



Eden Park Academy Newsletter

Friday 7th February 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge well done to our mixed Swallows Netball team that competed in the local school's netball competition at Park on Wednesday. Against much bigger schools they really excelled themselves, winning one of the games 5-0 and another 3-0.

Everyone played really well and put 100% effort into every game - despite being very wet and cold! They played as a team, supporting each other and showing our school values of good communication and resilience.

Many thanks to Mrs Spearman who organised them and accompanied the team to this event.

We wish everyone a safe and happy weekend.

Mr Blunt, Ms Warner and Mrs Newman.



Baby & Toddler Group

Eden Park Baby & Toddler Group! **Next Session: Wednesday 12th February 2025**

Eden Park Baby & Toddler group on is held fortnightly in the nursery on Wednesdays between 1.30-3.00pm.

This is a group for parents / carers to bring their children aged 2 or under to play in one of our nursery rooms. The group will be run by a member of the nursery team. Parents are to stay with their children for this group.

Please collect a registration form from the Office or Nursery if you would like to attend. Thank you!

Mrs Ackland



Book & Bake Sale Update

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Book and Bake sale last week. This raised a fantastic **£94.60!**

These funds, and other funds raised throughout the year will be used to subsidise the cost of school trips and activities for all the pupils.



Non-Pupil Day Reminder



A reminder that we have a non-pupil day on **24th February**, which is the Monday after half term.

Children break up on Friday 14th February, and we look forward to seeing them back in school on Tuesday 25th February.

School Meal & Nursery Payments

As we are now nearing half term, please can all School Dinner and Nursery accounts be paid up to date before we break up next week.

Please also remember to check if your child is entitled to free school meals.

You can apply via Devon Citizens Portal & select the link for Free School Meals. It will ask a few questions about income, and once you have answered it will give you an instant response. If you are entitled, it will give you a code, this needs to be either emailed or shown to the Office.

If your child is in Reception to Year 2 and gets a universal free school meal, it is still important to apply as this is additional funding.



Valentines Disco

Our wonderful PTFA have kindly organised another fantastic event for all the children!

A Valentines Disco is taking place on **Thursday 13th February.**



Nursery, Reception & Year 1 have their disco from 4pm to 4:45pm

Year 2 to Year 6 have their disco from 5pm to 6pm.



Spaces are £3 each and includes unlimited squash and a heart cookie! Please pay in advance at reception if your child would like to go!

Birthdays This Week

Tiahna G, Freddie S, Poppy G & Darcie T

Happy Birthday from all at
Eden Park!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO YOU

Dinner Menu Update



Week 1:

Monday: Cheese & Tomato Pizza
or Veggie Burrito
Cookie

Tuesday: Sausage Pasta Bake or Mac 'n'
Cheese
Chocolate Chip Muffin

Wednesday: Chicken Goujons or Cheese
Wheel
Strawberry Smoothie

Thursday: Sausage Roll or Vegan Sausage Roll
Marble Cake

Friday: Catch of the day
or Southern Style Quorn Burger
Ice Cream Surprise



Week 2:

Monday: Burger or Quorn Hotdog
Oatie Biscuit

Tuesday: Meatballs & Pasta
or Quorn Bolognese Pasta
Old School Sprinkle Cake

Wednesday: Sausages or Quorn Sausage
Shortbread Biscuit

Thursday: Warm Chicken Wrap or Tomato Pasta
Ice Cream

Friday: Catch of the day or Cheese Baguette
Milkshake & Biscuit

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

Absence & Illness



As many of you are experiencing, there are a lot of viruses and bugs circulating at this time of year.

Please could we remind all parents and carers to ring the School Office, on each day of absence before 9.00am, to report any absences so we know that everyone is safe.

REMINDER:

Please remember to return consent forms for the Bristol trip!

Upcoming Community Events

RHS Garden Rosemoor Open Weekend

We are looking forward to our upcoming Community Open Weekend on the 1st and 2nd March 2025 and wanted you to be the first to know.

Due to the popularity of last years event, we have had to limit numbers and *free admissions will be strictly by pre-booking only. Anyone arriving without a booking will be charged normal garden admission to enter the garden.

New for this year, Open Weekend visitors will be able to enjoy our Wedding Fayre in partnership with South West Event Management CIC. This is the perfect opportunity to meet an array of top quality, local suppliers all in one place! Our vendors include all aspects you may need: florists, Wedding cakes, Wedding dresses, stationery, entertainment, DJs, magician, favours, caterers, holidays (hen / stag packages and honeymoons), celebrants, wedding cars, photographers, hair stylists, venue stylists, first dance instructor, bar options, childcare / crèche.

*free tickets are subject to a £1 booking fee that will be converted to a catering voucher on arrival at the garden. The booking fee is non refundable and tickets have no monetary value.





Classroom Experience and Information Events

Event Information

This is an opportunity to gain classroom experience and find out more about SWIFT Teacher Training, our route into teaching, courses and PGCE.

These events are based in one of our partner schools where you will be looked after by an experienced Campus Lead, who will be your host for the session.

Activities could include:

- a guided training walk with the campus lead and school staff
- introduction to observing lessons and different styles of teaching
- seeing how specific subjects are taught
- engaging in learning conversations with colleagues
- learning more about the SWIFT Teacher Training programme
- questions and Next Steps

Who

Educated to degree level; recent graduates, career changers, returners to work; teaching assistants, anyone interested in teaching.

To book

Online booking form [HERE](#)

Or contact: Jo Turnbull

Email: jo.turnbull@sw-ift.org.uk

PLEASE BOOK BY **Wednesday 26 February 2025**

Time and Venue

Phase | Primary/Secondary

SWIFT Teacher Training | North Devon | Pilton Bluecoat C of E Academy | Wednesday 5 March 2025 | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Pilton Bluecoat C of E Academy | Abbey Road | Barnstaple | EX31 1JU

Although this is a primary school setting, we welcome anyone interested in secondary school teaching, as the information sharing will also include applications for secondary school training, and the Campus Lead can discuss this option further on the day. Any school experience is worthwhile, and a primary school experience will help you to understand the starting points for students in the secondary phase.

Further Information

You can find out more information about future classroom experience and information events [HERE](#).

