

## THIS WEEK'S NEWS

- 22.09.25 - CLUBS START
- 26.09.25 - PTA AGM

- LAST OPAL Update (FOR NOW!)

- 2025-26 Playscheme Dates Published
- SCHOOL TOURS - Filling Up

# Edmund Waller WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

19th September 2025

## OPAL Mining!

There be gems galore out there in the playground... We now have had our first full week of OPAL play, moving from #FreedomFridays to #FreedomAllDays. The children have had the best of times - they have tyres, foam, teddies and are free to roam. We have also introduced the new Reception children to the main playground. Inevitably we have had a few bumps and lumps as the children work out how to navigate the new space and freedom. This is to be expected, we will monitor this and watch for hotspots.

What has been really lovely has been seeing the children coming up with new creative ways to play with their tyres and toys. The fact that the whole playground is now open to all ages, means that we are seeing some gorgeous collaboration between the younger and older children.

OPAL has featured heavily in the first few newsletters, so we will leave the playground to develop for a bit before we write any more... If you have any feedback, please send emails to [hello@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:hello@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk)



### PTA AGM

Below you will see the mind-boggling amount of money that the PTA raised last year. Wowzer! The PTA are keen to innovate and try new ideas. If you have an idea or would like to be involved in the PTA community, then you are invited to join them at their PTA AGM, which is being held, **@2:30pm Friday 26th September**, in Cooke Hall, here at school. Come along and see what they have got planned for the year!



### Holiday Plans? Already...

We know we have only just begun... But we have published all the dates for all the playschemes planned for 2025-2026. If you are a school member, you will automatically receive the updates and booking information. We are open to the wider community, if your child has friends who attend another school, they can also come along - get them to register their details by sharing the [this link](#). You can see the planned dates by clicking on the link below:

[PLAYSCHEME DATES 2025-2026](#)

### Clubs and Enrichment Discount

The expansive Edmund Waller enrichment offer opens its doors from Monday 22nd September. As clubs start, you will find that there is an 'enrichment' discount for EWrap afterschool club bookings. Please only use this option for the day your child is attending an enrichment club.

### 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](#).

### Edmund Waller PTA FUNDRAISING FOR 2024/25

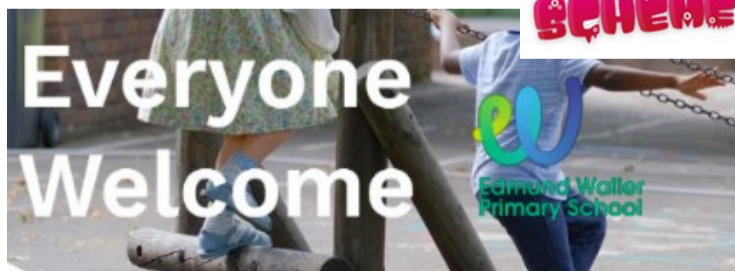
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- Half Marathon, 10KM, Swim Serpentine £2,930
- Fancy Dress sale £360
- Winter Fair £8,000
- Book and Wonky Bar sale £950
- Tesco grant £1,000
- Mini Marathon £2,020
- Disco £3,600
- Summer Fair and Raffle £7,700
- Y6 leavers fundraising £1,150
- Take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

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



### Filling Up Fast!

Almost as popular as the tickets for a bunch of middle aged Mancunians, we are **SOLD OUT** for the first two dates. If you know anyone with a child who is due to start Reception in September 2026, please share this newsletter with them. The link to the dates and tickets can be found by clicking on the banner above.

### Autumn Term #1

**Fri 26th Sept - PTA Meeting**

**Parent Teacher Meetings**

**Tues 21st & Weds 22nd Oct  
HALF TERM (& Playscheme)**

**Mon 27th - Fri 31st October**

Go, PTA, Go!



## **WINTER PERFORMANCES 2025**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 4.10pm, Rosen Hall**

**Y1 Choir performance**

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> December, 8.30am, Rosen Hall**

**Early Birds performance**

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2.30pm, St Catherine's Church**

**Lower Phase Christmas concert**

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> December, 4.10pm, Rosen Hall**

**Upper Phase Choir performance**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>, 8.30am, Rosen Hall**

**Orchestra performance for parents**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>, 2.30pm, St Catherine's Church**

**Upper Phase Christmas concert**

**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 4.10pm, Rosen Hall**

**Lower Phase Choir performance**

**Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, Rosen Hall**

**PTA Christmas Fair**

**1.30pm Y2 – 6 choirs**

**Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am, Rosen Hall**

**Y1 show**

**Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2.45pm, Rosen Hall**

**Reception Concert**

**Save the date:**

**Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm Y2 – 6 Concert at Goldsmiths**