



Eden Park Academy

Newsletter

Friday 18th July 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term, we want to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you to all of our Eden Park community. Your continued support throughout the year - whether through PTFA events, classroom help, trips, or cheering from the sidelines, has made this a truly fantastic year for our school!

Next week we will finish the term with the Leavers Assembly on Monday which will start at 2.30pm. Then on Wednesday we have a whole school non-uniform day, and some fun events planned for our Year 6's. We are all looking forward to ending the busy year with lots of smiles.

However, there is always some sadness as another end of the school year inevitably means people moving on. We would like to say a huge thank you and a fond farewell to three valued members of the Eden Park team who are leaving their current roles at the end of this term.

Mr Dan Whitby has worked across the school this year, primarily with Swallows and Herons classes. He has brought great energy and enthusiasm to his work with our pupils, and he will be moving on to a new position at Roundswell School in September. His football clubs after school have been a massive hit and given the children lots of joy. We wish him all the very best for this exciting next step.

Mrs Mary Billing will also be leaving us at the end of term to take on a new role as a nursery manager at a setting in Bideford. She has made many friends during her time at Eden Park, and we know she will stay in touch. We thank her for all she has contributed and wish her every success in her new role. We will particularly remember her dedication in the PTFA stocks and the wet sponges!

A very special thank you to **Mrs Andrea Turnbull**, our School Business Manager and truly the heartbeat of Eden Park. Andrea has been a vital part of the school for well over a decade. Her knowledge, calm presence, and tireless dedication have been second to none. While we're pleased she will continue to support Eden Park in her new role as a Trust Business Partner, we know she will be greatly missed in the day-to-day life of the school. We are deeply grateful for everything Andrea has given to our community over so many years of incredible service.

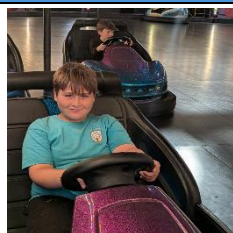
We wish all three of them the very best in their next chapters, and thank them sincerely for the impact they've had on Eden Park.

Finally, it's also not goodbye, but good luck to **Mrs Natalie Dennis** as she heads off to start her maternity leave. We are all so excited for you and wish you the best as you welcome your new little one into the world! You will be missed by us all.

We wish everyone a safe and happy weekend.

Mr Blunt, Ms Warner and Mrs Newman.

Year 6 Milky Way Trip



On Wednesday, the Year 6's from Swallows Class enjoyed a fun-filled day at Milky Way Adventure Park! The trip was a lovely way to celebrate the end of their primary school journey as well as a much deserved treat for all their hard work this year! We hope this added to all their fond memories of their time at Eden Park. Despite the typical British Summer weather not being at it's best, it was smiles all round and a great time was had by all!



A huge thank you must go to Mrs Litherland for organising the trip, as well as all the staff who supported her on the day. A big thank you also to the PTFA who helped towards the cost of the trip through their hard work and fundraising.

Year 6 Leavers Events



On **Monday 21st July** we will be holding our Year 6 Leavers Assembly at **14:30**, which Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

On **Wednesday 23rd July** we will also hold a 'Leavers Event' for the children in school.

Dinner & Nursery Balances

As we now approach the end of the school year, please can we remind everyone to check any School Dinner or Nursery balances they may owe.

Please can we ask you to arrange for any balances to be cleared before we break up for the Summer Holidays.

Payments can be made in cash at Reception, or by card through the My Child at School app.

Please don't hesitate to contact the office with any queries. Your support with this is appreciated.



Rocksteady Concert

For those children involved in the **Rocksteady** music programme, there is an end of year concert on **Wednesday 23rd July** which parents and carers of those performing are invited to watch.



The performance starts at **14:15**, and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible!

2025 / 2026 Nursery and School Dinner Prices



From September, the price of school dinners will be **£2.50 per day**, and nursery fees will be as follows: **Age 2:** £6.50 per hour **Age 3 to 4:** £5.50 Per Hour

We have made every effort to keep these increases to a minimal amount, and this only applies to paid meals and sessions. The usual entitlements for free school meals and funded nursery places will still be available to those who qualify.

WE HAVE AN AMAZING HALF PROVISION ACCESSIBLE AT EDEN PARK

OFFERING A HUGE VARIETY OF FUN FILLED SPORTS, GAMES AND ACTIVITIES!

- Glow in the Dark Dodgeball • Nerf Battles • Laser Tag • Hockey • Arts & Crafts, Capture the flag • Board & Card games • Tennis • Dodgeball • Dance and Cricket to name just a few!

SPACES ARE BOOKABLE VIA THE EEQU.ORG WEBSITE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS AND ARE FREE FOR CHILDREN ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS. WE WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO BOOK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

FURTHER INFORMATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE PRIMARY. SPORTS WEBSITE!

Birthdays This Week

Annabelle .D.

Happy Birthday from all at

Eden park!!

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

**TO
YOU**

Attendance

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!

Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning:

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.
- Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days a year.

19 days lost a year through being late means 90% attendance.



**missed minutes =
missed learning
= missed opportunities!**

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Upcoming Community Events



Description

Pop into the library for a FREE drop-in craft session, with a different craft every week!

29th July.

5th, 12th, 19th & 26th August.

The session runs from 2pm-4pm, no need to book, just come along!

Barnstaple Library also have a host of other events on over the Summer Holidays such as:

Spike Lego, Drama Workshops and Breakfast & Crafting Sessions.

*Please see the 'What's On' tab on their website for further information or give them a call on **01271 318782**. Some events do require pre-booking.*

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Around the World Summer Cooking Workshops

UNITED KINGDOM
British Summer Picnic
(sausage rolls, filled scones and eton mess)

USA
S'mores
cookies & apple pie pockets
and dream catchers

ITALY
Handmade pasta with tomato, bacon & mozzarella sauce

CAEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

INDIA
Chicken biryani, hand made naans and samosas

CHINA
Chow mein & Spring rolls and dragon puppets

FRANCE
Macaron and strawberry mille feuille and eiffel tower painting

All ingredients included!

Call: 07938 608862 Email: olivia@cookstars.co.uk
To Book: <https://finder.cookstars.franscape.io/?location=landkey>

Cook Stars



Go wild in the woods at [RHS Rosemoor](#) this summer! Head to our woodland basecamp for six weeks of hands-on fun and outdoor challenges, from epic den building and forest school workshops to woodland crafts, tree climbing, campfire stories and much more.

Garden admission applies; free to RHS members and children under 5. Children aged 5–16 just £5.

Activities included with garden admission unless marked *

The Big Den Build*

Saturday 2 – Monday 4 August

Bookable 90-minute sessions at 10am, 11.45am, 2pm and 3.45pm, Learning Centre Lawn

Unleash your imagination with an epic building challenge! Join [Woodland Tribe](#), the UK experts in constructive play, and together with your fellow adventurers and family build a giant woodland adventure castle using real tools.

Ages 4+ (must be accompanied by an adult).

***£10 per child; £5 per adult. Booking essential:**



Daily woodland adventures

**Daily, Saturday 19 July – Sunday 31 August
10am – 6pm, start at the Cob Shelter**

Head to our woodland basecamp in the Cob Shelter to find out what's on each day. Collect a bark rubbing or minibeast trail before embarking on your woodland adventure.

Suitable for all the family

Den building play area

Daily, 10am – 6pm, Lower Woodland

Head to the den building area in the Lower Woodland and challenge your family and friends to build a hideaway using natural materials.

Suitable for all the family



Woodland adventurers games and crafts

**Thursday 24, Friday 25 and Thursday 31 July, Friday 1, Thursday 14, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 August
Drop-in sessions, Learning Centre Lawn**

Join our woodland adventurers from Marvellous Events for different activities through the day: Capture the flag at 11am, Sack attack at 12noon, Archery at 2pm and a Nature craft session at 3pm.