



# Edgewood Primary School

**Building skills and values for life**

Friday, 12 December 2025

## Newsletter

As we near the end of the term, there are lots of lovely Christmas activities happening in school. The EYFS children and KS1 children both did amazing performances. The children have really enjoyed our Christmas singing assembly this week; we had lots of classic Christmas carols and even a request for Chris Rea –

Driving home for Christmas! It's lovely to see all the children so excited for Christmas.

Mr Seeley,  
Headteacher



Every School Day Counts

Attend today, achieve for a lifetime!

## Attendance

**Congratulations to Rosa class for a weekly attendance of 98.33%** 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**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner Day

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 15<sup>th</sup> December, we will celebrate the achievements of the following children for being our weekly 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>Sofia</b>	<u>Blue</u>	<b>Ava L</b>	<u>Amarillo</u>	<b>Alice</b>	<u>Azul</u>	<b>Nathan</b>
<u>Green</u>	<b>Lucas</b>	<u>Orange</u>	<b>Noah</b>	<u>Rosa</u>	<b>Jaden</b>	<u>Morado</u>	<b>Gracie</b>
<u>Red</u>	<b>Hudson</b>	<u>Yellow</u>	<b>Oliver</b>	<u>Verde</u>	<b>Jessica</b>	<u>Rojo</u>	<b>Fenjoy</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.



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NG15 6HX

## Plea for resources

We are setting up a new intervention requiring lots of small gift type boxes, pencil cases and zipped purses like in the pictures below. If you have any to donate, please can you send them in with your child or drop them off at the school office. The items need to be smaller than a shoe box and look inviting. The purpose of the item is to provoke mystery with what is inside so the more attractive the box/pencil case/purse the better! All shapes, patterns and colours are welcome. We would like to avoid well-known cartoon characters though please.

Mrs Bradley



## Book recommendations

Struggling to know what to buy your child to read this Christmas? Here are some new releases across the age groups!

Ages 3 -5

### **NEW for this Christmas**



Ages 5 -7



Ages 7 – 9



Ages 9 - 11



## Christmas Jumper Day

It's not too late to donate to the Christmas Jumper Day appeal from the Save The Children charity. Any donations you could make would be extremely beneficial for this very worthwhile cause. See flyer below for a QR code for donations to be made online. Thank you.

## **Christmas Jumper Swap**

Thank you to our Kindness Ambassadors for organising and running a successful Christmas Jumper swap last Friday after school. We had some fantastic donations and were able to help lots of children and families who might have needed a little pre-Christmas treat! Thank you to all the families who came to support us. We will look to run this again next year and hopefully make it bigger and better. The Kindness Ambassadors want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a restful break!



## **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](mailto: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 too 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.

## **Christmas Dinner competition**

Catering Partnership have kindly donated some prizes for a draw on Christmas Dinner day, which will be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. All children who have a Christmas dinner booked on this date will be entered into a draw and the overall winner will receive an 850g bar of Cadbury's chocolate, with smaller prizes of a bake and craft kit available for each school phase. See poster for details of the menu on that date. Bon appétit!



The background is a vibrant green with a white snow-like speckle pattern. Several gingerbread cookies are scattered around: two large candy canes with pink and green icing stripes, and several round lollipops with pink, blue, and green swirls. In the center is a large gingerbread house with a brown body and a white icing roof decorated with colorful round candies in blue, green, orange, and red.

# CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU

Roast Turkey with all the Trimmings -  
Pig in Blanket, Roast Potatoes,  
stuffing Ball, Peas & Carrots

Vegan Wellington served with Roast  
Potatoes, stuffing Ball, Peas & Carrots (V)

Festive cherry & Gingerbread cheesecake

**COOMBS**  
CATERING PARTNERSHIP

## 16th december

## **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 also 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 favorite toys, fidgets, or weighted items easily accessible.

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

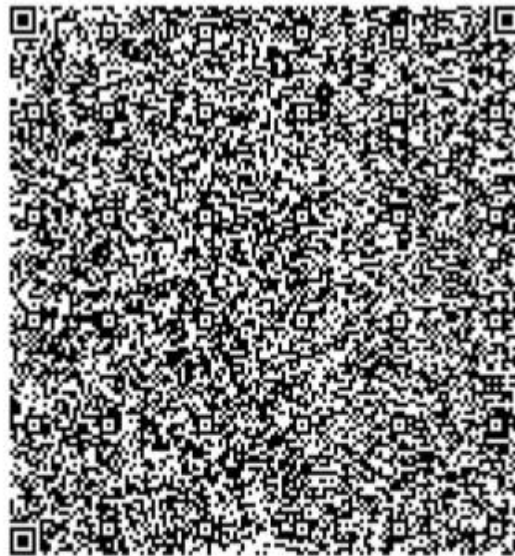
- **Local Council:** Check your Nottinghamshire County Council website for Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programs, which often run at Christmas.
- **Charities & Organizations:** Action for Children, Family Action, and Fledglings offer advice.

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



Save the Children

# Christmas Jumper Day



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**DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup> | 8:30AM - 4:00PM**

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**Fun Children's  
Activities**

**Age 5 to 16**

**Book up to 4 sessions  
this Christmas**

**Activities:**

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# Christmas Party

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
3:30pm – 5pm  
At Hucknall Family Hub

Come along and join in the Christmas fun with Christmas crafts,  
Christmas games, a visit to Santa and a tombola (cash only).  
For children aged 0-9 years (siblings welcome).



Booking essential, to book your place please call the hub on  
0115 977 3748. Please book your place by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

**Helping families get the right support at the right time**