EDWARD HENEAGE PRIMARY ACADEMY

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FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been a fantastic start to the new academic year, and I have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming our pupils and families back to Edward Heneage. As the new Principal, I have been incredibly proud of how positively the children have returned to school and embraced our expectations of being **Respectful, Responsible and Safe**.

Over the coming year, we will continue to build on the school's strengths, with high expectations for learning, behaviour and attendance, while ensuring every child feels happy, safe and supported to succeed.

Thank you to our families and staff for the warm welcome. I am really excited about the year ahead and everything we can achieve together

Mr Jake Thompson | Principal

PRINCIPAL'S PROUD MOMENT

My proud moment this week has been seeing how positively our pupils have returned to school. It has been fantastic to see such excellent engagement in learning and children settling quickly back into school routines. I have also been incredibly impressed by how smart everyone has looked in their school uniform. Thank you to our families for supporting us with this. **Let's continue to wear our Edward Heneage uniform with pride and represent our school proudly every day.**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Whole school: [97.5 %]
Target: 100% each week
Top class: [Year 2 and Year 3 100% this week]

Every day in school makes a difference. Regular attendance helps children build strong routines, develop friendships and make the best possible progress. **Our target is 96% or above – every day counts!**

THIS WEEK AT EDWARD HENEAGE

CLASS SPOTLIGHT

Year 1 was our class of the week. Well done to you all.

PUPIL VOICE

"I am so glad to be back at school, I missed you all."

Year: 3

OUR VALUES & EXPECTATIONS

Our school values: Achieve • Believe • Curiosity
Our Trust values: Ambition • Respect • Courage • Responsibility
Our school expectations:
BE RESPECTFUL • BE RESPONSIBLE • BE SAFE

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LEARNING TOGETHER

Next week, we will share our **learning overviews**, giving families a clearer picture of what children will be learning across the curriculum this half term.

Alongside our wider curriculum, we are placing a strong focus on the **fundamental skills that children need to succeed**. Securing these foundations will help pupils become increasingly confident and independent learners.

Reading – Developing confident, fluent readers with strong comprehension skills. Regular reading at home will make a real difference.

Writing & Handwriting – Building strong sentence-writing skills, spelling and vocabulary, alongside developing neat, fluent and well-presented handwriting.

Maths – Strengthening number knowledge, counting and fluency so pupils can confidently apply their mathematical skills to increasingly challenging problems.

Wider Curriculum – Building pupils' knowledge and vocabulary across subjects, while encouraging curiosity and making meaningful links between their learning.

How families can help at home – Keep it simple: **read together, practise counting and number facts, and encourage opportunities to write.** A few minutes regularly can make a big difference.

PE DAYS

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Thursday (Hall)	Monday (Hall) Thursday (Playground)	Tuesday (Hall) Wednesday (Playground)	Monday (Playground) Thursday (Hall)	Tuesday (Hall) Friday (Playground)	Thursday (Playground) Friday (Hall)	Monday (Hall) Tuesday (Playground)

Please ensure that children come to school **prepared for their PE lessons** with the correct PE kit. For health and safety reasons, **all jewellery must be removed** before taking part in PE.

As we move towards the colder winter months, some PE lessons will continue to take place outdoors. On these days, we encourage children to bring a **suitable jumper or warm outdoor clothing** as part of their PE kit.

Thank you for helping us ensure that all pupils are ready to participate fully and safely in PE.

SAFEGUARDING & ONLINE SAFETY

Keeping our children safe is our highest priority. We work together to ensure pupils feel safe, listened to and know who they can speak to if they are worried about anything. Online safety is an important part of this. Please continue to talk regularly with your child about what they are accessing online, including games, apps and social media, and encourage them to tell a trusted adult if anything makes them feel uncomfortable or worried.

Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mr Thompson

Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Kaye

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead- Mrs Griffin

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead- Miss Wraith

COMMUNITY & CELEBRATIONS

Each week, we will invite the parents and carers of pupils who have achieved **Star of the Week** to join us for our Celebration Assembly. This will take place at **3:40pm every Friday**. We look forward to celebrating our pupils' achievements together!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Key Dates: We will share further key dates for the year next week, including the confirmed **2027/28 term dates**, to help families plan.

We will be able to share the parents of our upcoming parent welcome events.

KEY REMINDERS

As we settle into the new school year, thank you for your continued support in helping our children arrive each day happy, prepared and ready to learn. A few friendly reminders will help us keep everything running smoothly:

School Dinners – Please remember that **school dinners must be ordered by Tuesday for the following week**. We appreciate your support in placing orders on time so that meals can be planned and prepared accordingly.

Bikes & Scooters – We are pleased to see pupils choosing to travel actively to school. If your child comes to school on a bike or scooter, please ensure it is **stored responsibly in the designated bike and scooter racks** and, wherever possible, left standing securely and neatly. This will help us keep the area safe, tidy and accessible for everyone.

Reading at Home – Regular reading makes a huge difference. Please encourage your child to read at home each week and share books together whenever possible.

School Communication – Please check school messages regularly to keep up to date with important information, events and reminders.

Contact Details – Please let the school office know if your telephone number, email address or other important contact information changes.