



East Boldon Infant School Newsletter

October 2026



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well the darker nights and mornings are certainly beginning to draw in again! Autumn has certainly arrived. I know we are all looking forward to the half term break and some much needed time with friends and family! I hope everyone can enjoy the Halloween excitement in the holidays too!

It has been a busy half term, with lots of recruitment taking place, but I am happy to now share with our families that we have successfully recruited for our Class Teacher/SENDCO and Teaching Assistant.

Mr Black will be our new Class 2 teacher from January 2027 and will also be our new SENDCO across school. He will complement the Leadership Team of myself and Mrs Verity and we are excited for him to join our staff team and work closely with our staff, children and families.

Mrs Wray will be our new Teaching Assistant working in Year 1 and I know many parents will know Mrs Wray as she was a past parent herself and brings experience, care and warmth to the post.

I know all of our parents will welcome both new members of staff when they arrive in school. Mr Black will be carrying out some days in school prior to Christmas and I look forward to introducing him to our families. Mrs Wray will be joining us full time by the end of November. Exciting times!

Sadly, recruitment continues as our lovely, kind and caring lunchtime supervisor Mrs Wilkinson will be leaving us just after half term. She has not taken the decision lightly, but her time now needs to be given to her family business and we will all miss her immensely. Recruitment is in process and hopefully we will have the post completed after half term.

Our Harvest celebration on Monday was an amazing success! Our Year 1 children led the service at St George's Church and it was lovely to celebrate this event with our families. Across the year each year group will share an assembly with families—Reception will host our Easter Service and Year 2, their end of year Leaver's Celebration. All children will complete a Christmas performance in church too!

I know, we continue to face a lot of uncertainties around with the cost of living rising and the many pressures that all families are facing. Therefore, I was really happy to see the amount of donations sent into school for the Key Project.

Marie, who joined us, was so thankful. There is an increased demand at the food bank and Marie shared that they were needing to shop so much more for extra food. For any of our families who may be finding the pressure of the cost of living a challenge, in whatever capacity, please let us know. As a school community we all have to work together and if there is anything we as a school can support with, please let me know.

We have agreed our parents evening dates with staff for after half term. There will be two dates face-to-face in our school hall to try and accommodate all parents. Details of this have been sent and when the sign up for timings will occur. However, for any parent needing a longer appointment than the 10 minutes, please do speak with your child's class teacher. Parents of children who have a SEND plan in school should soon be invited into school to review their child's plan and to look at further ways to support.

Once again, this year you will receive a short target sheet for the key areas of English and Maths, which will hopefully support parents with where their children are at in their learning and is something that can be supported with at home too. We will have a sharing session with your child in the Spring Term, where you can look at books together and take time over this which is important. This has worked very successfully. There will also be the opportunity of a parent workshop in the Spring Term where you can come into school and work alongside your child and see what learning is taking place in class too.

Once again, as always, thank you for your support and wishing you all a lovely, restful half term.

Many Thanks,
Miss Holt

Class	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
Attendance for Autumn Term 1	95.95%	96.89%	97.12%	97.33%	96.15%	97.39%



A few Diary Dates coming up...

Tuesday 2nd November—Children return to school

Saturday 7th November—Open Morning 10.00-11.30 for Reception Intake 2027

Wednesday 11th November—Remembrance Assembly in school

11th November— Parents Evenings in school 3.30-6.00

Friday 13th November—World Kindness Day

Friday 13th November—Children in Need Day—Children are welcome to wear Pudsey accessories with school uniform

W/B Monday 16th November—Anti Bullying Week in school

Monday 16th November—Odd Socks Day

Wednesday 18th November—Parents Evenings in school 3.30-6.00

Thursday 26th November— Open Evening for Reception 2027 at 5pm

Punctuality counts!



Our lessons in school start promptly at 9am. We open our doors from 8.45am to allow a calm filter into school before the gates close at 9am. Please try to ensure your child is in school before the gates close so they can be ready for learning!

Miss Holt loves a quote!

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant"
Robert Louis Stevenson



Reception recreate a Baptism!



Reception have really enjoyed finding out about Baptism. They had a wonderful time visiting St George's Church—thank you to Reverend Barker!



Year Group Fund Pots

Each year group holds a small fund pot that we use for consumables in school such as baking, arts and crafts and additional small items that we can use as and when needed.

This is totally voluntary, but small contributions of 50p/£1.00 would be really helpful to add to the fund pots that staff can use for these small extra resources needed from time to time.

If you are happy to contribute, please just send in your contribution in an envelope which can then be added to this small fund pot.

Thank you for your continues support.

Year 2 Centre for Life Visit



Our Year 2 children had a fantastic time at the Centre for Life. This has consolidated their Science work in school. They were very excited on their return to school—the planetarium and the space workshop was definitely some of the favourite parts of the day—plus dinner time of course!!

Year 1 Autumn Walk and Pumpkin Soup

As part of the children's learning about seasonal changes, our Year 1 children had time in our garden to spot signs of Autumn in the environment. They also had a super time making pumpkin soup linked to their English work following reading a text of the same name!



Remembrance Day

In school, the school council will be helping to sell a number of items to support the Poppy Appeal from Tuesday 3rd November until the 11th November. This will be alongside the stick on poppies, for a small donation. The prices of these will be shared after half term once we receive them into school.

We will be completing our lovely poppies for decoration in school and will complete our one minute silence in school to mark our respects on **Wednesday 11th November**. As part of the curriculum, understanding our British Values is important for our young children and we cover these in an age appropriate way to help them understand.



Do you know anyone whose child will be due to start school in September 2027?

We have had one successful open event in school already—but we have two more open events on

Saturday 7th November 10am-11.30am
Thursday 27th November at 5pm-5.30pm.

Please mention this to anyone whose child will be due to start school in September 2027. It is always nice to have a visit to the school, see the environment and meet our lovely staff!

Application deadline into the LA Friday 15th January 2027

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WITH THE HAPPINESS
OF CHILDREN**

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