

East Boldon Infant School

Newsletter

September 2026

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to all of our families. I hope you have all had an amazing summer and lovely time spent with family and friends. A special welcome to our new Reception families who have joined us—we hope you and your child have a wonderful time at our school across the three years.

It has been such a pleasure welcoming the children back to school with such happy faces! We have a lovely transition few weeks planned in to allow the children time to settle into their new classrooms and become familiar with staff and routines. It has been a pleasure to walk around school! We look forward to welcoming in our Reception children full time next week and moving forwards with the exciting term.

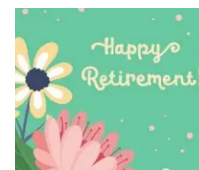
Particularly in these early stages, could parents/carers ensure that they make themselves clearly visible to staff—this may mean moving forwards to enable staff to have clear sight of whoever is collecting.

Before the summer break, we had a few staffing changes in school. Mrs Verity (Reception, Class 6 teacher) is now formally in place as our Deputy Head Teacher and we are excited to work together as a Leadership Team to continue our journey for our school. We are now in the process of recruiting a class teacher and SENDCo for our school, to join us in working together to bring a new level of fresh ideas and vision to progress forwards and build upon our "Strong" Ofsted Inspection in May. We would be happy for parents/carers to share this post with anyone who they think would be interested in applying or indeed make an appointment to visit our lovely school! Share away!

Returning to school, Mrs Johnson, our long serving Teaching Assistant who has been with us for 26 years has made the decision to take early retirement at the end of this month to spend more time with her family. It will be sad to see her leave and I know parents/carers will join us in wishing her well as she leaves us.

Of course, celebrations to mark her time with us will be in place closer to the time.

Recruitment for Mrs Johnson's Teaching Assistant position has also begun.....so again a shout out to share this post to help us find another star staff member for our school would be appreciated!



Last year, we successfully held "Meet the Teacher" events to support parents getting to know our teachers. We have planned these dates in early again to give parents/carers the opportunity to meet staff and have a short introduction to the new year groups. A revision of the dates and times shared last week:

Monday 22nd September, 2.30-3.00 "Meet Miss Jackson" – Year 1 Class 1 parents/carers

Tuesday 23rd September, 2.30-3.00 "Meet Mrs Charlton" – Year 1, Class 2 parents/carers

Wednesday 24th September, 2.30-3.00 "Meet Miss Curry" – Year 2, Class 3 parents/carers

Thursday 25th September, 2.30-3.00 "Meet Mrs Sangray" – Year 2, Class 4 parents/carers

For our Reception parents, there is an event later in the half term, to meet class teachers and they will share an overview of the children starting school and how parents can work in partnership with us to support their children's development.

Wednesday 7th October—2.30-3.00 "Meet Mrs Verity and Mrs Davies" - Class 5 and 6 Reception parents/carers

There are also several opportunities across the year, including parent workshops and book sharing events where parents are invited into school and have the chance to speak to staff. There are also two parents evenings across the year, but of course, if you feel you would like to chat about something or have a query or concern, please do not hesitate to catch staff at the beginning/end of the school day or indeed make an appointment to pop in for a chat.

We are looking forward to another successful year and welcome your partnership in working together to achieve wonderful things for our children!

Many Thanks,

Miss Holt

Miss Holt loves a quote!

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success!"

Henry Ford



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Our School Rules and Routines

Across these transition 2 weeks in school, we are embedding routines of rules and school organisation. Within classes and assemblies we are talking about our rules and why we have them in school—to make our school a safe and happy place for everyone. Within school we are talking about these key messages

We are safe
We are kind and helpful
We follow instructions
We work hard and we try our best
WE ARE A TEAM!



We have also begun our discussions around our school council choices as well as playground pals and playground helpers in Year 2. Our children love to have responsibility and help and it is a pleasure to choose these children to support our school routines.

Diary Dates

As a staff we have finalised our diary dates, for this term and across the year. These will be sent out very soon for your records.

Of course,
ALL DATES ARE PROVISIONAL
and confirmation will be shared with parents prior to events taking place.

All dates are placed on our school calendar, available on our school website—please take a look.

Flu Vaccinations

All children with consent will be receiving their flu vaccinations this year on **Thursday 15th October**.

Soon, parents/carers will receive their consent forms for the Flu Vaccinations.

Please ensure these are returned into school so we can submit them into the School Nursing Team in preparation for the date.

Snacks in School

All children are offered a piece of fruit each day from our Free Fruit to Schools Scheme.



If you wish to bring something different that you know your child likes this is perfectly acceptable however please ensure that it is a small snack that is healthy! Items such as alternative fruits, breadsticks or rice cakes.

No products with nuts should be shared in school as we are a nut free school and have children in school with severe allergies.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle each day. We are happy to re-fill if needed!

Thank you for your support.

Attendance updates

Our attendance for the first week back has been super! It is so important that our children attend school regularly and on time to help with their routines and ensure they are learning to the max!
Any absences must be recorded into school.

For any time away from school a Leave of Absence request needs to be completed. **Holidays in term time will not be authorised and may result in a penalty warning.**

All information is shared with the Leave of Absence Request
There have been significant changes from the Government in the process of holidays in term times
Any questions please get in touch.

Arbor update for our Reception families

All of our Reception parents/carers should now have received an invitation to sign up to the Arbor application in school. This is our main method of communication across school for updates, newsletters, etc. It also attaches to the Arbor payment system which is our cashless system for payment methods for example trips, milk etc. Please let us know if you have any problems being set up on the system and we would be happy to help.

Miss Holt loves a quote!

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift, which is why we call it the present!"

Bil Keane

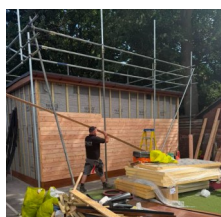


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Introducing.....our new outdoor classroom space!

Hopefully, you will all have seen and had a little look inside our new Outdoor Classroom! We are so thrilled that this is finally in place after (years!) of planning and decision making! As we are a building of historical interest and we are in a conservation area...planning has taken time... but we are so happy that it has finally been completed with support from the Local Authority which we are so grateful for.

Space in school is restricted as you know and finding space sometimes for us is tricky...for interventions and break out spaces as well as meetings and visitors. This space will give us another extension of space for our children and we are excited to use it. We are just waiting for a few more finishes to happen and then we will be able to get it up and running!



Our School Uniform

It has been lovely to welcome all of our children back to school this week and they all look so super smart in their new uniforms. I would like to thank all parents/carers as it really does make a difference when all of the children are in the correct uniform. As a reminder for across the academic year:

Our School Uniform comprises of:

grey/black trousers and grey or black socks (ideally)
grey/black school skirt/pinafore and charcoal grey/ black/blue/red woollen tights or long or short grey/white/blue/red socks
white polo shirt
Black shoes

Within the warmer months:

red and white/blue and white gingham dresses
grey/black shorts

Our School PE kit comprise of:

Plain white t-shirt (school logo t-shirts available from the suppliers)
Red/blue/black plain PE shorts
Black leggings/jogging bottoms and school jumper (winter months)
Black plimsolls/suitable trainers for outside.
NO BRANDED CLOTHING/FOOTBALL TOPS/CROP TOPS PLEASE

Footwear

It is important that our children wear appropriate footwear to allow them to access school and play safely. We recommend footwear that is not high heeled or platformed for health and safety reasons. Within the winter months, winter shoes/boots may be worn, but with sensible soles for health and safety reasons.

There is no specification for branded/logo uniform to be worn as long as the school colours are adhered to. We do have a small selection of pre-loved uniform that we hold in the office and any parent is welcome to come and have access to—please just get in touch with Mrs Elliott or pop by to the school office.

I am aware of some children who have had ears pierced in the summer holidays. Can I please remind parents that only **small studs** should be worn for health and safety reasons and on PE days, these should be removed. A micro pore covering will be placed over the earrings for safety if they are left in. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.