



# Edgewood Primary School

## Building skills and values for life

Friday, 5 September 2025

### Newsletter

Welcome back to school everyone, it has been lovely to see all the children back in school and looking very smart! They have all settled into their classes wonderfully and the behaviour has been impeccable. We are certainly starting as we mean to go on!

Ed Seeley,  
Headteacher



### Attendance

Please see the article below relating to an interview with the Secretary of State for Education on how important it is for children's attendance to get off to a great start at the beginning of the academic year.

[Minister warns parents on school attendance ahead of new term - BBC News](#)

**Congratulations to Green, Yellow, Orange, Rosa, Rojo and Morado classes for a weekly attendance of 100% - keep it up!**

Please remember to report absences for children daily – even if we have sent them home the day before. Thank you.

### Diary dates for this term

#### **September**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Residential online meeting, Link to follow 5pm

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Parent briefing 2.45pm - Year 5 and 6

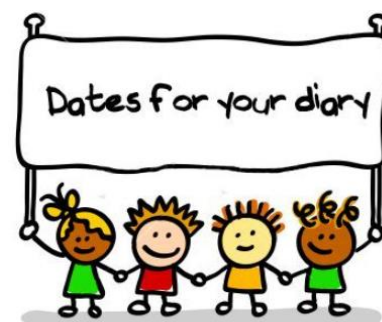
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Parent briefing 2.45pm - Year 1 and 2

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September - Parent briefing 2.45pm - Year 3 and 4

#### **October**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Individual School Photos

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Year 5/6 York residential



### Class Achievers

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September, we will celebrate the achievements of the following children for being our weekly achievers. The Rainbow class achiever will be celebrated in their classroom.

Nursery & Reception		Years 1 & 2		Years 3 & 4		Years 5 & 6	
<u>Rainbow</u>	<b>Winnie</b>	<u>Blue</u>	<b>Maisie</b>	<u>Amarillo</u>	<b>Natalia</b>	<u>Azul</u>	<b>Angharad</b>
<u>Green</u>	<b>Teyah</b>	<u>Orange</u>	<b>Cora</b>	<u>Rosa</u>	<b>Hayden</b>	<u>Morado</u>	<b>Ivey-Leigh</b>
<u>Red</u>	<b>India</b>	<u>Yellow</u>	<b>Francesca</b>	<u>Verde</u>	<b>Josie</b>	<u>Rojo</u>	<b>Mia</b>



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## **Gates**

Just to confirm which gate children will need to go through, to get to their new classes: -

- The gate facing Nursery is for Nursery and Reception (Rainbow, Red and Green)
- The gate by the school office is for Year 1 and 2 (Blue, Orange and Yellow)
- The gate at the top of the playground is for Year 3 and 4 (Amarillo, Rosa and Verde)
- The gate by the pond is for Year 5 and 6 (Azul, Morado and Rojo)

## **Free School Meal Applications/Pupil Premium**

We want to make sure as many eligible pupils as possible are claiming their Free School Meals (FSM) and Nottinghamshire County Council want to make it as easy as possible for parents. Even if you have a child in Reception and KS1 and they receive funded meals (Universal), if you feel you meet the Free School Meal/ Pupil Premium eligibility criteria, it is important you still apply. Once your child is registered as Free School Meals, they become part of Pupil Premium, and this will unlock extra funding for your child. We use this additional funding for the following (among other strategies):

- Pastoral Support Leads within school
- Additional TA led interventions to support reading, writing & maths
- Enrichment activities
- Small group tuition
- New approaches to support and enhance teaching

Children of families who receive one of the following support payments are eligible to receive free school meals:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after the person stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

In addition, if you qualify for FSM, your child/ren will also be entitled to free milk in school through the 'Cool Milk' scheme. Parents may apply for free school meals in a number of ways:

- Apply online <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk>
- Telephone the Team on 0300 500 8080. If successful, the process will be completed by the end of the call. You will need ready your National Insurance Number or National Asylum Support Service Reference Number, your surname and date of birth.
- You may also request that a new family member is added to an existing claim.

The purpose of the Pupil Premium fund is to improve the educational attainment of the children entitled and to ensure that they are not disadvantaged in any way. It is therefore important that if you are entitled to any of the benefits outlined in the FSM eligibility criteria, you register your child via Nottinghamshire County Council as soon as possible.

## **Coats**

Reminder - please can parents ensure that children have suitable coats and shoes for the changing weather conditions.

## **Appropriate footwear for nursery children**

Please can nursery children wear filled in shoes such as trainers/school shoes - no open-toe sandals or crocs/sliders please for safety when playing outside. Thank you.

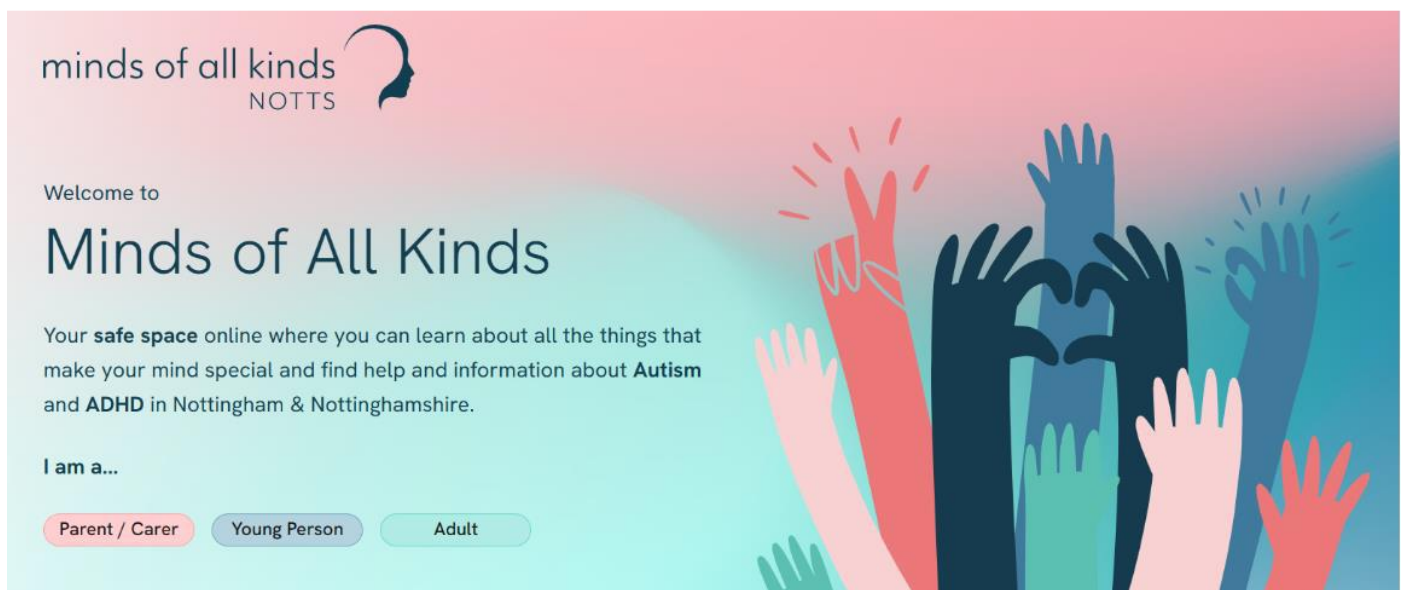
## **Prime Minister's Letter to Parents**

Please see the attached link to the letter the Prime Minister has written for all parents. This also gives you access to The Education Hub, which is a site for parents, pupils, education professionals and the media that captures all you need to know about the education system. You'll find accessible, straightforward information on popular topics, Q&As, interviews, case studies and more.

[https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2025/09/prime-ministers-letter-to-parents-and-carers-on-best-start-in-life/?es\\_c=B55B3DC4AE043055310525E48301A191&es\\_ci=71C9A2D5AD3C3E8AE36E2D78BB80601B&es\\_id=ph7%c2%a3o1](https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2025/09/prime-ministers-letter-to-parents-and-carers-on-best-start-in-life/?es_c=B55B3DC4AE043055310525E48301A191&es_ci=71C9A2D5AD3C3E8AE36E2D78BB80601B&es_id=ph7%c2%a3o1)

## **Minds of All Kinds**

The content and design for Mind of All Kinds have been co-produced with parents, carers and young people with neurodevelopmental lived experience, as well as experts from the NHS, education, local authorities and local charities. Here you will be able to find information about services available to you and access articles about a range of difficulties you and your child may be facing. As you navigate the website, you can opt in to content as a parent/carers, young person, or adult and can alter your option on the bar at the top. Please follow this link to the website [www.mindsofallkindsnotts.co.uk](http://www.mindsofallkindsnotts.co.uk)



## **Author John Dougherty to visit Edgewood Primary School, Nottingham on Monday 30 September 2025.**

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September, children at Edgewood Primary School are in for a real treat when author, poet and song writer John Dougherty visits them. John is the author of the hugely popular Ketchup and Stinkbomb and the Zeus fiction series, as well as the gloriously poignant picture books The Hare Shaped Hole and the Bear Shaped Hole. His book Zeus Sorts it Out was a previous Times Children's Book of the Year and his picture book There's A Pig Up My Nose won the 2018 Oscar's Book Prize. As the visit is taking place in National Poetry Day week, he will be delighting the children with poems from his collection Zooming the Zoo.

Born in Northern Ireland but now living in England, John taught in primary schools for eleven years. He now happily combines writing with school visits and festival events, plus the odd bit of singing and the occasional marathon. Like his books, John's talks are funny and entertaining even when he is making a serious point. His performances consist of dramatised readings of his books, Q&A time, plus poems and songs.

The visit is part of a Literacy Project funded by the Bookmark Charity working with Authors Aloud UK, taking authors into schools across the UK. A selection of John's books are also being gifted to the school by Bookmark. The aim is that by meeting the authors, children will be encouraged to increase their reading for pleasure and develop their creative writing skills, and it will support the literacy work that is done in the school.



Authors Aloud UK

### **Menu changes**

Unfortunately, we have an issue with one of the ovens in the school kitchen, which will mean a couple of menu changes for next week, please see below:

- Wednesday - mashed potatoes instead of roast potatoes
- Friday - twisty Pasta instead of jacket potato

# The Healthy Family Team

(Health Visitor & School Nurse)

FREE health advice and support for families with children  
aged 0-19 years living in Nottinghamshire.

**ADVICE LINE: Please telephone 0300 123 5436**

*Parentline*

**Text: 07520 619919**

A free confidential **text**  
messaging service for families  
with children aged 0-19 years  
living in Nottinghamshire.

A free health website for  
children and families  
living in Nottinghamshire.

[www.healthforkids.co.uk](http://www.healthforkids.co.uk)



**Health For Kids**

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 School Holidays       Public Holidays       Administration Day

**Autumn Term**

1 September - 17 October 7 weeks

3 November - 19 December 7 weeks

**Spring Term**

5 January - 13 February 6 weeks

23 February - 27 March 5 weeks

**Summer Term**

13 April - 22 May 5 weeks 4 days

1 June - 27 July 8 weeks 1 day

 INSET days