



Edison Primary School

Weekly News

6th September 2024

Welcome

Welcome Back Parents!

It has been a delight to welcome all our pupils, staff and families back to Edison Primary School as we begin our new academic year. The children have settled into the new classes, and it is wonderful to feel the buzz of learning around the school.

The welcome I received from our school community was so warm and inviting.

It is my pleasure to introduce the staff who have joined Edison Primary School this year.

They are:

Class	Name	Role
Fleming	Mrs M Pirvu	Class Teacher
Pasteur	Miss Y Cherif	HLTA
Faraday	Miss K Pearman	LSA
Curie	Miss S Fehres	Class Teacher
Carson	Mr Kayani	LSA
Goodall	Mr Bentley	Class Teacher
Armstrong	Ms S Dar	Class Teacher
Jemison	Miss Z Ray	Class Teacher
Year 5	Mrs D Vakada	LSA
	Ms S Unlu	Sendco

Just a reminder to all parents that to start our academic year, I would like to hold Parent Induction meetings next week.

We invite all parents to join us in person for these.

Please see below the dates and timings for your child's year group.

Tuesday 10th September 2024

- 4:00- 4:30pm Year 1 parents
- 4:30- 5:00pm Year 3 parents
- 5:00- 5:30pm Year 5 parents

Wednesday 11th September 2024

- 4:00- 4:30pm Year 2 parents
- 4:30- 5:00pm Year 4 parents
- 5:00- 5:30pm Year 6 parents

Thank you to all of you who have already introduced yourselves during home time collection and morning drop off. If you haven't done so already, please do come, and say hello at the school gates before and after school.

Over and Above: Focus of the Week

Following: Our School Rules: RRSK

Our dedicated attention each week is centred on adhering to **our four school principles: Ready, Respectful, Safe, and Kind.**

The primary objective was to surpass the norm in these aspects, fostering mutual assistance in enhancing our collective commitment. At Edison, continual improvement is paramount, and our weekly focal points contribute significantly to achieving this objective.

School Uniform

Please kindly ensure that you have labelled all of your child/ren's school uniform items including jackets, bags, shoes/trainers and water bottles.

Children should be wearing school uniform on days they do not have P.E and should be wearing black school shoes.

On the days of P.E, children should come into school wearing their P.E kits and black trainers.

Children are not allowed to be wearing different coloured shoes or trainers, please ensure that your child/ren are in the correct coloured footwear.

Enrichment Clubs

All enrichment clubs will start week commencing Monday 16th September 2024.

There are still spaces in many clubs if you would like your child to join any of the clubs, please log into Parent Pay to book and make payment for the club.

If you would like to pay for the club via childcare vouchers, please release that payment for the club and then email the school office with the following information:

- 1- Name of club,
- 2- Amount to be allocated
- 3- Full name of child



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School Meals

All school meals need to be booked via Parent Pay.

Please note that it is the parent's responsibility to log in and ensure that you book your child the correct meal choice.

Children are **NOT** allowed to change the meal choice that has been selected on the system, please ensure that you sit and speak to your child when booking the lunch meal choice.

The government again this year have announced that all primary school pupils will be entitled to Government Funded School Meals.

Free School Meals

A reminder that if you are in receipt of benefits, you may be entitled to benefit related free school meals.

If you have one of these immigration statuses: Zambrano, Article 8 of the ECHR, Section 4 of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999, Chen, BN(O) Passport holder, Spousal visa holder, Work visa holder, Student visa holder, or you receive any of these benefits:

- Income Support (IS)
- Jobseekers Allowance Income based (JSAIB)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household income, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs that does not exceed £16,190
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit, household annual net earned income must not exceed £7,400 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs your child may be eligible for additional school support.

Confusingly all children receive free school meals, however for your child to receive pupil premium funding you must complete this form entitled Free School Meals:

Please only apply via the link below if you are receiving any of the qualifying benefits:

https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20025/schools_and_colleges/61/free_school_meals

PE Days

Please see below PE Days for your child's year group.

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>PE day/s</u> <u>Children come in wearing their</u> <u>PE kit</u>	
Reception	Thursday	Friday (AM)
Year 1	Tuesday	Wednesday(PM)
Year 2	Thursday(AM)	Friday
Year 3	Monday	Tuesday (AM)
Year 4	Tuesday (PM)	Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday	Wednesday(AM)
Year 6	Wednesday	Thursday (PM)

Thought of the Week



Nature composes some of her loveliest poems for the microscope and the telescope.

Theodore Roszak



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2024-25 Term Dates

Please see below the term dates for this academic 2024-25.

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2 nd & Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	Staff Training (school closed for pupils)
Wednesday 4 th September to Friday 25 th October 2024	Autumn 1 st half for pupils
Friday 25th October 2024	Last day of half-term school closes 1:30pm
Monday 28 th October to Monday 4 th November 2024	Autumn half term break (school closed)
Monday 4 th November 2024	Staff Training (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 5 th November to Friday 20 th December 2024	Autumn 2 nd half for pupils
Friday 20th December 2024	Last day of term school closes 1:30pm
Monday 23 rd December to Monday 6 th January 2025	Christmas Break (school closed)

Spring Term 2025

Tuesday 7 th January to Friday 14 th February 2025	Spring 1 st half for pupils
Friday 14th February 2025	Last day of half-term school closes 1:30pm
Monday 17 th February to Monday 24 th February 2025	Spring half term break (School closed)
Tuesday 25 th February to Friday 4 th April 2025	Spring 2 nd half for pupils
Friday 4th April 2025	Last day of term school closes 1:30pm
Monday 7 th April to Monday 21 st April 2025	Easter break (school closed)

SUMMER TERM 2025

Tuesday 22 nd April to Friday 23 rd May 2025	Summer 1 st half for pupils
Monday 5 th May 2025	May Day Bank Holiday – (School closed)
Friday 23rd May 2025	Last day of half-term school closes 1:30pm
Monday 26 th May to Monday 2 nd June 2025	Summer half term break (School closed)
Tuesday 3 rd June to Friday 18 th July 2025	Summer 2 nd half for pupils
Friday 18th July 2025	Last day of term school closes 1:30pm

****Reception only - Staggered start dates****

Monday 9 th September to Friday 13 th September 2024 (Breakfast club will be available from Monday 9 th September)	8.45am to 11.45am
Monday 16 th September to Wednesday 18 th September 2024	8.45am to 1.15pm
Thursday 19 th September 2024 – Pupils full time Please note after school provision for Reception children commences from Thursday 19 th September 2024.	8.45am to 3.45pm



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New Community Hub

Hounslow Council is excited to announce plans for a new Community Hub at the Meadowbank Adult and Community Education Centre in Cranford, and we want to hear your thoughts. Whether you live, work, or study in Cranford, your input is crucial to help shape the service and resources the Hub will offer.

What is a Community Hub?

Community hubs bring together a variety of essential resources for local residents. These services can include:

- Financial and welfare support
- Health and well-being information
- Employment and skills development
- Mental health support
- Assistance for more complex issues

The Cranford Community Hub will be the main hub for the area, based at the Meadowbank Centre, Community Close (just off the Bath Road), North Cranford. This hub will provide residents with a dedicated space to access services that help solve everyday problems, while also offering interest-based activities. The Meadowbank Centre is already home to the Adult and Community Education Service and the local library will also move into the Centre, offering a wide range of complimentary services to residents under one roof. The intention is to open this full hub service in 2025.

Please take a few minutes to complete the short survey, where you can let us know which services you'd like to see

at the Meadowbank Hub. The survey is open until 5 pm on 14th October 2024.

Take the survey here:

https://talk.hounslow.gov.uk/cranford_community_hub

You can also talk to officers about the development of the Hub at one of our drop-in sessions:

Every Tuesday from 17th September to 8th October: 11 am to 2 pm at Cranford Library OR 3 pm to 8 pm at Meadowbank Centre

Alternatively, paper copies of the survey are available at Cranford Library and Meadowbank Centre, or you can request a copy by emailing us at consult@hounslow.gov.uk.

Please feel free to share this information with your networks and encourage others to take part.

We appreciate your input and look forward to hearing your ideas!

Other Community Hubs in Cranford

Residents of South Cranford can already access support at the Beavers Children Centre and Library, which has been running since June 2024. This Hub is open every Wednesday from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm.

If you're in the Redwood Estate area, you may know about the summer pilot project we ran in collaboration with A2Dominion and Cranford Community College. Building on this success, we plan to further develop a hub in that area, offering even more support for local residents.

Key dates for your diary

Monday 9th September	All Reception children start – 8.45am to 11.45am
Tuesday 10th September	Induction Meetings Year 1 – 4pm to 4.30pm Year 3 – 4.30pm to 5pm Year 5 – 5pm to 5.30pm
Wednesday 11th September	Induction Meetings Year 2 – 4pm to 4.30pm Year 4 – 4.30pm to 5pm Year 6 – 5pm to 5.30pm
Monday 16th September	All Enrichment clubs start Reception children are in 8.45am to 1.15pm
Tuesday 17th September	Jemison Class start swimming – need to be in school by 8.30am
Thursday 19th September	Carson Class start swimming – need to be in school by 8.30am Reception start school full time

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

W APP

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

on the App Store;
'Everyone' on Google Play

Developed in Germany, this social networking app is called 'W App' in the Apple Store and Google Play but is also branded as 'Slay' in some territories. Aimed primarily at teens and marketed as a 'zero-negativity' zone, it asks users to connect with others from their school. They are then asked a positive question (such as "Who is the nicest person?") and shown four people from their school to choose from. All users from a school can appear in the poll: not just those a child is friends with. The app is mainly anonymous – but does offer clues to reveal who selected you for each question.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FAKE ACCOUNTS

There is no verification when signing up to W App. Once someone joins, they can see all users at their school and add them if they wish. Users provide their name, gender, school and grade – but are also able to change these (aside from their name) as often as they like. This concerned our expert: predators could potentially keep attempting to build connections with children at different schools.

PROFILE OVERSHARING

Young people tend to have multiple social media accounts, so it's vital their identity is protected online. By default, W App shares someone's school and grade, while users choose whether to share their full name, photo and other social accounts. Most people appear to select this – making it easier for someone to build up a picture of who they are, what they enjoy and where they go to school.

SPAMMING CONTACTS

The app's activity feed notifies a user when they have been put forward for a poll. They're then given the option to reveal the initial of the person who nominated them, by inviting a friend to join the app. The friend doesn't have to sign up, but they will receive a 'get the app now' text, followed by a link. This process could result in texts being continually sent to a child's contacts.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS FRIEND REQUESTS

Talk to your child about the risk of sharing their other social accounts, especially on anonymous platforms where there is no verification – so a user could be anyone. If someone they don't normally talk to at school approaches your child via W App and suggests connecting on TikTok, Snapchat or Instagram, emphasise that it's safest to confirm it with that person face to face before accepting or replying.

PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

It's crucial that trusted adults regularly remind children about the importance of not sharing too much of their personal information online (and demonstrate it on their own social accounts, where possible). W App automatically displays the user's school on their profile – but if your child does want to use the app, you can advise them to only enter their first name and not to upload an image of their face.

BE MINDFUL OF REJECTION

The polls in W App are designed to be complimentary rather than negative. However, never being nominated or picked by their peers could leave a child – especially a status-conscious teen – feeling ignored and isolated. If you think that W App is having this effect on your child, it might be time for a supportive reminder that social media doesn't reflect someone's true worth or popularity.

DO SOME 'APP ADMIN'

Before letting your child download W App, you may want to (via their device's settings) disable the option to make in-app purchases: £4.99 per week for the subscription can soon mount up. Likewise, if a friend's use of W App is causing your child to be inundated with texts inviting them to sign up too, you could suggest asking that friend to stop selecting your child's name from their contacts list.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Source: <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/w-app-anonymous-polls/id1645858841> | <https://www.slay.cool/>
<https://techcrunch.com/2023/01/19/german-teens-went-crazy-for-this-compliments-app-and-now-vcs-are-backing-its-next-phase/>



Edison Primary School - Enrichment Clubs Newsletter – Autumn Term 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Please see below for details of Enrichment Clubs that will be running this term. All clubs run for **ten** sessions and begin week starting **Monday 16th September 2024** and finish week ending **Friday 13th December 2024**. All clubs will need to be booked through Parent Pay. If you are paying via childcare vouchers, ensure that vouchers have been released prior to booking any clubs and inform the school office by email of allocation of the childcare vouchers.

Day	Name of Club	Description	Year Groups	Club Provider	Time	Max No	Where?	Cost
Monday	Bollywood Dance	Dance to the most popular Bollywood dance music, incorporating Indian classical, Garba, Dandiya, Bhangra, Hip hop, Street, Salsa, and Belly Dancing. So, get ready to release endorphins and have lots of fun! There will be end of term performances, also Bollywood dance exams if children are interested.	4 to 6	Miss Sood	3.45 - 4.45pm	25	Year 2 Learning Zone	£70
Monday	Cricket Skills	This is a fantastic way to be introduced to Cricket and the understanding of the game. Children will be focusing on hand eye coordination to improve all round performance. Children's will also learn fielding techniques, bowling, and batting techniques as well as the introduction of game play.	1 to 3	Mr Romeril	3.45 - 4.45pm	20	Playground or School Hall	£60
Monday	Football Coaching	A fantastic way for children to work on their football skills through fun, football-based games, drills, and matches. Every child earns a medal at the end of the ten weeks, and competitions are held throughout the course for children to earn extra trophies and medals.	4 to 6	Pro Soccer	3.45 - 4.45pm	36	Playground or School Hall	£70
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Tuesday (AM), Wednesday (AM) & Thursday	Music Tuition	Choose from: Guitar, Bass Guitar, Piano or Singing Learn to play or improve at guitar, bass guitar, piano or singing, either one to one or one to two. Lessons will be held during the school day	1 to 6	Miss Gould	During school hours	One or two	Year 4 Learning Zone	1-2-1: £160 1-2-2: £130
Tuesday	Street Dance	Come along and learn the latest dance skills and tricks to pop and urban music. You will learn dance routines, counts, rhythm, and musicality, as well as having fun.	1 to 4	Miss Grant	3.45 - 4.45pm	20	Year 3 Learning Zone	£60
Tuesday	Year 5 Tuition Club	Students will practice questions which test a variety of content and skills required for the GL exam. All mock exams will have different content which will help identify knowledge gaps. Proven exam strategies will be provided along with feedback to each question.	5	Mr Mistry	4 - 5pm	10	Year 6 Learning Zone	£100

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Wednesday	Multi Sports	A brilliant way for children to experience a range of different sports including dodgeball, basketball, netball, cricket, rounders and many more. Every child earns a medal at the end of the ten weeks.	1 to 3	Mr Romeril	3.45 - 4.45pm	36	Playground or School Hall	£70
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Wednesday	11+ Tuition Club	This club is tailored for students planning to sit secondary school entrance exams. Each session will include a mix of subjects from amongst English, Verbal Reasoning, Maths and Non-Verbal Reasoning. Time would also be built into mark some of the work done at home.	4	Mr Mistry	4 - 5pm	10	Year 6 Learning Zone	£100
Thursday	Chess	Chess brings children together with a game they can all enjoy, builds friendships through shared learning. Chess promotes imagination and creativity, teaches that success rewards hard work, teaches children about planning ahead, and how to be patient and take turns.	3 to 6	Chess in Schools & Communities	3.45 - 4.45pm	20	Year 4 Learning Zone	£60
Thursday	Drama	Develop your dramatic and character skills through performing arts-based games and script work.	3 to 6	Miss Gould	3.45 - 4.45pm	22	Year 3 Learning Zone	£60
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Thursday	Game Building	Our first topic kicks off with GAMEBUILDING! This workshop will teach learners how to code and build their very own 3D Computer Game in teams. Teaches children to work in teams, think logically and solve problems! Second half-term is our brand-new GAME MAKER! Have you ever wondered what it's like to make a game? In our Game Making workshop, you get to design and create your own characters, build cool backgrounds, and even program your very own Flappy Bird game!	1 to 3	Jam Coding	3.45 - 4.45pm	24	Year 5 Learning Zone	£95

Friday	Yoga	Yoga is a practice that combines physical postures, breathing exercises, and meditation to promote overall health and well-being. In the first year of practicing yoga, you will learn the basics, including foundational poses (asanas), simple breathing techniques (pranayama), and relaxation methods.	5 to 6	Mr Romeril	8.00 – 8.30pm	15	School Hall	£30
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To guarantee your child's place in their preferred club, please book on ParentPay by noon on **Wednesday 11th September 2024**. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, and a message will be sent to you when the booking system is activated – this will take place on **Monday 8th July at 5pm**.

PLEASE NOTE: If your child attended a club in the Summer Term, you would still need to rebook for the Autumn Term.

We expect all children to model exemplary behaviour when attending our Enrichment Clubs. Failure to do so could result in them being removed from the club without reimbursement.