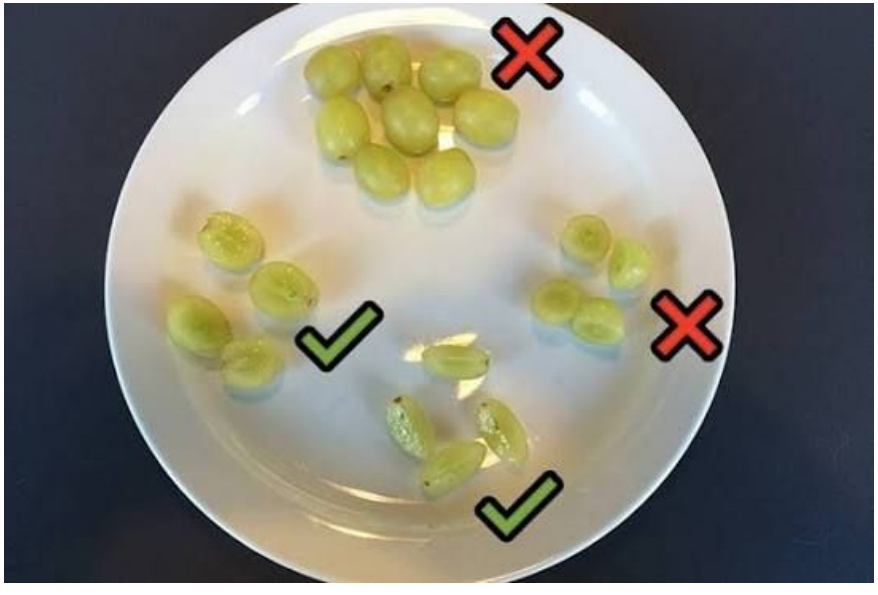
Please can all year 1 children bring a clean jar to class ready for Christmas decoration afternoon in December.

Year 1 would also appreciate donations of any **GREEN** wool, this is also for their Christmas decoration afternoon. Donations can be brought to class or the school office.

Thank you

Safety First





Grapes and cherry tomatoes are very popular with children but can occasionally be problematic when given to young children whole.

We ask that if you include these items in your child's snack or lunch, grapes should be cut lengthways or into quarters and cherry tomatoes cut into quarters.

Lots of children enjoy cocktail sausages in their lunch, likewise, please can these be cut lengthways.

Thank you.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who has already booked a parent consultation. A reminder that **bookings close on Monday 9th November at 12pm.**

EYFS & KS1 - **Wednesday 11th November, 4.30-7.30pm**
Friday 13th November, 8.30-11.30am

KS2 - **Tuesday 10th November, 8.30-11.30am**
Wednesday 11th November, 4.30-7.30pm

Please note: if your child has an ISP please do not book an appointment, we will contact you separately.



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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Southend SEND Information Day
Friday 27th November, 10am-2pm, Civic Centre

The Southend SEND Information Day is back, and pre-registration is open!

Join us for our third Southend SEND Information Day, co-hosted by Southend SEND Independent Forum (SSIF) and the Southend SEND Local Offer Team, with a special focus on Mental Health and Wellbeing.

What to expect:
- Mental Health and Wellbeing Marketplace: meet services and professionals face-to-face, ask questions and discover information, advice and support for your family.
- Mental Health and Wellbeing SEND Surgery: speak directly with services about your child or young person's needs and the support that may be available (Surgery conversations are first come, first served, but all participating services will also have a Marketplace stall).

To pre-register and read details of marketplace stallholders and services participating in the SEND Surgery, visit: www.livewellsouthend.com/SENDInformationDay

Last SEND Surgeries of 2026

The Southend SEND Local Offer Team host friendly and welcoming monthly SEND Surgeries. These offer a unique opportunity for parents and carers to easily connect with a range of teams and services in one place.

- Any parent carer with a child or young person aged 0 to 25 with SEND living in Southend-on-Sea can attend.
- At each surgery, you can speak directly to representatives from approximately 10 different teams and services across education and health

Upcoming sessions:

- **Wednesday, 25 November 2026**, 9-11am. Blenheim Primary School
- **Friday, 11 December 2026**, 9-11am. Charter Room, Southend Civic Centre



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Parenting support when you need it most

Coram Family Lives offers free, confidential support for parents and carers on the issues families face every day. We can help if you are:

- **Worried about your child's anxiety or wellbeing**
- **Feeling overwhelmed parenting a neurodivergent child**
- **Struggling with your child's challenging behaviour**
- **Supporting your child through conflict or separation**

Whether you need quick parenting tips, help in a difficult moment, or someone to talk things through with, Coram Family Lives is here to help.

We also offer **free online parenting courses** you can complete in your own time, covering topics including neurodiversity, challenging behaviour, building children's confidence, sibling arguments and more.

- Call us on **0808 800 2222**
- Message us on **WhatsApp** on **07441 444125**
- Live chat - **www.coramfamilylives.org.uk**
- Email us at **askus@coramfamilylives.org.uk**

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Dates From the Diary

The full school calendar can be found on our website for your reference.

Mon 9th November	Flu Vaccinations
Mon 9th November	Open Afternoon for 2027 Intake (1.45pm)
Tue 10th November	KS2 Parent Consultations (8.30-11.30am) KS1 Hall
Tue 10th November	Year 3 Swimming Lessons (pm)
Wed 11th November	Whole School Parent Consultations (4.30-7.30pm) KS1 & KS2 Halls
Thu 12th November	Individual & School Sibling Photos (am)
Fri 13th November	EYFS/KS1 Parent Consultations (8.30-11.30am) KS1 Hall
Mon 16th November	Odd Socks Day and Anti-Bullying Week
Tue 17th November	Year 5 & 6 Girls Benchball Competition (by invitation)
Tue 17th November	Year 3 Swimming Lessons (pm)
Thu 19th November	Year 5 11+ Meeting for Parents (3.15-4.00pm) book HERE

Lunch Menu

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

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK TWO	Pepperoni Pizza/Cheese & Tomato Pizza Potato Wedges Sweetcorn Or Jacket Potato topped with either: Tuna Cheese Baked Beans Or Cheese Half Baguette Chocolate Angel Delight or Fresh Fruit	Chicken Pastry Bake/Quorn Pastry Bake Crispy Square Potatoes Carrots Or Jacket Potato topped with either: Tuna Cheese Baked Beans Or Ham Half Baguette Golden Syrup Flapjack or Fresh Fruit	Pork/ Vegetarian Sausages Mashed Potato Baked Beans or Peas Or Jacket Potato topped with either: Tuna Cheese Baked Beans Or Cheese Half Baguette Jelly and Ice Cream or Fresh Fruit	Tomato Bolognaise Pasta Bake Vegetarian Tomato Pasta Bake topped with Melted Cheese Garlic Bread Or Jacket Potato topped with either: Tuna Cheese Baked Beans Or Ham Half Baguette Iced Sponge or Fresh Fruit	Oven Baked Chicken Nuggets/ Vegetarian Nuggets Chips, Peas or Baked Beans Or Jacket Potato topped with either: Tuna Cheese Baked Beans Or Cheese Half Baguette Chocolate Chip 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.