

Edgewood Primary School

Building skills and values for life

Friday, 3 October 2025

Newsletter

It has been a busy and productive week in school with the author visit, Harvest Festival and school photographs. We've had a fantastic response to non-uniform day today – lots of lovely Halloween donations. Year 5 & 6 are looking forward to the residential next week. Don't forget to take advantage of the early bird deal if you are intending on coming to the Fireworks Display this year.

Ed Seeley - Headteacher

Attendance

Congratulations to Blue class for a weekly attendance of 99.31%



Please remember to report absences for children daily – even if we have sent them home the day before. Thank you.

Diary dates for this term

October

Monday 6th October – Friday 10th October – Year 5/6 York residential

Friday 10th October – Monster Phonics dress-up day

Monday 13th October – B U Hubs Anxiety & Regulating emotions year 6 workshop

Monday 13th October – Pre-loved Halloween costume swap

Tuesday 14th October – B U Hubs Anxiety & Regulating emotions year 6 workshop

Friday 17th October – Last day of half-term

Friday 31st October – Deadline for applications to secondary schools for 2026

November

Monday 3rd November – School re-opens to all pupils

Friday 14th November- Y3/4 Trip to Creswell Crags

Class Achievers

We will not be holding an Achievers assembly this week due to the Year 5/6 residential.

Flu Vaccinations

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete the online consent form. If you wish to decline, please use the same link to complete the 'No Consent' form.

https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/ff2b6224

The vaccinations will take place at school on 17th November. The link will close on 3rd November. If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2025, please disregard this message. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 choosing option 4 then option 2.











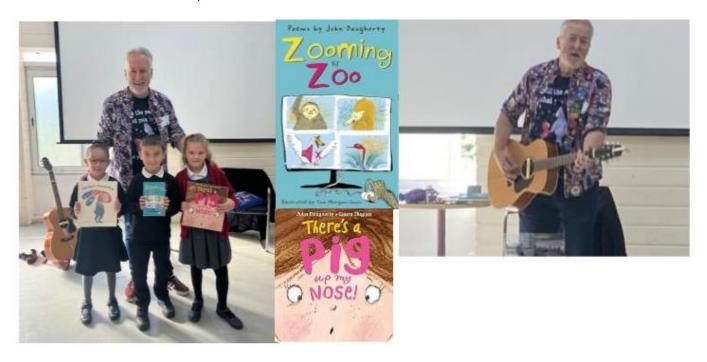
Author Visit John Dougherty

On Tuesday the children were lucky enough to have award-winning author John Dougherty visit our school.

From the multi-award winning The Hare-Shaped Hole ("Destined to be a modern classic." - Dr Áine McGillicuddy, chair of the Children's Books Ireland Awards judging panel) to the critically-acclaimed Stinkbomb & Ketchup-Face series ("brilliant" - Daily Telegraph), and There's a Pig Up My Nose ("delightfully funny" - Sunday Times), John's works include two collections of poetry, several well-received novels for younger readers and contributions to a number of reading schemes such as the Oxford Reading Tree.

The children thoroughly enjoyed hearing John read aloud many of his hilarious poems. John also read and performed 'There's a Pig up my Nose' which was a real hit with the younger children in school! A huge thank you to John for providing us with a fantastic day.

All of John Dougherty's books are widely available on Amazon using the link below. https://www.amazon.co.uk/stores/author/B0034QFYVW/allbooks?ingress=0&visitId=de6c07e6-1ff5-4cf6-8bfa-8e67e34b342d&ref = ap rdr



Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival was a great success. The children sang new songs, shared poems and read important

facts. They explained why we should be appreciative of the food that has been grown and why it is important to help others. We are extremely thankful for your generosity and for the wonderful amount of food that has been donated to support local families. All donations will be sent to the Engage Foodbank at Under One Roof in Hucknall.





Halloween Swap Shop and Spooky Tombola

Go green this Halloween and join us for our Halloween swap shop! On Monday 13th October we will be hosting a free Halloween swap shop in the hall straight after school. Please bring along any pre-loved Halloween costumes to reception by Friday 10th October to allow us to have them ready for swapping.

We will also be hosting a Spooky Tombola at the same time. Tickets will be 3 for £1 and cash and card will be accepted.



Bonfire Night Firework Display

On Wednesday 5th November, we will be hosting our annual fireworks display! Gates will open at 5.30pm and fireworks will start at 7pm. Food & drinks will be available to purchase on site and further details regarding pricing etc. will be available on our Facebook page in the coming weeks. This was a hugely successful event last year and tickets went fast! Tickets are on sale at https://edgewoodpta.sumupstore.com with an early bird discount offer of £4 for adults and £2 for children (under 12 years). Tickets will not be available at reception. Please retain your email receipt upon purchase as this is your ticket for the event and will be required to be shown on the gate. This event is open to everyone so please invite along friends, family and neighbours!



EDGEWOOD PRIMARY NEW PARENTS OPEN EVENING



Do you have a child who will be turning 5 between 1st September 2026 and 31st August 2027? If so, why not visit Edgewood Primary School's Open Evening.

We are a successful and happy primary school, with an excellent Foundation Stage! To book your place at our Open Evening, please email your name and the number of attendees to: office@edgewood.notts.sch.uk



TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER @ 4PM

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Get ready for a new adventure





To sign up for holiday activities during the Spring (Easter), Summer, Autumn (October) and Winter (Christmas) breaks, visit:

Nottinghamshire.gov.uk/HAFactivities

You can search by postcode to find activities in your area or view the list of providers and the type of activity they offer.

Find out more or contact us:



0115 9774 999 (line open 10am



Karting is waaaaaaay the best thing ever. D Laser tag is epic and I think Can't wait to I'm Addicted! come back!



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Nottinghamshire

Find out about FUNDED school holiday activities and food for eligible children and young people in Notts!

If your child is: 5-16 years old (4 if in school Reception) lives in Nottinghamshire, and

lives in Nottinghamshire, and

receives benefits-related free school meals

Then they are eligible for **FUNDED** school activities and food

this school holiday!









Department for Education

The Nottinghamshire holiday activities and food (HAF) programme is here to help children to stay active and happy during the school holidays. HAF can also help familes with parents who need to work, or have other people to look after.

What is the holiday activities and food (HAF) programme?

We make sure children and young people have access to fun activities and meals during school holidays. They can get involved in a variety of face-to-face activities ranging from sports, to drama, and crafts. Each day they attend, they will be provided with a meal and healthy snacks.

HAF does not offer food vouchers, all activities are face-to-face with food included.

Who can take part?

Children and young people 5-16 years (4 if in school Reception), must be receiving benefits-related free school meals to qualify

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals but not currently receiving them, you can apply here:

gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

What kinds of things can children do?

There are lots of fun activities to choose from, such as sport, dance, drama, crafts, cooking, forest school and day trips out to local attractions

All activities run for a minimum of 4 hours each day (2.5 hours for 11-16 years). The HAF team can also help to signpost families to other support services, some of these services can be found here:

Nottinghamshire.gov.uk/FinancialSupport

Some amazing HAF feedback

Nottinghamshire □ County Council

From the parents:

Thank you for our visit to Nottingham castle. We had a fantastic time. When we got home we looked at the prices of admission and food. We couldn't believe it and it really gave us an opportunity that we would never be able to have as we wouldn't have that money spare. The crafts really made their day as well, they are very proud of everything they have made. My husband was worried that we would be treated differently to other visitors and the children singled out, but this was not the case at all. Inclusion seemed very important, and everyone was so friendly and laid back.

From the kids:

My kids haven't stopped raving about this! It's been brilliant! Thank you so much for hosting!





