



SCHOOL NEWS

Spring 2 : 2025



Welcome back everyone! We have a very busy time ahead of us for the rest of spring and into the summer term. Please check the Enrichment calendar for information on trip, visits and workshops in school coming up for the rest of this year. This is on our website as well as being sent out on Weduc. We had a very successful start to 2025, including an external review by Challenge Partners. We are extremely proud of the achievements Edale was recognised for in this review. The report from this is on our [website](#).

Enrichment at Edale

The enrichment calendar is in full swing with things being added all the time. We have had STEM workshops in years 2, 3 and 4 where they created crazy mazes and programmed microbits for Mario Kart. Severn Trent have delivered wonderful water workshops in year 4 and whole school assemblies. Year 5 completed a series of workshops discovering what options are open to them studying at university and even visited the site and explored veterinary medicine. We have mini bikers in school teaching our youngest children balance bikability and years 2 and 3 will be going to Nottingham Contemporary to complete some artist workshops very soon.

Nursery places available

We have 15 hour nursery places available for children from the age of 3. We also have 30 hour places available for children who qualify for the government 30 hour funding (depending on parents' working hours/income). If you would like to visit nursery to have a look around or speak to a member of the team about how you can apply for a place and use these funded hours, please call the school office and speak to Zoe.

Attendance Updates

Attendance across school has significantly improved and we are almost in line with national data. We'd like to thank our families for supporting their children's attendance to school. We care about your child being in school and are here to offer support and guidance. If you would like any help with attendance please do not hesitate to call the school office.

ATTENDANCE
WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL
Children in Reception to Year 6 should attend for 95% of the time. The Government states that every child should attend for at least 90%.

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	15 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	20 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	28 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	38 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	52 Days	13.5 Weeks	300 Lessons
65%	67 Days	15.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below
Drastic effect on academic achievement

95%-90%
Cause for concern

100%-96%
Excellent

Key Dates

- Monday 24th February – school reopens
- Monday 24th Feb – Mini Bikers starts in F2 (Each Monday for 4 weeks)
- Tuesday 25th Feb – F2 stay and play
- Tuesday 25th Feb – F2 and Year 6 Weight and Height checks (NHS)
- Tuesday 4th March – Year 2 and 3 to Nottingham Contemporary
- Wednesday 5th March – Astronomy workshops in year 4 (Each Weds for 4 weeks)
- Thursday 6th March – World book day – dress up / non-uniform
- Thursday 6th March – Yogabeamz in F1, F2, years 1, 2, 3
- Friday 21st March – Red Nose Day – Non-uniform day, donations welcomed
- Tuesday 25th March – Planetarium in school years 2 and 5
- Friday 4th April – Last day of term.
- Monday 21st April – School closed (bank holiday)
- Tuesday 22nd April – School reopens
- Thursday 8th May – Year 4 to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
- Monday 12th May – Year 6 SATS week
- Friday 23rd May – Last day of term
- Monday 2nd June – School reopens
- Monday 2nd June – Year 4 Multiplication Tables Checks (across the week)
- Wednesday 4th June – Zoolab in F2
- Monday 9th June – Year 1 and 2 Phonics screening checks (across the week)
- Thursday 12th June – Year 2 Sports festival at Parkdale school (some children)
- Wednesday 25th June – Mayan Workshop in year 3
- Wednesday 9th July – Friday 11th July – Year 6 Camp at Sherbrook
- Friday 25th July – Last day of term



Spring 1 Empty Classrooms
Afternoon



Supporting your child's learning at home

Your child should have a login for **Showbie**. You can see what your child is doing in school on here for some subjects e.g music, Spanish, art etc

Children in F2, year 1 and year 2 will also have a **phonics book** on Showbie to read at home to practice using the sounds they are learning in school. Please see your child's teacher if you don't have their login and please encourage them to access this phonics book at home.

Children from year 3 to 6 have a login for **Times tables Rockstars**. Please encourage your child to use this at home – 5-10 mins a day will be better than half an hour on one day. Children will take the multiplication tables check in year 4 which relies on the children being able to recall times tables answers quickly. Lots of practice will help them with this.

Finally, we ask children to read at least 3 times a week. This will be a colour banded book or free reader book from our school library. Reading to you will help children develop their reading fluency, understanding and vocabulary. We do not set 'project' type homework as we would prefer children to spend their time practising their reading, phonics and times tables instead, as these are fundamental to all learning that happens in school.