



King Edwin Primary School



October 2026 Newsletter

Attendance and absences

A reminder that it is parents' responsibility to report their child's absence each day. We do not have the staffing capacity to chase every unexplained absence, and unreported absences create safeguarding risks. Please contact school directly with the reason for absence each morning. This can be done by phone, email or in person. Your cooperation ensures all children are accounted for and keeps our records accurate.

Reporting absences honestly helps us keep your child safe and supported. If your child is unwell or needs time off, we would appreciate it if you let us know the real reason. Please avoid giving alternative explanations or asking children to repeat one. Clear, truthful information means we can update our records properly and offer help when it's needed.

Allergies

We have several children in school with allergies, including some that are severe. To help us keep everyone safe, please can we remind families that we are a **nut-free school**. Please ensure that **no products containing nuts** are included in packed lunches or sent in as snacks.

Children are reminded in school that food at break and lunchtime must not be shared. We kindly ask parents and carers to support this by ensuring that food is not shared on the yard before or after school.

To further minimise allergy risks, please can we also request that **no food items are sent in to be shared for birthdays or other celebrations**.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe.

Parents/carers meetings

We will be holding our autumn parent/carer consultation evenings during the **week beginning 12th October**. Please look out for a letter soon.

Site traffic

We have noticed that a number of people are using the school car park at drop off and pick up times. Please can we remind you that **the car park must not be used** at these times. This includes lunchtimes for Nursery/Toucan pupils. In addition, the school is already receiving complaints about unsafe parking on the roads around the school. We would like to encourage families to use the car park at Morrisons as this is only a short walk away from the school. Parking here helps to keep the roads around the school safer for our children. We thank you for your support with this.

Please can we also remind everyone that **scooters and bikes must be dismantled before entering the school grounds**.

Reading Challenge

We're now halfway through our Reading Challenge! Keep up the fantastic reading and remember to read at least 4 times every week and record your reads in your reading record. There are still plenty of certificates and prizes to be won at the end of the challenge, so keep reading!

Top Reading Classes

First: Year 6

Second: Year 3

Third: Year 1

PTA - Help needed!

We are reaching out to ask for anyone who can support our PTA. The PTA organise events across the year to raise vital funds which enable the children to go on trips that we wouldn't otherwise be able to afford.

As you can imagine, events such as the Christmas and Summer Fairs take a lot of organising. We would be very grateful for any support that you can offer; planning, sourcing raffle prizes, hosting a stall, collecting items, or helping out during an event. Please pop into school if you feel this is something you can support us with.

Thank you.

Beach Mornings

We are looking forward to continuing our beach mornings again this year. Children will spend the morning on the Little Shore undertaking a range of different curriculum activities. We usually find a bit of bucket and spade time too! Please see the dates below for the planned sessions and ensure that your child comes to school equipped for the weather that day. Children will return to school for lunch time.

Friday 16th October Year 5 & 6

Tuesday 20th October Year 3 & 4

Wednesday 21st October Year 1 & 2

Halloween Disco - Thursday 22nd October

Our Halloween Disco is coming up!

Reception, Y1 & Y2 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Y3–Y6 - 4.30pm - 5.30pm.

Tickets are **£4 per child via Eduspot**, including entry, a hot dog, drink and entry into our spooktacular prize draw!

Please book by 3pm on Monday 19th October – unfortunately, we cannot accept bookings after this deadline. If your child has any **allergies**, please let school know via email.

Reception, Y1 & Y2: Please bring disco clothes in a named bag to change into at school.

All children: Please bring any tuck shop money in a purse or named wallet.

Reminder: PE Days Autumn 1

Reception	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 1	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 2	Monday and Thursday
Year 3	Monday and Wednesday
Year 4	Wednesday and Friday
Year 5	Tuesday and Friday
Year 6	Tuesday and Thursday

PE Days Autumn 2

Reception	Monday and Thursday
Year 1	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 2	Monday and Friday
Year 3	Monday and Friday
Year 4	Monday and Wednesday
Year 5	Wednesday and Friday
Year 6	Tuesday and Thursday

Jewellery

A reminder that **no jewellery** should be worn in school. This includes any sort of necklaces, bracelets or items tied around wrists, other than a simple watch. Please ensure that all earrings are removed or, where piercings are still not healed, plastic retainers are worn.

Harvest Festival

On **Friday 23rd October**, we welcome you to join Year 1-6 for our annual Harvest festival celebration. Please send your children to their classes as usual and then come to the hall for a **9am** start.

We are collecting items for the Amble Food Bank and would welcome any donations. These can be sent in at any time during the week beginning 19th October.

Photographer

The photographer will be visiting school on **Monday 2nd November**. All children in school that day will be photographed individually and with any siblings in school. If you have children that are not yet of school age and you would like to have them photographed with siblings, please bring them to the school hall at 8:30am and these will be taken before the start of the school day.

Children who have PE on this day should come in full uniform and bring their PE kit to change into.

Attendance

The school's attendance target is 97%.

So far this year, our attendance stands at 95.58% which is below the school's target and the national average. Please help us to improve this by ensuring that your child attends school every day unless they are genuinely too unwell to do so.

September attendance by year group:

Reception	94.42%
Year 1	94.06%
Year 2	96.37%
Year 3	95.75%
Year 4	96.90%
Year 5	96.51%
Year 6	95.04%

Key Dates:

October

- 5th EYFS Reading Breakfast 8:35am
- 6th Year 3 Reading Breakfast 8:35am
- 8th Year 2 Reading Breakfast 8:35am
- w/b 12th Parents' meetings
- 13th Year 4 Reading Breakfast 8:35am
- 14th Year 5 & 6 Reading Breakfast 8:35am
- 15th Year 1 Reading Breakfast 8:35am - Change
of Date
- 16th Year 5 & 6 Beach Morning
- 20th Year 3 & 4 Beach Morning
- 21st Year 1 & 2 Beach Morning
- 22nd PTA Halloween Disco
- 23rd Harvest Festival Celebration
- 23rd Last day of half term



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Attendance Matters! ★

Be Here, Learn More, Achieve More!

OUR SCHOOL TARGET

97%

Our goal is 97% attendance
every day counts!



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

5 minutes late
each day =
3 days lost
learning each year

LEARNING LOST WHEN LATE:

- ✓ Miss important explanations
- ✓ Lose time completing work
- ✓ Fall behind your classmates
- ✓ Miss out on key opportunities

WHAT DAYS ABSENCES ADD UP TO:

95% = 10 DAYS ABSENCE
50 LESSONS MISSED

90% = 20 DAYS ABSENCE
100 LESSONS MISSED

85% = 30 DAYS ABSENCE
150 LESSONS MISSED

80% = 40 DAYS ABSENCE
200 LESSONS MISSED

GOOD ATTENDANCE LEADS TO SUCCESS!

- ★ Better learning
- 📖 More confidence
- 👥 Stronger friendships
- 🏆 Brighter future!

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW!

Together, we can reach our 97% target!



Be in school
Be on time



Every day
matters



Let's aim high
together!



KING EDWIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Should my child be off school? ★

Good health helps children learn, play and achieve.

This guidance is based on NHS advice.



YES – COME TO SCHOOL

In most cases, children can
come to school if they:



Have a mild cough or cold
(no fever)



Have a runny or
blocked nose



Have a sore throat



Are feeling tired
(if otherwise well)



Have minor cuts,
grazes or bruises



Have a headache
(if mild and no other
symptoms)



NO – STAY AT HOME

Keep your child at home if they:



Have a high temperature
(above 38°C)



Have vomiting or diarrhoea
(stay off for 48 hours after the
last episode)



Have a new rash
(especially with a fever)



Have conjunctivitis (pink eye)
(discharge causing eyes to be
stuck shut)



Have an ear infection
(with severe pain or fever)



Are too unwell
to take part in normal
activities

When can my child return to school?



Vomiting or diarrhoea

Stay off for 48 hours
after the last episode.
Your child can return
when they feel well
enough.



Fever

Return to school
when your child
no longer has a
high temperature
and feels well
enough.



Well enough

If your child is well
enough to enjoy
school activities
and concentrate,
they can return.



Not sure?

If you are unsure
whether your child
is too ill for school,
contact our school
office for advice.



Infection control

Encourage good hand
hygiene, catch coughs
and sneezes in tissues
and keep up to date with
vaccinations.



Working together

Let's keep our school
community healthy,
safe and ready
to learn.



Be well. Learn well. Achieve together.

