



SCHOOL NEWS

Spring 1: 2026

It's been a fantastic start to 2026. Currently we are working hard with the children in school to help them understand the link between good attendance and their learning success. When they have time off, they have to work harder to catch up in the learning missed. Little bits of time make a big difference over the year and can result in big gaps in learning further down the line. Classes will have mini competitions and incentives but ultimately, we need parent support too. We understand that sometimes absence cannot be avoided but hopefully, if we work together to support the children in attending as much as possible, children won't miss out on crucial learning and will achieve the best they can.

Team Edale

Pupil Leadership

After half-term our pupil leadership groups will be up and running. This involves children from KS2 working with adults in school to lead on projects across the areas of belonging, well-being, reading, sports, attendance, pupil parliament and sustainability. We genuinely want pupil voice to drive changes in school and we will be regularly sharing updates with the school community on what each of the groups are up to.

Supporting the community

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 13th February in support of EPIC. We work very closely with EPIC who run many of our after-school clubs and lunchtime play support in school. They offer many opportunities in the community for young people and lots of our pupils and ex-pupils access this. In support of the work they do and to ensure they continue to be able to do this, we will collect donations (£1 suggestion) at the doors on Friday 13th February.

Attendance Updates

We have noticed many children needing to come into school via the office in the mornings due to arriving after the doors have closed. The gates open at 8:40am and all children should be in school to start their morning activity – this is always a revisit of learning previously covered so that they can practice, retrieve and embed the skills and knowledge. It is an important learning session and it is clear in lessons which children miss this time frequently. Arriving 15 minutes late at 8:55am everyday is equal to almost 6 full days of learning lost over the year. Please endeavour to arrive to school on time at 8:40am.

Key Dates

February

- 9th – Empty Classroom afternoon
- 9th – Year 4 parents evening 1
- 10th – Parents evening 1
- 10th – Year 5 and 6 to Nottingham Castle
- 11th – Parents evening 2
- 11th – Children’s Mental Health Week assembly
- 13th – EPIC non-uniform day (donations collection)
- 13th – **Last day of term**
- 16th – 20th – School closed
- 23rd – **School re-opens.**
- 25th – Reception and year 6 NHS height and weight measurement programme
- 26th – Attendance cinema trip – class TBC
- 27th – Festival of Science and Curiosity workshops
– Tech in conservation

March

- 2nd – Mini Bikers starts in EYFS (4 weeks)
- 5th – Year 5 trip to Magna Science Museum
- 5th – World Book Day – Non-uniform and special events; see Weduc and class notice boards for information for individual classes.
- 12th – Step into the NHS careers day; years 4, 5, 6
- 13th – Non-uniform day for Easter bonanza
- 19th – National Justice Museum attendance prize trip; class TBC
- 20th – **school closed; INSET day**
- 24th – Year 4 to The Great Orchestra Experiment
- 27th – **Last day of term**
- 30th March – 10th April – School closed

April

- 13th – **School re-opens**



Supporting your child’s learning at home

What can you do to help and how often should you do it?

F2, Year 1 and Year 2



3-5 times a week – 10-20 mins
Phonics book and high frequency words



Daily

KS2



Daily – 10-20 mins



Daily – 10-20 mins
(reading book)

The key to helping your child’s learning at home is to complete tasks in a ‘little and often’ manner. Just 10-20 minutes a day can have a huge impact in your child remembering key learning day by day and week by week making them more successful and finding learning easier in the long run.

All children in KS2 have a log in for Times Tables Rockstars – if you don’t have one for your child or they have forgotten it, please see their class teacher.

We have invested in more phonics books for our EYFS and KS1 children to take home. They are expensive to replace and we have 1 between 2 children for each title. Please ensure that these are returned each week in order for all children to have their turn with each book.