

## THIS WEEK'S NEWS

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- Parents Evening

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# Edmund Waller WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

24th January 2025



### New Cross Fire Memorial

The stories in this week's newsletter seemed like the perfect opportunity to revisit our three curriculum drivers - London & Beyond, Social Justice, Sustainable Future. These drivers are at the core of all that we do here at Edmund Waller and are threaded through the entire

## London and beyond

curriculum.

Last week saw a group of Year 6 from Edmund Waller Primary School joining local pupil representatives from Addey & Stanhope Secondary School, Childeric Primary School, Grinling Gibbons, Lucas Vale, Our Lady & St Philip Neri Primary School, St James Hatcham CE Primary School, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, and Twin Oaks Primary School to mark the anniversary of the tragic events of the New Cross Fire. This year was the 44th anniversary of the New Cross Fire, a tragic event that occurred on 18th January 1981. On that day, a group of young people, most of whom were Black, gathered to celebrate the birthdays of two teenagers at a house party at 439 New Cross Road. A fire

broke out on the ground floor of the house, spreading quickly. Those trapped upstairs jumped from windows to escape. Tragically, 14 people lost their lives. There were strong reasons to suspect that it was a racist attack, but the police investigation focused elsewhere, and the cause of the fire remained undetermined.

Our Year 6 children, accompanied by Ms Rennie, prepared and shared a short poem and laid flowers at the memorial. Our intention is for Edmund Waller be part of this annual memorial, keeping the memory of this event alive and ensuring that the important issues, which are sadly still relevant today, remain discussed and understood by our children.

[Read their poem here.](#)



## Social justice



EW Pupil Laying Flowers @ the Memorial

### No Zeroes - Just Heroes!

Wow - the Edmund Waller football teams are an a roll at the moment. This weekend up on Blackheath, the teams (all of them) won all their matches, without conceding a single goal. Winning one match by eight goals! This weekend, Edmund Waller will represent Lewisham at the Inner London phase of the Pokémon World Cup. Huge respect to Nathan and Dorson, the teams' coaches! Nice work!

### Spring Wrapped Up!

We are delighted to let you know that booking is open for Spring Half Term playscheme. Our fantastic EWrap staff will be on hand to help out with any childcare needs you might have during the upcoming school holiday. Have a look at the attached info for more details regarding what they will be getting up to and how to book.

### Parents Evening Update

Next week, we will open booking for this term's parent teacher meetings. These will take place between 3:50 - 7:00pm on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February. Families will be able to book a slot using 'parents -booking' website . Keep an eye out for the email which will contain the login instructions and further details about booking.

## Sustainable future

### Climate Champions Strike Again

Fresh from their [Lausanne Road Crossing](#) success, Edmund Waller's Climate Champions (expertly led by Ms Lepère) have reached another milestone as they have dispatched their first full box of plastic recycling. This will see a **huge** box of used plastic (Pritt Sticks, pens, book covers etc) diverted from landfill. We have invested in another plastic

recycling box for those stationery items. We also wanted to signpost the community to the fact that there is a used battery collection box, usable by the whole school community, which is in the main reception area.



Climate Champions

### SPRING TERM 1

Friday 24th Jan - 2:45pm  
Y5 Assembly

Tues 11th & Weds 12th Feb -  
Parents Evening

17th - 21st Feb - HALF TERM (+  
EWrap Playscheme)  
2024/25 Term Dates



## Spring 2025 - Key Dates

<b>Year Group Assembly</b>	<b>Date (Friday)</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	24th January
<b>Year 4</b>	31st January
<b>HALF</b>	<b>TERM</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	21st March
<b>Year 2</b>	28th March
<b>Year 1</b>	4th April
<b>Reception</b>	<i>Summer Term (date tbc)</i>

All year group assemblies take place on Friday, @2:45pm, in Rosen Hall.

### Other Key Dates:

#### Parent Teacher Meetings

3:50 - 7:00pm - Tues 11th & Weds 12th Feb

### Waller Book Week:

w.b. 3rd March

World Book Day - Thurs 6th March

#### Year 5 Swimming Starts

w.b. 24th March