

East Boldon Infant School Newsletter

November 2026

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all of your support as we have moved through this very busy half term! We are now slowly creeping up on the run up to Christmas! There has been many weather changes in the past few weeks—with plenty of rain and then the sprinkle of snow that brought loud screams of excitement across school!

I would like to share that the Governors, plus myself and Mrs Verity successfully appointed our new lunchtime supervisor Ms Cox who has started with us this week. There has been a lot of recruitment this term and I am so happy to have all of the positions completed and look forward to all of the new members joining our school team over the coming weeks.

Mrs Wray started her position in Year 1 this week and has glided into the role beautifully. I know many parents will know Mrs Wray, but it will be nice to introduce you to her over this term. Mr Black is popping in one day a week until Christmas and I will soon organise a little drop in for Class 2 parents to meet and be introduced to him prior to him beginning formally with us in January.

Parents Evening chats have been completed successfully. Thank you to all parents/carers that have attended over the past few weeks.. We hope that parents have found them useful and know how well children have settled into their new year groups. Short, target slips hopefully help with letting you know what we are working on in school.

We will be setting a date early in the Spring Term for parents to drop into school across an afternoon to share workbooks with the children, which will be lovely. There will be no rush to these drop ins and plenty time to share books together. There will also be a chance to be involved in a parent workshop alongside your child too. These provisional dates were shared at the beginning of the year, but we will send out an updated calendar with finalised dates early in the new year.

There have been lots of important events discussed with the children over the past few weeks. In school we looked at Black History month across October, we have each looked at the Hindu Festival of Lights—Diwali. Remembrance Day was discussed and the whole school took part in a 1 minute's silence. We have discussed our new character of Respect which fitted perfectly in with our discussions. The children have enjoyed sharing the poppies and items around school. We will share with you how much has been raised once this has been collected in and counted by the Royal British Legion. Our school council worked together to plan out the "Pennies for Pudsey" day too with PJ's and own clothes sported for the day!

Anti Bullying week took place and we introduced the theme "Break the Silence" with a whole school assembly. It really was a lovely assembly, with some nice examples of kindness and respect shared. Even though our children are young, they recognise what bullying means in simple terms and what we can do to make sure it does not happen. Our odd socks day was another way of highlighting differences and everyone's uniqueness! As a "No Outsiders" school we place a high importance on everyone being welcome at our school.

I look forward to sharing the exciting Christmas build up with you all over the final weeks in school!
Best wishes, Miss Holt

A few Christmas Diary Dates coming up...eeek!

- Monday 30th November—Pre-loved toy drop of for the Toy Collective
- Monday 7th December—Toy drop off for Norah's North Pole
- Tuesday 8th December—**Christmas dinner day in school and Christmas jumper day— children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper this day with their school uniform if they wish to!**
- Tuesday 8th December—Winter Warmer activities in school with Sandra (Tides of Change)—Year 2
- Wednesday 9th December—Winter Warmer activities in school with Sandra (Tides of Change)—Year 1 (am)
- Thursday 10th December—Winter Warmer activities in school with Sandra (Tides of Change)—Reception
- Friday 11th December—Winter Warmer activities in school with Sandra (Tides of Change)—Year 1 (pm)
- Monday 14th December—Toddler Time in school with a visit to Santa! 9.00-10.30—bookings through the school office.
- Monday 14th December – Year 2 Christmas Sing-a-long! 2.15pm at St George's Church
- Tuesday 15th December—Year 1 Christmas Performance 2.15pm St George's Church
- Wednesday 16th December—Reception Christmas Performance2.15pm St George's Church
- Thursday 17th December—Children's Christmas Parties in school...plus a special visitor!



Friday 18th December—School finishes for Christmas Holidays! Ho! Ho! Ho!
School Returns Monday 4th January 2027— HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Miss Holt loves a quote!

Bravery is not the absence of fear but the forging ahead despite being afraid

ROBERT LIPARULO



Children in Need 2026

On Friday 13th November, to celebrate Children in Need 2026, the children came into school wearing their own clothes plus any Pudsey accessories! The children had great fun filling a large picture of Pudsey with our pennies!



We raised over £200 for the CIN charity.

World Kindness Day 2026

This is one of our favourite days in school! It was lovely for Mrs Verity to have the pleasure of accompanying our children around East Boldon to compete the drop offs of kindness hearts in the community! We even received some lovely emails into school from members of the public who we shared the heart to as well.

"In a world where you can be anything, be kind"



Remembrance in East Boldon

I always love to hear from the children who have taken part in the parade on Remembrance Sunday.
One of our Year 2 children completed some lovely poppy crafts at home that he brought into school to share.
In school we all completed a 1 minute silence to offer time to think and reflect. I was very proud of all of our children and how they demonstrated our values in school. Thank you for all of the poppy donations too. These will be collected by the Royal British Legions to be counted.



The Festive Season begins....

We were very lucky to be given the treat of seeing a pre-showing of The Littlest Christmas Elf!
Rachel from Bigfoot Arts Entertainment who runs our Drama club each Tuesday kindly offered us the chance to view the pantomime performance this week before it rolls out to schools and clubs across the North East.
Thank you Rachel—we loved it!





Celebrating Diwali 2026

A big part of our curriculum and British Values is understanding about different faiths and beliefs. Reception welcomed Arthur's Godparent into school to talk all about Diwali and how they celebrate. What a wonderful morning we had! Even some of the teachers got Henna patterns!



Norah's North Pole

This year we are happy to be supporting Norah's North Pole once again. This is a family group who work together with professionals such as social workers and teachers to provide new toys to families in need within our local area.
We are a drop off point at school for any new presents you wish to donate. All details can be found online regarding this, however please note that all presents are gratefully received.

I fully understand that this year is a particularly challenging one for everyone, with the cost of living increases.
If you are able to donate a new gift, please send these into school on **Monday 7th December.**

Although we like to make this a part of our celebrations in school, this date helps the gifts to be delivered in enough time to be sorted. They can be brought into school with your child on the morning.

Christmas Toy Collective



Once again, we are also supporting the Christmas Toy Collective Appeal. This is specifically for *pre-loved toys and baby clothes.*

We request that items that you are happy to donate are dropped into school on **Monday 30th November.**

These can be dropped off in school on the morning with your child.