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Edmund Waller WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

13th September 2024



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Support our runners and get the children a new cooking kitchen!



All Aboard!

We wanted to take this opportunity to say a big HELLO to our newest families as, this week, the youngest members of our school community started their time at school. Welcome then to the Forest & Woodland (Reception) children and their families. With the addition of these families, the school is as full as it has been for a long time. Our roll is looking increasingly healthy, with over 430 children (including our Nursery) turning up every day here at Edmund Waller. This is up from <400 children, 2 years ago. We are delighted with this growth, not simply because it validates the hard work we have put into school improvement over the last couple of years, but also, put crudely, from a funding point of view: the more bums on seats, the more money we have to continue to develop and enrich the offer we make to your children. This achievement is all the more pleasing when viewed against the much publicised backdrop of falling roll in primary schools across much of the borough/country.



We have just scheduled our school tours for those families with children due to start Reception in September 2025. We ask that you share this information (and the link below) with any local families, neighbours etc who might be interested in coming to see our (and your) lovely school.

Monday's Read-a-thon Assembly



School Tours

As you will have read the school's freedom and future relies on us being full! We are therefore delighted to announce the dates for this term's school tours. We have 6 dates available (one of which is already 'sold out'). Please share this link with any one you think might love us! The tours are free, but we ask that people get a ticket via EventBrite, using the link below:

[EW School Tours 24/25](#)

Read-a-thon Goodies

Last year, the PTA masterminded an incredible read-a-thon. This was very well supported by the community and, as a result, raised nearly £6000. This is then partially matched by Usborne books; we have a lot of money to spend on books! Our reading lead, Ms Jones, has been busily assessing where we need books and buying them! We have taken delivery of the first consignment of new books and, in Monday's assembly, we shared these with the children. Who doesn't love a new book...

A huge 'thank you' to the PTA and Ms. Jones for their hard work in making this happen.

A selection of the lovely new Usborne books



Date	Year/Time
Mon 16.09	Year 5 3:45pm
Tues 17.09	Year 1 3:45pm
Tues 17.09	Year 6 4:30pm
Weds 18.09	Year 4 3:45pm
Thurs 19.09	Year 2 3:45pm
Thurs 19.09	Year 3 4:30pm

Winter Dates

Last week, we loftily proclaimed we would try to get dates out to the community as far in advance as possible. So here we go, trying to stay true to our word - in the dates box (to the right) you will see the dates & times for this term's parent teacher meetings. On the second page of this newsletter, you will see all of the dates for the Edmund Waller Winter extravaganza! There's even a Summer Concert 'Save the Date'!

It's a Date!

A reminder that, next week, we are holding 'Meet the Teacher' for all year groups (Y1 - Y6). This will be an opportunity for you to put a face to the name of your child's main adult for this academic year. The class teachers will clarify routines and expectations for the school year. All meetings take place in Rosen Hall on the time/date - shown above right. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. The slides from these meetings will be available, via Teams, after each meeting.



AUTUMN TERM DATES 2024 TERM #1

Weds 4th Sept - Friday 25th Oct
Parent Teacher Meetings - Tues 22nd & Weds 23rd October (3:50 -7:00pm)

Half-term:

Monday 28th Oct – Friday 1st Nov
TERM #2

Monday 4th Nov - Friday 20th Dec

2024/25 Term Dates





A REMINDER:

**Autumn clubs start from:
Monday, 23rd September**

**Clubs End:
Friday 6th December**

Winter 2024 Performance Dates

Monday, 2nd Dec, 4.10pm

Y1 Choir performance

Tuesday, 3rd Dec, 2.45pm

Y2/3 Christmas concert @ St Catherine's

Weds, 4th Dec, 2.45pm

Upper Phase Christmas concert @ St Catherine's

Thursday, 5th Dec, 8.30am

Early Birds performance

Thursday 5th Dec, 4.10pm

Upper phase choir performance

Friday 6th Dec, 4.10pm

Lower phase choir performance

Thursday, 12th December, 9.30am

Y1 Nativity

Friday, 13th December, 2.45pm

Reception Concert

SAVE THE DATE

Y2 - Y6 Summer Concert

@ Goldsmiths

12th June 2025(!!)