



King Edwin Primary School



March 2026 Newsletter

Punctuality

To ensure a productive start to the school day, children are expected to arrive **on time every day**. The playground gates and Early Years entrance are open from **8:35am** and close promptly at **8:45am**. We have increasing numbers of pupils who are arriving after this time. This disrupts learning not only for the child who is late, but also for the entire class.

Families are asked to plan accordingly to ensure that children arrive at school **by 8:45am** and are ready to begin the day.

World Book Day

We're excited to celebrate World Book Day and the National Year of Reading on **Thursday 5th March**, with this year's theme: Go all in! It's all about exploring your favourite interests through reading, whether that's dinosaurs, space, footballers, superheroes, princesses or anything else that makes you - you! Children are welcome to come dressed up as their favourite interest e.g. if they love space, come as an astronaut, if they love football wear their team colours. Or, if dressing up isn't their thing, come in your pyjamas! It's perfect for getting cosy and enjoying a good book about their chosen interest. We are also planning a "**Book Swap**", where children are invited to bring in a book from home that they have enjoyed reading and swap it for another preloved book. There are lots of other exciting activities planned for the children and we can't wait to see everyone "go all in" and celebrate reading together.

Water bottles

Please can we kindly remind you that water bottles should only contain water and not juice. Could we also ask that children not carry bottles inside their school bags as we have had several incidents recently of bottles leaking and damaging school books. Thank you for your support with this.

Play Area

We are pleased to extend access to the new play equipment beyond the school day. From **Monday 2nd March**, the school gates will remain open until **4:00pm** to allow children to use the play area after school.

Please note that children **must be supervised at all times by a responsible adult**, as school staff will not be available to provide supervision.

Please also be aware that after 3:15pm, access will be limited to the outdoor play area only. The school building will be closed to children during this time.

Rocksteady Concert

We are delighted that so many children took up the offer of music lessons with Rocksteady and are pleased to announce our first Rocksteady Concert which will be held on **Friday 27th March at 9:15am**. Parents and carers of those children signed up for lessons are invited to come and see what their children have been learning in these sessions and to celebrate the fabulous progress they have made in such a short space of time.

Easter Drop In Sessions

We look forward to seeing parents and carers for our Easter drop in sessions this month. Come and join us in the hall for some arts and crafts.

Mon 16th	Year 1 2pm
Tues 17th	EYFS 8:45am (classroom)
Wed 18th	Year 2 2pm
Thurs 19th	Year 3 2pm
Mon 23rd	Year 4 2pm
Tues 24th	Year 5 2pm
Wed 25th	Year 6 2pm

Red Nose Day

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday 20th March. Children are welcome to come in non-uniform this day and all donations for the charity would be gratefully received.

Choir

As part of our work with the Amble Harbour Lights Community Choir, some of our classes will be taking part in a recording to celebrate Harbour Lights' 15 years as Amble's Community Choir. The children have been busy practising a song and will be joining the choir at the parish hall on 13th March to complete the recording. We look forward to sharing the final version with you!

Reminder: PE Days Spring 2

Reception	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 1	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 2	Monday and Wednesday
Year 3	Monday and Friday
Year 4	Wed and Fri (swimming)
Year 5	Tuesday and Friday
Year 6	Monday and Wednesday

Attendance

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

The school gates are open from **8:35am** and are closed for the start of school at **8:45am**. Children arriving after this time need to go through the main office and will be marked as late.

Parents/carers **must** inform school as soon as possible of any absence and the reason for the absence.

A reminder that our attendance policy and attendance letters can be found on the website at:

<http://www.kingedwin.northumberland.sch.uk/web/attendance/420380>

Attendance so far this year:

Reception 94.88%

Year 1 90.72%

Year 2 94.95%

Year 3 94.91%

Year 4 94.77%

Year 5 96.72%

Year 6 93.14%

Whole school: 94.30%

Key Dates:

March

5th	World Book Day
16th	Year 1 Easter Drop in 2pm
17th	EYFS Easter Drop in 8:45am
18th	Year 2 Easter Drop in 2pm
19th	Year 3 Easter Drop in 2pm
20th	Red Nose Day
23rd	Year 4 Easter Drop in 2pm
24th	Year 5 Easter Drop in 2pm
25th	Year 6 Easter Drop in 2pm
26th	Whole school Author visit Easter Craft Event (after school)
30th-1st	Year 4 Residential Visit

April

2nd	KS1 visit to Alnwick Playhouse (further details to follow)
3rd-20th	School closed for Easter holidays
20th	Staff training day
21st	School re-opens for all pupils

