

# East Boldon Infant School

## Newsletter



January 2026



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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the new school term! It was certainly a bit of a shock having the snowfall on our first day back—but the children all spoke about the wonderful time they had building snowmen and sledging at the weekend which was wonderful to hear. I hope the Christmas holidays were a happy one with lots of lovely memories made!



Happy  
New Year

As we move into this new term, we have plenty of exciting things happening and taking place. There are a few key diary dates for parents and carers about coming into school for some events—parent workshops for some learning alongside your child and a session for sharing your child's workbooks with them. Please note that for these sessions it does not have to be a parent, it could be a family member who joins us—auntie/uncle/grandma/grandad. We also have book sharing sessions to look forward to and a chance for yourselves or again family members to come along and share all of the work your child has worked on over the last term.

We have set our days for Parents Evening chats that will take place after half term. These will both be face to face this time in our school hall. Of course, if you need a longer time slot than the ten minutes, please do see your child's class teacher and this can be arranged for a separate time. Details will be sent very soon.

Also included on the newsletter is some information linked to our curriculum and learning for this term. This will allow you to see the focus for your child's class. Staff are already looking into booking trips/visitors to support the learning of these topics and future topics so we will keep you posted on these. Some have already been booked in and your support with the costings for these trips is so valuable to allow us to keep the trips going. I am fully aware of the cost increases and as a school, we always look to subsidise as much as we possibly can to support our families.

We are all excited to get the working term started and to see lots more wonderful learning taking place! As always, your child's education is a partnership between home and school to achieve the best outcomes for our children and if we can help/support you in any way, please don't hesitate to speak to your class teacher or make an appointment with myself.

Many Thanks,  
Miss Holt

For our Year 2 parents—please remember the closing date for the Junior School applications is **Thursday 15th January.**

All information has been sent to parents/carers regarding how to apply—but if you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to myself or Mrs Elliott or contact the Admissions Team directly.

*A few Diary Dates coming up please take a note of key dates...*

- Parent/Carer workshops in school coming up in school:
  - Monday 19th January (am) YEAR 2 workshop**
  - Tuesday 20th January (am) YEAR 1 workshop**
  - Wednesday 21st January RECEPTION (Class 5) Phonics Workshop—2 sessions pm**
  - Thursday 29th January RECEPTION (Class 6) Phonics Workshop—2 sessions**
- Monday 26th January—Year 2 to visit West Boldon Lodge—Details have been sent
- W/B 9th February—Children's Mental Health Week— additional information about the week to be sent to parents/carers.
- W/B 9th February—Computing Week in school
- Tuesday 10th February—Safer Internet Day in School
- Parent/Carer workbook sharing sessions (a separate information Arbor message will follow...please keep dates/times free!)
  - Monday 16th February YEAR 1 2.30pm—3pm (early home time if not staying for club)**
  - Tuesday 17th YEAR 2 2.30pm—3pm (early home time if not staying for club)**
  - Wednesday 18th February RECEPTION 2.30pm—3pm (early home time)**

**Friday 20th February—Break up for half term**  
**MONDAY 2ND MARCH—SCHOOL RETURNS**

Miss Holt loves a quote!

"You are never too old to set another goal or dream another dream"  
CL Lewis

Our new Character Focus

This term our new CHARACTER Focus will be **Resilience**. We will be sharing an assembly together and thinking of how we can show Resilience in and out of school

Chinese New Year 2026—Tuesday 17th February –It's the Year of the Horse!

We feel it is really important for the children to be aware of lots of different cultures/religions as well as our own British Values too. Across school an in assemblies we will talk about Chinese New Year celebrations!

'Kung Hey Fat Choy!'



Children's Mental Health Week W/B 9th February

The theme this year is "This is my place". Across the week we will be talking and sharing activities around supporting children to help them feel they belong. It fits perfectly in with our "Community" character.

Safer Internet Day—Tuesday 10th February

Each year we recognise the importance of being safe citizens of computers and the internet on Safer Internet Day. This compliments our Computing curriculum and the work we do through Kidsafe. We will be sending some information to yourselves with links to support you with safety when using computers /tablets/IPads at home



Snow is falling...all around...children playing...having fun!



We were all surprised to see the snowfall on our return to school this week. Although driving and walking around can be a little daunting...it is certainly LOTS of fun for our children! I know how much fun they all had at the weekend before coming back to school. Although we had to rotate classes, all managed some time in the yard playing in the snow which was wonderful!



## Reception Curriculum

### Our Learning Questions this term.

Are our toys more exciting than toys from long ago?

Who are the famous characters from our fairy tales?

What do seeds need to grow?  
Why is exercise important?

Can you look at toys at home?  
Compare toys from parents/  
grandparents? Maybe create a little  
toys shop at home?

Can you read lots of fairy stories?



## Year 1 Curriculum

### Our Learning Questions this term.

Where is the South Pole? Who lives there and has anyone travelled to the Poles? Are all of the animals in the world the same?

Why can't an Emperor Penguin live in Kenya?

Can you do some of your own research at home about the South Pole? Use books from the library or iPads?

Research Emperor Penguin. Look at Kenya...where is this country? Look at maps/globes to identify Kenya.



## Year 2 Curriculum

### Our Learning Questions this term.

Why did the Great Fire of London start? How does it compare to the Great Fire of Gateshead? How can we rebuild London to prevent another Great Fire?

How is life different for a child in China?

Can you do some of your own research at home about the Great Fire of London? Use books from the library or iPads?

Look at maps, where is China in relation to England?

