

THE EDWARD RICHARDSON PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

"Love to learn and learn to love."



WHAT'S GOING ON?

20 th Oct	Harvest Donations
20 th Oct	Class 4 PGL Residential
23 rd Oct	Last day of Term 1 & PSFA Film Night
3 rd Nov	First day of Term 2
5 th Nov	Open Day (Reception 2026)
7 th Nov	Class 3 Swimming Starts
9 th Nov	Tetford Remembrance Service
10 th Nov	NSPCC Workshops
19 th Nov	Author Visit Day 1
20 th Nov	Author Visit Day 2

LATE COLLECTING?

Just a quick reminder about end-of-day collection. We completely understand that life sometimes gets in the way - traffic, last-minute work calls, or the odd flat tyre! We do allow a short five-minute grace period for collection, but if your child hasn't been collected by **3:35pm**, we'll head back inside and begin contacting you or your emergency contacts.

If we haven't heard from you by **3:40pm**, your child will be placed into *JB Sports & Education's* Wrap Around Care service, which is chargeable.

If you know you're going to be a little late, please just let us know as soon as you can. It really helps us to make sure your child is safe and cared for.

HARVEST, ILLNESS & ANYTHING ELSE!

I always forget just how busy the first Autumn term can be in school: there's so much going on and plenty to organise, and this one has felt incredibly long! As always, our children and families continue to be absolutely amazing and supportive, which keeps our school community thriving.

It's also that time of year when the usual bugs and sniffles start to spread, and with us being a small school, it doesn't take much to knock a few of us off our feet! Please do continue to promote good hygiene at home - especially washing hands before eating. We're keen to keep our attendance higher than it was this time last year. Remember, a runny nose or mild headache isn't a reason to stay off school - we can manage with that!

And finally, a quick reminder that if you'd like to donate tinned or packeted food for our Harvest collection, please send it in on Monday 20th October to be placed in Trevor, our trolley! And please don't worry if you're not in a position to donate this year - we completely understand.

When it arrives, have a brilliant and restful half-term whatever your plans are, and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 3rd November.

NATIVITY...ALREADY?!

That's right - in school we're already having to think about Christmas! This year, we're trying something a little different with our Nativity. With Class 1 now being a smaller group, they'll still take centre stage and perform the main Nativity, but Class 2 will be joining them as our fantastic backing singers.

This lovely new approach means that every child in Key Stage 1 will be involved, sharing in the excitement and magic of the performance, without it taking away from valuable curriculum time. We think it's going to make this year's Nativity even more special...and all of our KS1 parents will be able to get tickets to come and see it too!

Short Version: Nativity this year will be Class 1 featuring vocals from Class 2!

LIFE IN THE FOREST...

We were due to be running our termly Forest School sessions next term for Class 2 but, unfortunately, Mrs Miller will be out of action due to an operation. We're aiming to run these sessions in the New Year and we'll keep you posted. And I'm sure you'll join us in sending Mrs Miller millions of best wishes!

Short Version: Forest School starting again in the New Year.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is any school's number one priority. Our Safeguarding Team here is made up of:

- Stuart Spendlow (Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Charlotte Butler (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)



If you ever have any safeguarding concerns, please speak to one of the above staff members. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Also remember to keep us informed of who's on your list of people who can collect your child from school: we'll never let a child go if they're not on the list or if we haven't heard from you.

Short Version: Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Because our Wrap Around Care is now led by *JB Sports & Education*, it means there are now after-school clubs available every weekday! One of these is always sports-based, while the others vary from Arts & Crafts and LEGO to Brainiacs, Board Games, and more.

To book a place, simply use their online booking system (QR code below) or contact them directly for more information.

Short Version: After School Clubs offered 5 times a week (sports and non-sports).

