



Eden Park Academy

Newsletter

Friday 17th October 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks to everyone who booked and attended their **Meet the Teacher** slot this week. It was wonderful to celebrate the children's early successes in their new classes and discuss their next steps. If you missed your appointment or didn't manage to sign up, please contact the school office to arrange another time with your child's class teacher, either before or after half term.

Following the success of the recent **Barnstaple Cross Country** event at Park School for our Key Stage 2 children, those who finished in the top 20 were invited to take part in the prestigious **Stephens Shield** at Torrington.

Schools from across Devon took part, and the level of competition was incredibly high. We were so proud of our three competitors - **Skyla, Poppy, and Lily-Grace** who represented the school brilliantly and supported each other throughout the day. They achieved finishes of **29th and 54th**, which is a truly superb accomplishment. Thank you also to the parents who provided transport and cheered them on!



Next week is our final week before half term. Please remember that **Friday 24th October** is a **Non-Pupil Day**, so children will finish school on **Thursday 23rd October** and return to school on **Monday 3rd November**.

With warmest wishes,
Mr Blunt, Ms Warner and Mrs Newman.

Cold Weather



With the weather now beginning to turn very cold, please can we remind parents and carers to send a warm jumper and coat into school with their child, as they do spend time outdoors during the school day.

Please ensure they are labelled with your child's name to help us return anything which is lost.

Class Attendance This Week



Starlings: 94.7%

Kingfishers: 84.3%

Puffins: 91.6%

Swallows: 95.2%

Whole School: 90.7%

PTFA Events

Thursday 23rd October is our last day of school before half-term, so there will be a **non-uniform day** in support of the **PTFA**. There is no theme, however there is a suggested donation of **£1**. If you prefer you could also donate a raffle prize for the next Bingo Night.



Don't forget tickets are also still available for the Halloween disco that evening too!



Secondary School Applications

Applications for Year 7 Secondary School places for September 2026 are now open. The deadline to submit your application is **Friday 31st October 2025**. Applications can be made Online via Devon Citizens Portal.



2027/2028 Admissions Policy - Annual Consultation

Alongside all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on our admissions policy for **2027–2028**. The Local Authority is also consulting on its own admission arrangements. You are invited to review the proposals and share your views. Our proposed policy is available on our admissions page: www.eden-park.academy/admissions. You can view all policies at <http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy>, and further information is available at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements

The formal consultation period runs until **16th January 2026**. All policies will be determined on **28th January 2026** and published by **15th March 2026**.

PTFA Bingo Night



A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our **Bingo Night**, we raised an amazing **£257** for the school! Your support and enthusiasm made it such a fun evening.

We'd love you to join us again at our **next Bingo Night**, taking place at the school on **Wednesday, 26th November**. Everyone is welcome! Bring your kids, family & friends along for another great night of bingo and community fun!

PTFA Raffle Tickets & Christmas Card Sale

- Eden Park PTFA - £100 one4all Voucher (Worth £100)
- Eloise Bakes Cakes - 12 x Cupcakes (Worth £27)
- Barum Butties - 2 x Takeaway Roast Dinners (Worth £20)
- Dans Man & Van - Voucher (Worth £50)
- Tarka Vets - Health Check and Nail Clip With a Dog/Cat Toy
- Exeter Football Club - £25 Voucher
- HBH Woolacotts - £20 Voucher
- Paint a pot Braunton - 10% off voucher
- Water Mouth Castle - 2 x Tickets
- Queens Theatre - 4 x Panto tickets (Aladin)
- Quay Soft Play Braunton - 2x Tickets
- Tarka metals Ltd - JBL earphones
- Tarka metals ltd - Samsung smart watch
- JMR Beauty - Dermaplaining voucher
- JMR Beauty - 25%off voucher
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- Samantha Hardwick - Voucher 1 hour wellbeing session
- St John's Garden Centre - Luxury Cream Tea for 2
- Exeter Chiefs - 2x Tickets
- Combe Martin Wildlife & Dinosaur Park



We have a fabulous list of prizes up for grabs in our Christmas raffle and there is still plenty of time to get your tickets and raffle money back to us!!



Christmas card order forms have been sent home with the children. Please can the order be completed no later than Thursday 23rd October to ensure we can get the order to be delivered in time for Christmas.

Attendance

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Upcoming Community Events



HALLOWEEN FUN & GAMES

**YEO VALLEY WOODLAND
SUNDAY, 26 OCTOBER FROM 2 - 4PM**

**PUMPKIN CARVING • FANCY DRESS COMPETITION
SPOOKY CRAFTS • BBQ & REFRESHMENTS**

PUMPKINS £2.50 - TAKE THEM HOME FOR HALLOWEEN! FANCY DRESS JUDGING.

**ALL PROCEEDS TO THE CHILDREN'S SUMMER CLUB AND FRIENDS OF YEO VALLEY
COMMUNITY WOODLAND.**



In conjunction with the Children's Summer Club.
Please wear suitable footwear/coat.
No unaccompanied children.
For more information, call 01271 388326.



FC DEVON

FERDINAND COLLECTIVE HUB

FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CLUB

Join us this summer for fun filled days of football games, competitions & prizes
Girls & Boys / All abilities
Ages 5 - 15 years

27 - 31 OCTOBER | 9am - 4pm
TARKA LEISURE CENTRE, BARNSTAPLE

28 - 29 OCTOBER | 9am - 4pm
THE KINGSLEY SCHOOL, BIDEFORD



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MONDAY 27th - FRIDAY 31st OCTOBER

OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITY DAYS

8.30-3.30

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Please keep an eye out for our next newsletter on Thursday 23rd October 2025!