

THE EDWARD RICHARDSON PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

"Love to learn and learn to love."



WHAT'S GOING ON?

4 th Feb	SEND Hub Consultation (runs for four weeks)
9 th Feb	Class 3 Swimming Session
10 th Feb	Safer Internet Day 2026
13 th Feb	Last day of term 3
23 rd Feb	First day of term 4
4 th Mar	PSFA Online Meeting (7pm)
5 th Mar	World Book Day 2026
24 th Mar	Parents Evening (2, 3 & 4)
25 th Mar	Parents Evening (1, 2, 3 & 4)
3 rd Apr	Last day of term 4
21 st Apr	First day of term 5
27 th Apr	Playground Proms
4 th May	May Bank Holiday
11 th May	KS2 SATs Week



GREAT BRITISH MOANS: PARKING!

Occasionally, there's the odd car that parks on the zig-zag lines outside school. For the safety of everyone in our community, please don't do this.

Remember, we stagger the morning drop-off from 08:45-08:55, so there should be no need to park dangerously during the inevitable morning rush.

SPRINGING INTO LIFE!

What an exciting time for our school. We've welcomed leaders from other schools who have visited to look at our Writing curriculum with a view to developing their own, the SEND Hub consultation will be beginning very soon, and we continue to have the most amazing children working incredibly hard to show why we're the school that *loves to learn and learns to love*.

Thank you for continuing to keep our attendance high this winter - we're 1.3% up on this time last year. Nobody is being kept off school for a 'sniffle' anymore, and we really appreciate your support with this.

Keep being brilliant... and hopefully those New Year's resolutions are still going well.

WHAT'RE YOU READING THESE DAYS?

We are having a renewed focus on Reading Records to help make expectations clearer and more consistent for everyone.

When you hear your child read at home, we ask that parents and carers please date and sign the Reading Record. Reading is one of the most important skills you can support at home, as it underpins so much of children's learning and wider life, so we really do encourage this as often as possible. We completely understand that family life can be busy, and we are not setting a fixed expectation, but honestly - the more regularly you can do this, the better!



As the Reading Record is a record of your child's reading beyond school Reading lessons, it is important that it comes into school every single day. We are encouraging children to keep their Reading Records in their book bags or school bags at all times, only taking them out to read or to have them signed. We are confident that, within a few weeks, this will become second nature for them.

For our older children, who may stay on the same text for a longer period or who complete several short bursts of reading, we have modelled how to use their Reading Records sensibly so that they are not filling an entire page in just one week.

Short Version: Reading Records in school every day, please!



THE BIG MOVE! Arbor

We mentioned a while ago that we'll be moving away from ParentMail to Arbor, and that time is almost here - but don't worry. Arbor is really easy to use, allows you to update your personal details, has a clear, easy-to-navigate app, and enables payments through Apple Pay and Google Pay.

You'll be able to start accessing Arbor from 2nd February and, after half term, we'll be switching over to it fully.

More details about the move will follow soon.

Short Version: Moving away from ParentMail from after Feb half term!

BULLYING: A VERY SERIOUS WORD

From time to time, children can go through patches where friendships feel a bit bumpy, and they may say or do unkind things as they learn how to manage their emotions and relationships. This can feel upsetting, but it isn't the same as bullying.

Bullying is when someone is deliberately unkind repeatedly and when there is an imbalance of power, making it hard for the other child to stop it. We always remind pupils that the best thing they can do is tell a member of staff straight away - we can help in the moment, whereas once they're at home it's often too late for us to see what happened. I want to reassure families that we take *genuine* bullying extremely seriously and have no current cases in school, and we're always here if you need to talk something through.

Short Version: We take bullying incredibly seriously, but it's important we all know the real definition of it.

