



# Edison Primary School

## Weekly News

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### Hot Chocolate with Mrs Dokal

Congratulations to all our hot chocolate winners for this week!



This week we are so proud to announce that Jorsh Chouhan and Zain Ali from Year 3, Faraday Class have now reached half a million words. Riya Khunti from Year 4, Carson Class and Tabitha Chouhan from Year 6, have both reached a million words.

### Word Count Millionaire

We are delighted to announce our current word count millionaire readers in KS2! They are proudly wearing their brand new, golden word millionaire badges so we can all celebrate their achievements!



### Pupil Councillor Update



Our Pupil Councillors have been very busy this term! On behalf of their classes, they met with our kitchen team and made suggestions for some new dishes. Watch this space for!



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### Celebrating 100% Attendance

We have had 91 children who received 100% attendance certificates for the Autumn Term with a sticker and badge. This is a great achievement, Congratulations to all the children. Hope we have more in the Spring Term.



### Reception



### Years 1 & 2



### Years 3 & 4



### Year 5 & 6

### Drop Off and Collection

All children from Reception to Years 6 can come to school from 8.35am ready for an 8.45am start. Please drop off and pick up your child(ren) as follows:

Reception – Main Pupil Entrance Gate

Year 1 – External Main Hall Doors (door closest to car park gate)

Year 2 – External Main Hall Doors (middle set of hall doors)

Year 3 – External Small Hall Doors (door closest to the school office)

For Years 4 to 6 Drop off – Main Pupil Entrance Gate.

Pick Up at 3.45pm from the following areas:

Year 4 – Last set of Double Doors past Year 5 near the Green Gate.

Year 5 – Science Room past Reception Playground

Year 6 – First Fire Exit Doors near Pupil Entrance Gate.

### Breakfast and After School Club

Our 'Early Birds' breakfast club runs from 8am, and 'Night Owls' after school club runs from 3.45pm to 5.45pm, every day. Parents can book their child's sessions on ParentPay 48 hours in advance. Please note that the following charges apply:

*'Early Birds' Breakfast Club - £4 per session (45 minutes)*

*'Night Owls' After School Club - £6 for one hour and £12 for two hours.*

If you need to book a slot at short notice, please contact the School Office to check that spaces are available.

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### **Attendance – Late Arrivals**

If your child/ren are late in the mornings, please bring them to the school office so that they can be signed in by their adult. The office team can assist you if you need help with the electronic sign in system. Please **DO NOT** drop them off at the gate so that they have to come into school on their own.

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### **Early Pick-Up Procedure**

If you need to collect your child/ren early for any reason, please email [info@edisonprimary.org](mailto:info@edisonprimary.org) with the reason for the early collection. This will be passed onto Mrs Dokal for authorisation.

If the collection is for a medical appointment, you need to provide proof of the appointment. This should be sent or shown to the office at least 24 hours before the appointment takes place.

To help the attendance of the pupils and ensure that they are getting the best out of their education, early collection is not permitted unless authorised by Mrs Dokal in a reply to your email.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

### **Car Parking**

Please remember that parking on school premises is for **STAFF ONLY**. If you have to drive to school, please support our children's health and safety by parking a short way away and walking to school with your child.

**Please** support us by parking with consideration, taking care not to block local residents' driveways. Please avoid double parking and pulling up on bus routes, as this disrupts the flow of traffic outside our school and can be dangerous.

Also please remember parking on double yellow lines is **NOT** permitted at any time.

We would like to say a big thank you to all those parents that are mindful to our neighbours when parking.

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### **Scooters and Bikes**

We would like to remind you that if your child rides a scooter or bike to school, you must park it in the bike sheds near the main school entrance. Please also keep them locked wherever possible.

Scooters and bikes should only be left here for the duration of the school day. Please **DO NOT** leave them overnight, or over the weekend, as we cannot monitor this and so would be at your own risk.

We appreciate your support with this.

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### **Bringing Children to School**

Your child should arrive at school by **8.45am**. The school gates open from 8.35am, so you can drop your child at their year group entrance from this time onwards.

Please ensure you support your child by ensuring they arrive on time and ready to learn. As stated above, any late arrivals need to come, with their parent or carer, to the school office.

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please inform the school office by **8.30am** at the latest, using our automated telephone service and choosing Option 1.

Lateness, at either end of the school day, is disruptive and can make the children anxious. Please make every effort to arrive at school on time to help your child have the best school experience possible.





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Persistent latecomers (more than three episodes) will be referred to Mrs Dokal and, if the lateness is not then resolved, will be passed onto the Education Welfare Officer for further action.

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### **Night Owls Collection**

Our school office closes at **4.30pm**. If you are picking up your child from After School Club after this time, please use the bell at the school office entrance, and Mrs Mahal or Mrs Gill will come to meet you, and fetch your child from the club. If you have rung the bell and there is no answer, please call the school mobile: 07814 021729. This will only be necessary on the occasions that the children are taken outside to play.

We appreciate your support with this.

### **Enrichment Clubs**

All Enrichment Clubs can be booked via ParentPay, except for our Music and Drama clubs.

The booking system has now been activated. Please ensure that you log into your account to book and make **full** payment for the club(s) that they would like to attend. All clubs have a limited number of spaces and will run on a 'first come first served' basis.

**Please note:** If your child attended a club in Autumn Term, they **will not be** automatically enrolled for Spring Term Clubs. The staff in the school office are not able to book children into the

clubs, nor reserve any spaces if payment has not been made. However, if you have any questions about how to book, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Pallan-Sharma.

If you are booking for guitar, bass guitar, keyboard or singing, please email Miss Gould directly, specifying if you would like your child to have 'one to one' lesson or 'one to two' lessons. If you are booking for drama club, please also contact Miss Gould.

**The deadline to book your child for a club is Friday 15th December 2023. After this date we will not be allowing children to join any clubs.**



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<b>Wednesday 20 December</b>	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day
<b>Wednesday 20 December</b>	Last Day of Term school closes 1:30pm
<b>Monday 8 January 2024</b>	Pupils return to school
<b>Monday 8 January 2024</b>	All Enrichment Clubs begin

### Thought of the Week

Equipped with his five senses, man explores the universe around him and calls the adventure Science.  
Edwin Powell Hubble



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Please share this week's Picture News with your child/children!

### IN THE SPOTLIGHT

YOUR WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

## Bobsleigh Bronze



**Pictured:** Adele Nicoll and Kya Placide celebrate winning Bronze and in their 2-woman Bobsleigh.  
**Source:** Adele Nicoll GB Athlete Facebook page.

Adele Nicoll and Kya Placide are celebrating winning Bronze for Great Britain in the 2-woman International Bobsleigh & Skeleton Federation (IBSF) Europe Cup in Lillehammer, Norway. Adele, a Commonwealth Games shot-putter, who has only started bobsleighbing in the last few years and has only this year learned how to pilot, commented that her athlete teammate, Kya, didn't even know what a bobsleigh was a year ago! The sliding sport of bobsleigh involves teams making timed runs down narrow, twisting, ice tracks. Team members run and push the

bobsleigh to start, then jump into their gravity-powered sleigh to race down the track as quickly as possible. 'It was our first ever two-woman race, and we got bronze!' Adele Nicoll said proudly about winning her first-ever bobsleigh medal, 'Not only did we podium, but we had the fastest push start on run two and top three on run one! I am so proud of what we have achieved. It takes a team to get results. Thank you to every single person who supports us.'

**Have you ever thought of trying a new sport? If you have, what would you like to try?**



## Bedtime Bananas

The Sleep Charity has announced its five top tips for getting better quality sleep and bananas have been revealed as one of the best things to eat before bedtime to help you get a good night's rest. Research shows that eating fruit as part of the last meal of the day helps you to sleep well as it encourages the body to produce melatonin, a hormone that naturally increases whilst you sleep. Bananas are thought to be especially good as they contain high levels of magnesium and potassium, which help relax muscles, and amino acids, which lead to the production of brain-calming hormones. Be careful not to eat too much before you try to drift off though, as a large meal in the evening can hinder your sleep! Lisa Artis from The Sleep Charity explains why good sleep is



**Pictured:** A person holding a banana (top right) and A bunch of bananas (above). **Source:** Canva.



crucial for everyone saying, 'Sleep is hugely important to leading a healthier and happier life, and we want everyone to share that sentiment and understand the importance of sleep as part of a balanced and healthy lifestyle. Building a good sleep routine, and sticking to it, will help increase positivity and reduce levels of stress, meaning people can start the New Year feeling refreshed.' The other tips to follow include having some screen-free time, meditating, reading a book or taking a bath instead. Also mentioned was creating an 'ideal bedroom environment' to sleep well, which was described as tidy, cool, dark and quiet.

**Can you share any more hints or tips that people can use to sleep better?**

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### Chipping the Ball

It has been announced that the Adidas Fussballliebe, meaning 'love of football', will be the official match ball used at the men's Euro 2024. The ball will help referees give quicker offside and handball decisions. The 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the European football tournament will take place in Germany, from 14<sup>th</sup> June to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024. The special ball will use a rechargeable motion sensor at its centre that can send real-time data to video officials. This will be able to tell officials exactly when the ball was touched but not by which part of the player's body. Video assistant referees (VAR), who aid the referee by watching video footage of the match and providing



**Pictured:** Euro 2024 trophy cup and the Adidas Fussballliebe football. **Source:** UEFA EURO 2024 Facebook page.

#### BALL HISTORY



**Pictured:** 40 years of football ball history. **Source:** UEFA EURO 2024 Facebook page.

advice to the referee, will then use this information, along with limb-tracking, technology to determine whether a handball has occurred. A spokesperson for UEFA (the governing body responsible for the European Championships), said that the Connected Ball Technology will be used for the first time in the tournament's history. 'Combining player position data with artificial intelligence (AI), the innovation contributes to UEFA's semi-automated offside technology and will be key to supporting faster in-match decisions,' said UEFA. 'The technology can also help VAR officials identify every individual touch of the ball, further reducing time spent resolving handball and penalty incidents.'

**How would you try to make football fairer?**

Last week's topic:

**What is it like to live through an uncertain time?**



I don't think I would like to live through an uncertain time, but I think if I did, I would learn from it and have more courage for the future.

**Gemma**

Really scary and worrying, you might even have to move country and learn a new language and you might not have friends.

**Sam**

Scary because living in an uncertain times is very unpredictable especially with a natural disaster. Even though scientists are finding out ways to discover when it could happen it's still not very accurate.

**Marcus**

**Let us know what you think about this week's news?**

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### TAKEHOME



Are decorations an important part of celebrations?



### In the news this week

Twinpike Way, a street in York, is also known as Twinklepike Way as usually in December, every home is lit up with incredible festive lights to raise money for charity. The residents started putting up the lights in 2000 and since then, hundreds of people have come to visit them. After 20 years and raising over £100,000 for charities, the homeowners have collectively decided that it's time for a break this year, partly due to the ages of the residents. Rising energy bills and the closure of the local bank branch, where the donations are typically paid, added to the decision.

#### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your thoughts about the decorations in the poster image. Do you like to see homes with lots of decorations outside? Are there any in your local area?
- > Can you think of different times when you use decorations? Is there a particular time when you enjoy decorating your home or classroom?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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# Accelerated Reader News



Well done to all the students in KS2 who have been reading daily at home and taking quizzes. Congratulations to the following 7 students who have reached one million words or above in their AR Quizzes. Most of these children had the privilege to have lunch with Mrs. Dokal in her office as VIP readers as well as receiving a shiny, golden badge from Mrs. Kochhar!

Name:	Class:	Word count:
Kavin Seyasudaan	Goodall	3,445,527
Hanush Wadhwa	Hawking	1,445,446
Alexander Goraya	Jemison	1,329,801
Kartik Kamble	Carson	1,269,304
Anxhelo Alia	Einstein	1,222,279
Karandeep Bansal	Jemison	1,023,119
Tabitha Chohan	Einstein	1,004,869

## Number of words read by each class in order of word count:



Class:	Year Group:	Word count:
Jemison	Year 5	7,553,809
Goodall	Year 4	6,655,687
Einstein	Year 6	5,440,452
Hawking	Year 6	4,543,299
Armstrong	Year 5	3,577,486
Carson	Year 4	3,108,710
Faraday	Year 3	2,176,036
Curie	Year 3	871,651

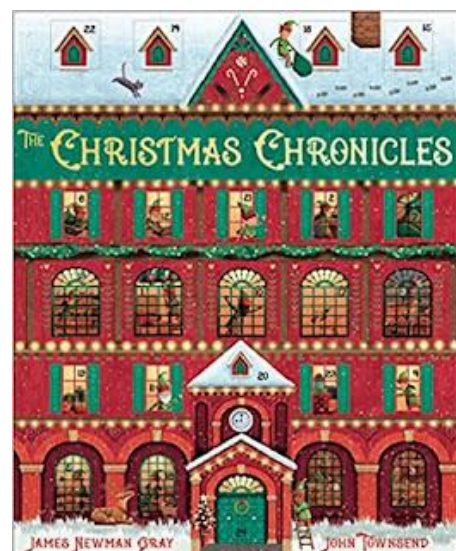
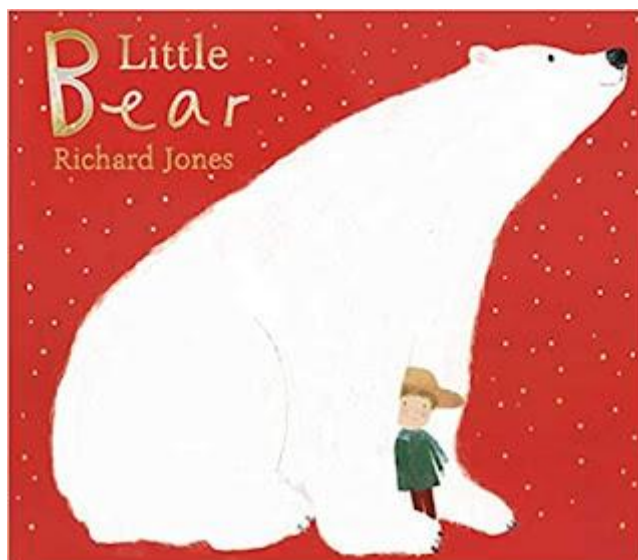
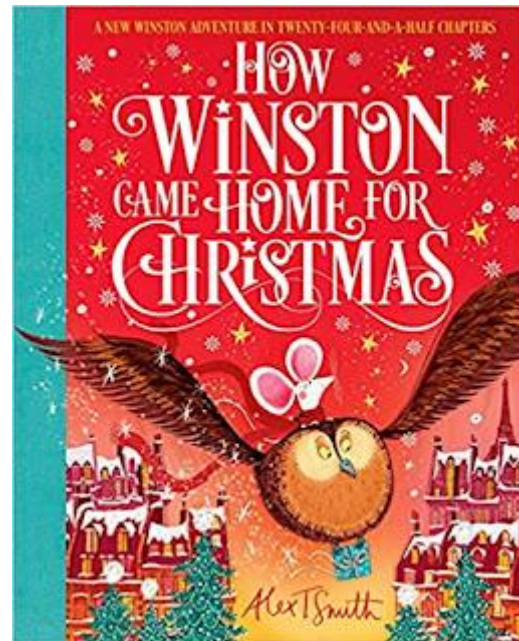
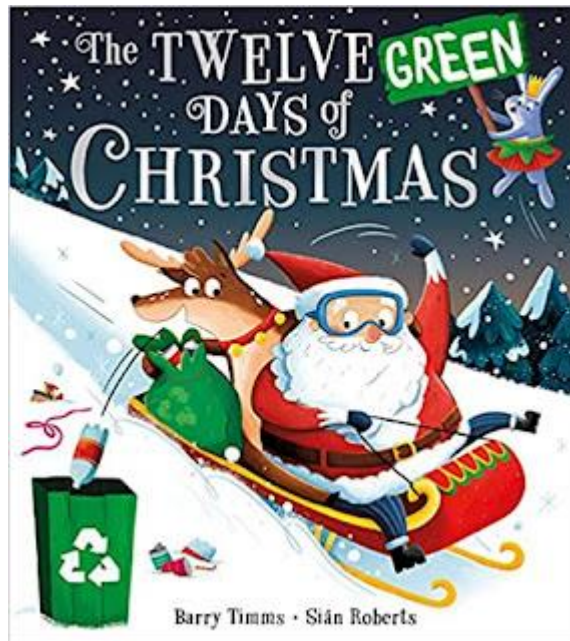
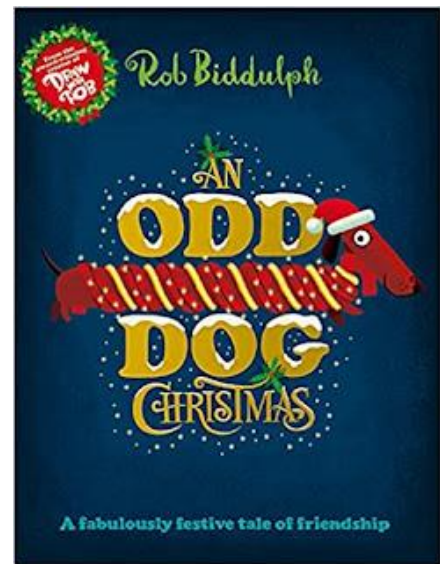
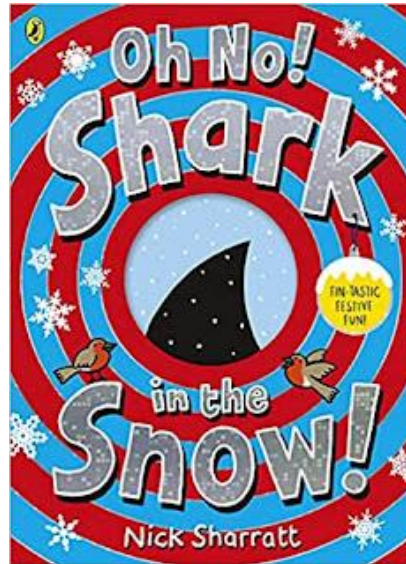
Please support us by encouraging your child to read every day for at least 20 to 30 minutes at home. Remember, it isn't just about how many words you have read...it is about how well you are passing your quizzes!

## Accelerated Reader Book Finder:

The dedicated online book-searching tool Accelerated Reader BookFinder is publicly available to students, parents, and students so they can identify if your home books are at the correct ZPD level for your child. Website address: [www.arbookfind.co.uk](http://www.arbookfind.co.uk)



## Recommended Festive Reads





## Edison's special book delivery by Santa!

Thank you Santa for gifting each class with the recommended reads for each year group! All the children are excited about the wrapped up book gifts and cannot wait to unwrap and reveal the books. Each class will read these texts as part of reading for pleasure and/or read aloud texts together.

