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Edmund Waller WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

12th September 2025

CLUBS START 22.09.25
 One more week to go until enrichment clubs start = clubs start
Monday 22nd September

All Aboard/Tyred Out!

It's a very warm welcome to our newest Waller families as the Nursery and Reception classes opened their doors this week to our youngest learners. We are delighted to have you all along for the journey. We would also like to say thanks to the adults of the new Forest & Woodland classes, who have been admirable in their drop off routine (very few tears) and have adhered to the one way system so dutifully. Thanks - it has led to a very calm and settled start to the school year.



Elsewhere in the school, we are hoping that you have already been hearing about the latest addition to our OPAL playground - tyres & teddies! Who would have thought that such simple things would bring so much joy to the entire school. The children have loved making up new uses for old tyres. Their imaginations, it seems, are in overdrive. As well as making the playground more engaging and fun for the children, we are already seeing a marked decrease in playground disputes and dysregulation at the end of break times. It's a win win! Even more fun awaits as we introduce next week's new additions - foam and freedom! We will explain more in next week's newsletter...



Edmund Waller PTA
FUNDRAISING FOR 2024/25

£28,010

• Half Marathon, 10KM, Swim Serpentine	£2,930
• Fancy Dress sale	£360
• Winter Fair	£8,000
• Book and Wonky Bar sale	£950
• Tesco grant	£1,000
• Mini Marathon	£2,020
• Disco	£3,600
• Summer Fair and Raffle	£7,700
• Y6 leavers fundraising	£1,150
• Take one picture refreshments	£300

Money raised went towards:

- New Ahlberg kitchen for food education
- New climbing frame astroturf
- £6k towards school trips
- OPAL play
- School gardens

PTA MEETING
FRI 26TH SEP
2.30PM
- ALL WELCOME!



Met the Teacher

It has been so nice to see so many of you for this week's Meet the Teacher. Each session was really well attended and hopefully you now have a face for the name(s) you will be hearing all year. For those of you unable to attend the presentations, shared on the evening, will be available via your child's TEAMS accounts and on class pages of the website by the beginning of next week.

Another Gorgeous Classroom

As well as the numerous building projects taken on by the school, we were also very fortunate to have one of our classrooms decorated by a team of decorators - this was organised by Dan Woodham and his company G & V Contracts - they made Stream class sparkle and did this for free - including materials! We are very grateful for this contribution to improving the school - Thanks.

Big Half

A huge or (perhaps that should be BIG?) thanks to those plucky souls who ran last weekend's Big Half to raise money for the PTA. It's not too late to donate click [here](#), or on the Big Half logo, to be taken to the EW PTA Just Giving page. A shout out to Andrew, Becky, Chloe, Joe, Lara, Marie, Mark and Samuel for taking this challenge on!

Individual Photographs

We are delighted to be able to let you know that Justin and David, our school photographers, are coming in next week to take individual photographs of all children next Wednesday (Nurs - Y2) and Thursday (Y3 - Y6) - we cannot give an exact time and will do our best to accommodate photos of children who are absent on a given day.

Acceptable Usage

Probably our biggest challenge as a school and for you as families is navigating the use of the internet and social media. To help clarify our expectations and as a guide to what your child will experience, we have sent out our Parental Agreement. This weekend, please read over this, share the relevant parts with your children and sign to confirm you have seen this. You can access the agreement [here](#).

Keep on reading...

Congratulations and thanks to all of the children and families who have taken part in the Summer Reading Challenge at Lewisham Libraries this year.

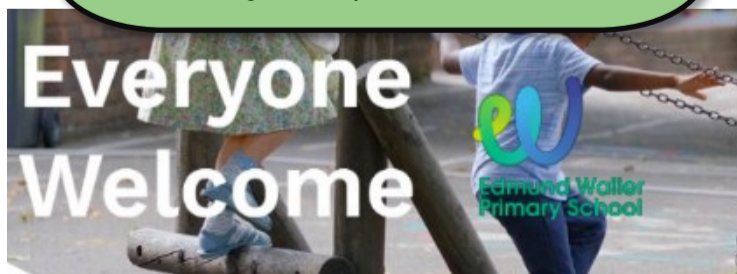
If you haven't completed your challenge yet - don't panic! The Challenge doesn't end until Sunday 21st September - so there is still time to tell us about your books and earn your medal.

If you *have* completed your challenge - keep on reading! Come and see us soon at Lewisham Libraries.

Summer Reading Challenge



Lewisham Library
Summer Reading
Challenge



School Tours

If you are reading this you definitely don't need a tour - although you are all very welcome! ;) However, we have set our Autumn Tour Dates for families with a child due to start Reception in September 2026. Please share this link/newsletter with any families you think might be interested! Click on the banner for dates & Eventbrite link.

Autumn Term #1
Weds 17.09 & Thurs 18.09 - Individual Photographs
Fri 26th Sept - PTA Meeting
Parent Teacher Meetings
Tues 21st & Weds 22nd Oct
HALF TERM (& Playscheme)
Mon 27th - Fri 31st October



WINTER PERFORMANCES 2025

Monday 1st December, 4.10pm, Rosen Hall

Y1 Choir performance

Thursday, 4th December, 8.30am, Rosen Hall

Early Birds performance

Thursday, 4th December, 2.30pm, St Catherine's Church

Lower Phase Christmas concert

Thursday, 4th December, 4.10pm, Rosen Hall

Upper Phase Choir performance

Friday 5th, 8.30am, Rosen Hall

Orchestra performance for parents

Friday 5th, 2.30pm, St Catherine's Church

Upper Phase Christmas concert

Friday, 5th December, 4.10pm, Rosen Hall

Lower Phase Choir performance

Saturday, 6th December, Rosen Hall

PTA Christmas Fair

1.30pm Y2 – 6 choirs

Thursday, 11th December, 9.30am, Rosen Hall

Y1 show

Friday, 12th December, 2.45pm, Rosen Hall

Reception Concert

Save the date:

Thursday, 11th June, 6pm Y2 – 6 Concert at Goldsmiths