

# EDGWORTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## What we've been up to!

Friday 27th September 24

Welcome to the first full newsletter of the academic year. You'll be delighted to hear that all of the children including our new Reception pupils have settled in amazingly well; we're all so incredibly proud of every single one of them and they all look so smart.

Music lessons with Bolton Music Service have re-started for junior children and music lessons with BMA will start soon. We have a wide variety of after school clubs for differing ages and clubs, please do keep an eye out for the emails. Some clubs are run by school staff and others are run by external providers such as Flex Dance. Chess Club with Mr. Clissold will re-start on Thursday 7th November and is open to any pupil from Y2 upwards who knows the basic moves of chess. This is a free club and runs from 3.30-4.30pm in the Y4 classroom. If your child is interested, please call into the school office to complete a consent form.

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## Open Day—Wednesday 23rd October 2024

We are delighted to once again hold our Open Day for any new prospective families: Reception Sept 2025 admissions onwards and/or families considering changing their child's current school on Wednesday 23rd October. We will be opening the school between 09.30 and 11.30am, again after lunch from 1.15 and 3.00pm and from 4.00 to 6.30pm. We have attached a flyer and would be very grateful if you could please share this with as many new families as possible.

## Harvest Worship & Harvest Appeal

On Monday 30th September, the whole school will take part in Harvest Worship Assembly led by the team from Urban Outreach. We are again delighted to support this brilliant local charity with whom we have a long standing connection to. Attached, you will see a list of the things they are most in need of and we are asking our families to support this cause with any donations you feel you can make. We are collecting donations today—Friday 27th and Monday 30th September. Please send your donations into class with your child on either of these days. The donations will be taken away on Monday after worship has ended. Thank you, as always, for your charitable donations and unrelenting support.

## Parents' Evening

This week, Mrs. Page has sent an email to all families inviting you to book your appointment for Parents' Evening on Thursday 17th October. Please do reply early so that you can get the time you wish. We will be operating a creche as normal in the hall. Thank you

## Admissions September 2025

The Application process for applying for places to Primary and Secondary Schools for September 2025 has begun—please see the attached flyer containing closing date information. Please also refer to Blackburn with Darwen Local Authority website for more information: <https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/admissions>

## Cluckingham Palace

The chickens have arrived and are busy settling into their new home at Cluckingham Palace. We are all very 'eggcited' by their arrival and massively looking forward to helping to look after them. Check out the photos on our Face Book page. Thank you to the wonderful P.A.W.S. (Protecting Animals with Schools) and our parent helpers, Deanna, Hannah and Courtney who have transformed this space. They are helping to teach the children all about the importance of respecting animals and wildlife. Thank you



## Personalised Christmas Cards

Every year the children get the chance to make their own personalised Christmas cards, which they're very proud of. These can be reproduced professionally and make lovely memories to send to your loved ones; they can also be made into gift tags, wrapping paper or mugs. Your child's Christmas card should be coming home somewhere around the 10th October with details on the reverse of it of how to place an order online. We will send an email nearer the time with more information and ordering date deadline, etc. so please keep a look out for this.

## Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair this week. We're delighted to report that the total sales were an amazing £840 which allows us to spend the commission of £420 on replenishing books for our libraries. Thank you for your support as always.

## Outstanding attendance!

Attendance, across the entire school, remains high at 97.54%. Between 97%-100% puts you, our families, into the highest 'banding' and above benchmark figures! **Outstanding; please keep it up!** Punctuality is still good, in general, but we do have a small number of families arriving a little late. Please try to get into school on time every day. A big shout out to staff also, as we have had no sickness absence at all this year and I know some have got themselves in even when not feeling 100%. That's what makes the team work!

## General Information

**Nut free school** —as allergies are becoming more and more common, we kindly ask that nuts or products containing nuts are not brought into school or put into children's lunch boxes. Thank you

**Car Parking**— Please do try to walk, cycle or scoot to school where possible or if you do drive, then please park considerately at all times and completely avoiding the School Patrol Crossing, side road and school car park.

**Assistance from Pharmacies**—some pharmacies are now able to prescribe antibiotics for the following common conditions—sinusitis, sore throat, earache, infected insect bite, impetigo, shingles and uncomplicated urinary tract infections in women.

## Individual & Sibling Photographs

The school photographer is due to visit us on Friday 18th October for individual and sibling photographs. School aged pupils who are in school on this day will have their photo taken individually and again with any younger/older siblings. However, if you would like your child/ren to have their photo taken with any pre-school siblings, this can be arranged and will take place between 08.30 and 08.55am on the day. All you need to do is take your children at 08.30am and enter school through the main school entrance where a member of staff will greet you. Photographs will be taken and families can exit school via the same door.

Photograph proofs will be sent home shortly after this with details of how to order online; these make great little Christmas presents and of course, make lovely memories.

## Reading Dens

Wow, look at our newly built reading dens—there is one in the Infant playground and one on the Junior playground. These have been purchased purely from the donations raised by families from last year's Read-a-Thon. They are incredible. Huge, huge thanks to Mrs. Waddington for organising and to Mr. Hodgkiss for putting them together and making them look so brilliant. Thank you once again to everyone, the children absolutely love them.



## School Meals

Mrs. Appleton and the Catering Team are delighted to welcome a record number of pupils back to school meals. They are putting on their spectacular **Bonfire Lunch on Tuesday 5th November**. The 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 Mrs. Page in the school office to book on before 30th October. Thank you so much for all your support

## Medieval Minstrels

On the afternoon of Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> October Vicki Swan and Jonny Dyer will visit the school to give the children a taste of music and song from across the ages on a variety of unusual instruments. Vicki and Jonny will then sing and play as the main guests with Folk at The Barlow that evening when accompanied under 16's get free entry with tickets bought in advance.

Earlier in the month there is an opportunity to savour some local dance, music and song at The Barlow over the weekend of Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> October at Edgworth Folk Festival. All proceeds go to support The Barlow. Of particular interest to families might be the Friday night ceildh 7.30 – 11pm, which gives the family a chance to enjoy dancing to the band "Still Reeling" and watch a short performance at 8.30pm from the local Aontacht Academy of Irish Dancing. On the Saturday morning, there is an Irish dancing workshop, which gives a chance to try out some of the steps.

All events during the festival are free for accompanied under 16's when tickets are bought in advance. See [www.folkatthebarlow.com](http://www.folkatthebarlow.com) for more details, or email [folkatthebarlow@gmail.com](mailto:folkatthebarlow@gmail.com) for tickets. Please do go along to support and enjoy what we're sure will be a fantastic weekend.

## Asda—Cash pot for Schools

Please encourage as many people as possible to sign up to this amazing school fundraiser. We have attached the information flyer again and are pleased to tell you that our families have so far raised £134.80. Keep up the good work, every penny counts!

## Flu Immunisations

These will take place on Monday 7th October to those children who have been given consent by the team from IntraHealth.





# 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.

Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	All day	Year 6	Bike-Ability
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> & Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	All day	Whole school	Harvest donations being collected for Urban Outreach
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	All day	Year 6	Bike-Ability
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	All day	Whole school - for those with consent	Nasal Flu Immunisations
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	PM	Years 5 & 6	Author trip - Tim Peake
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.30-4.30pm	Infants	PTFA Autumn Disco Optional Fancy Dress
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	4.45-5.45pm	Juniors & past Year 7's	PTFA Autumn Disco Optional Fancy Dress
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.45-6.55pm	Whole school	Parents' Evening with creche & Pre-Loved Uniform
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Morning	Whole school	School Photographer for individual & siblings
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Afternoon	Whole school	Medieval Music Workshop
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	All day	New families	Open Day for any new prospective family
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.00-10.00am	Year 1	Year 1 parents craft session
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.30pm	Whole school	Finish for the half term break

## PTFA News

**PTFA Autumn Fancy Dress Disco—Friday 11th October**—Our wonderful PTFA are once again holding the Autumn Fancy Dress Disco on Friday 11th October. Entry is £5 per child, which includes a soft drink. Tickets can now be purchased via your child's ParentPay account, or you may also pay on the door (cash or card).

The Infant Disco will be at 3.30-4.30pm and children who are attending should come to school in their school uniform or PE kit (if they have PE on a Friday) and bring their disco clothes & shoes with them in a named bag. They will then get changed at school in the afternoon. We will make sure their school uniform goes into their bags so they can bring it home with them at the end of the disco.

The Junior Disco will be at 4.45-5.45pm and as is tradition, we are inviting our last year's Year 6 leavers to attend if they wish. Year 7's attending should pay on the door. Phones are not allowed at either disco. There will be the famous 'Tuck Shop', hotdogs, pizzas, tattoos and other autumn themed stalls with all proceeds going to the PTFA which in turn helps the school to pay for additional resources to provide the best opportunities for our children. Please see email sent for more information. Thank you for your support.

If anyone would like to join the PTFA or has a great idea for an event, please send an email to:

edgworthprimaryptfa@gmail.com

Wishing you all a peaceful and relaxing weekend. 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))

Mr. Wheatley