



# Edgewood Primary School

## Building skills and values for life

Friday, 19 December 2025

### Newsletter

I would like to take this opportunity to say I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I wish you all a lovely Christmas break filled with lots of fun and laughter; we look forward to seeing you all in 2026! The children are due back in school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Mr Seeley,  
Headteacher

### Attendance

**Congratulations to Rojo class for a weekly attendance of 98.89%**



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

#### **December**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

#### **January 2026**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – School re-opens to all pupils

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Deadline for applications for Reception – September 2026 starters

### Class Achievers

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January, we will celebrate the achievements of the following children for being our half-termly achievers. The Rainbow class achiever will be celebrated in their classroom.

Nursery & Reception		Years 1 & 2		Years 3 & 4		Years 5 & 6	
<u>Rainbow</u>	<b>Kenzie</b>	<u>Blue</u>	<b>Elihu</b>	<u>Amarillo</u>	<b>Poppy</b>	<u>Azul</u>	<b>Kassia</b>
<u>Green</u>	<b>Jj</b>	<u>Orange</u>	<b>Elsie</b>	<u>Rosa</u>	<b>Harriet S</b>	<u>Morado</u>	<b>Joel</b>
<u>Red</u>	<b>Harry</b>	<u>Yellow</u>	<b>Emilia</b>	<u>Verde</u>	<b>May</b>	<u>Rojo</u>	<b>Mia</b>

### Communicating with school over the holidays

During the Christmas holiday, staff will no longer have access to Scholarpack for any messages. If any parents need to contact school for any reason over the festive season, please email the school office as app messages will not be received. Thank you.

### Compass app for parents

When we return from the holidays the new Compass system will be live and Scholarpack will have been stopped. Text messages will no longer be sent out – we will communicate with parents through the Compass app or via email only.



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Please bear with us as we learn to use Compass and do call or email the office if you have any problems or, alternatively, use the online support which we have found to be excellent!

To start with, first aid and behaviour notifications are set up to send you messages and emails. You should receive most of these as push notifications to the app. Behaviour-wise, you should be getting notifications of Achievers, Post Cards and Stage Awards when awarded, as well as Consequences. Red Cards will be emailed with a notification in the app.

Over the next few weeks, we will do more and more through Compass. We will be learning how to share some photos of activities, especially in EYFS. We are already planning for you to book and pay for school meals after February half-term and also book trips over the next few weeks. We are also looking at you being able to find out more about your child's attendance and change your contact details among many other things - we will keep you posted on these developments as we learn more!

We will also be moving many items from our website over to the school documents section on here, such as the Knowledge Organisers and information about how to help your child. Items we have to have on our website will remain there but there is a link to the website in the School Favourites section.

Please bear in mind that we are still learning this system as well so please be patient and get in touch with us if there are any issues so we can sort them out and all learn about this together.

Here is a link to a letter that has been sent out to all parents today. [Compass App Launch.pdf](#)

## **Introducing Worryless**

We are proud to launch a new e-mail service across school for parents (and those children in year 5/6) to contact us if there are things going on at home that you might be worried about or that your child/children might be struggling with that you want to let us know.

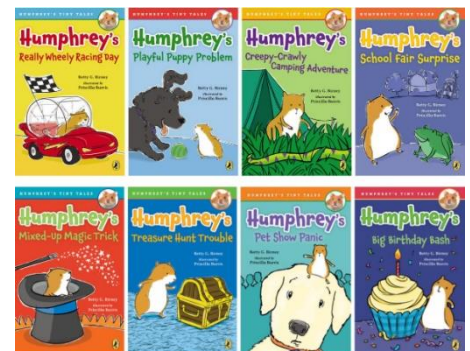
We know that talking at the gate is not always a great option, especially when you need to share something sensitive, which is why we have launched worryless@edgewood.notts.sch.uk. This is a confidential email address for you to use to share these things so that we in school can then keep an eye on any troubles or emotional differences within your child.

There are only 4 people - Mr Seeley, Mrs Miles (Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead), Mrs Craske and Mrs Holmes (Pastoral and Safeguarding leads) - who have access to this mailbox so you can rest assured that any information shared with us will be treated with the strictest confidence. If class teachers then need to be made aware of anything, we will pass it on sensitively.

## **Urgent information for parents**

Unfortunately, another local school has made us aware of an issue with several titles in the "Humphrey's Tiny Tales" series of books by Betty G. Birney. These contain a web link printed at the back of the books that no longer directs people to information about the books. The link has been compromised and now directs to inappropriate and unsafe adult content with no age restrictions.

We do not believe we have any of this book series in school. We would suggest you check your child's books at home and, if you own any titles from this series, consider disposing of them appropriately.



## **Christmas Dinner competition winners**

Coombs Catering Partnership kindly donated some prizes for a draw on Christmas Dinner day, which was on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Winners were drawn at random and prizes were given out at the assembly this morning.

Congratulations to Raymond, who was the overall winner and has taken home an 850g bar of Cadbury's chocolate. Well done also to Orla, Emmanuel, Harriet and Olivia who have taken home smaller prizes of a bake and craft kit each.

## **Christmas Sensory Guide.**

Please see attached link on lots of useful information for the Christmas period. This guide supports families in navigating sensory experiences throughout the festive period. Each day focuses on a specific sensory theme and provides practical activities and considerations to help children enjoy Christmas in a way that meets their individual needs. Please see the link below for the full guide.

<http://edgewood.notts.sch.uk/sites/default/files/Christmas%20Guide%20-%20Children%27s%20Sensory%20Therapy.pdf>

Please find attached the overview of the Cognition Team training for the rest of this academic year.

- i-Pad Apps for Learners with SEN-Wednesday, 20th May 2026 1:30 – 3:30

ST GEORGE'S CENTRE -Neil Oldbury

<https://notts-parent-event-i-pad-apps-for-learners-with-sen.eventbrite.co.uk>

- Understanding Dyslexia and Supporting at Home -Wednesday, 4th March 2026 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
Microsoft TEAMS -Bridget Thornhill

<https://notts-parent-event-understanding-dyslexia-supporting-at-home.eventbrite.co.uk>

- Supporting your Child as they Move to Secondary School -Wednesday, 25th February 2026 9:30 – 12:00 Microsoft TEAMS- Kate Eyre / Laura Leedham

<https://notts-parent-event-supporting-child-during-move-to-sec-school.eventbrite.co.uk>

## **Support for children with SEN at Christmas.**

Christmas can be a very overwhelming and overstimulating time for children with different sights, smells and foods to eat. Many families also have more frequent get-togethers and days can become busier. Some children can also become extremely anxious waiting to find out what gifts they will receive.



This video, from Sheffield, offers practical tips for managing Christmas with children who have special needs: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DOQwC4WJWAQ&t=894>

### **Key Strategies for a Calmer Christmas:**

- **Sensory-Friendly Environment:**
  - Create a designated quiet zone (bedroom, quiet corner) with familiar items like blankets or headphones.
  - Manage decorations: dim lights, use unscented items, or avoid noisy crackers.
  - Have ear defenders or noise-cancelling headphones available.
- **Manage Expectations & Routines:**
  - Use social stories or visual aids to explain new people, places, and events.
  - Break up activities (like opening presents) throughout the day instead of all at once.
  - Prepare for visitors by explaining who's coming and what to expect.
- **Pacing & Breaks:**
  - Schedule downtime between activities for your child to recharge.
  - Suggest short walks for fresh air if things get overwhelming.
- **Control & Choices:**
  - Give your child choices where possible, like choosing a game or deciding how long to stay at a gathering.
  - Allow them to opt out of activities they find uncomfortable, like wearing scratchy clothes.
- **Food & Comforts:**
  - Bring familiar snacks or safe foods if Christmas dinner is a challenge.
  - Have their favourite toys, fidgets, or weighted items easily accessible.

### **Where to Find Support & Activities (UK Focused):**

- **Local Council:** Check your Nottinghamshire County Council website for Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programs, which often run at Christmas.
- **Charities & Organizations:** Action for Children, Family Action, and Fledglings offer advice.

Please remember, the advice above is generic. You know your child best and will have a good idea of which strategies will work best.





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