



Eden Park Academy Newsletter



Friday 20th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We really hope your children enjoyed the last few festive weeks of activities and performances at Eden Park. It has certainly been a busy time.

The special Christmas dinner on Wednesday was fantastic, with so many lovely comments from the children about how wonderful the day had been. A huge thanks to Kelly, our kitchen manager and her team for making the meal so special and yummy!

The day also involved a visit from Father Christmas and a gift for all the children. It was lovely to see the joy on their faces.

For those of you that managed to see the nativity performance at the start of the week, we also know that you will take some special memories as will the children involved. We are so proud of our youngest performers and how well they spoke and sang.

We also end the year with some extra special news that Mr and Mrs Abell are expecting their second child, who is due towards the end of the summer term. We know you will all join us in congratulating them and wishing them all the very best. After Christmas we welcome back Mrs Keenan from her maternity leave. She will be working in Starlings Class on a Wednesday when Mrs Dennis is off.

Finally, we wish everyone a wonderful festive break. We hope that you are able to spend quality family time and see loved ones if you are meeting up with relatives. Please keep safe and we look forward to **welcoming the children back on Tuesday 7th January 2025.**

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Mr Blunt, Ms Warner, Mrs Newman and everyone at Eden Park Academy.

Coming Soon! Eden Park Baby & Toddler group!

We will be starting this group in the new year. It will be 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.

We will be asking parents to fill in a registration form to attend.
Please ask in the office if you are interested, and we can put you on our list.

The date of the first session will be confirmed soon.

Thank you.
Mrs Ackland



Dinner & Nursery Payments



As we are now at the end of term, please can all School Dinner and Nursery accounts be paid up to date before the end of school today. This can be done online via MCAS or in cash at the office. Your cooperation with this is much appreciated.

Bikes & Scooters

While children are welcome to bring bikes & scooters to school, these should **not** be ridden on the premises. They should be walked to the outdoor storage provided once on school grounds. This is to ensure everyone's safety.

While outdoor storage is provided at school, they are left at your own risk.



Term Dates for 2025

Spring Term Begins: Tuesday 7th January 2025

Half Term: Monday 17th - Friday 21st February 2025

Spring Term Ends: Friday 4th April 2025

Summer Term Begins: Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Half Term: Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May 2025

Summer Term Ends: Wednesday 23rd July 2025

Non Pupil Days

Monday 24th March 2025

Monday 14th July 2025

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May 2025

Primary School Applications

Was your child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021?

Applications can now be made for a primary school place for entry in Reception class in September 2025. You must apply for your child's place by **15th January 2025**.

You can apply for a school place online at:

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline



If you cannot access the school admissions website, you can get more information by calling the Education Helpline on **0345 155 1019** to request a paper copy.

Tarka Learning Partnership Newsletter

Please use the link below to view the December Newsletter from Tarka Learning Partnership. This can be typed into your browser on either a mobile, tablet or computer.

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/fmGp02JJdC6OVRPm?ref=Link>

School Christmas Lunch & Santa Visit

The children and staff all enjoyed sitting together for Christmas lunch this week, as well as a visit from Santa for the children. The hall was decorated beautifully with music playing.

A lovely way to round off the term before the holidays!



School Uniform Reminder

Please ensure your children have the correct uniform for the new term.

Main Uniform

Sapphire Blue jumper or cardigan with school logo

White polo shirt (plain or with logo)

Black or grey school skirt, pinafore or trousers, Leggings or Tracksuit bottoms

Plain black, grey or white socks or tights

Black shoes (low-heeled) or plain black trainers (no branding)

PE

Black shorts

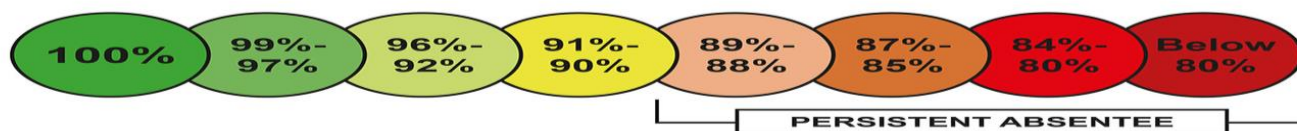
Blue T-Shirt with school logo

Sapphire Blue hoodie with school logo (optional)

PE shoes – trainers are recommended

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time

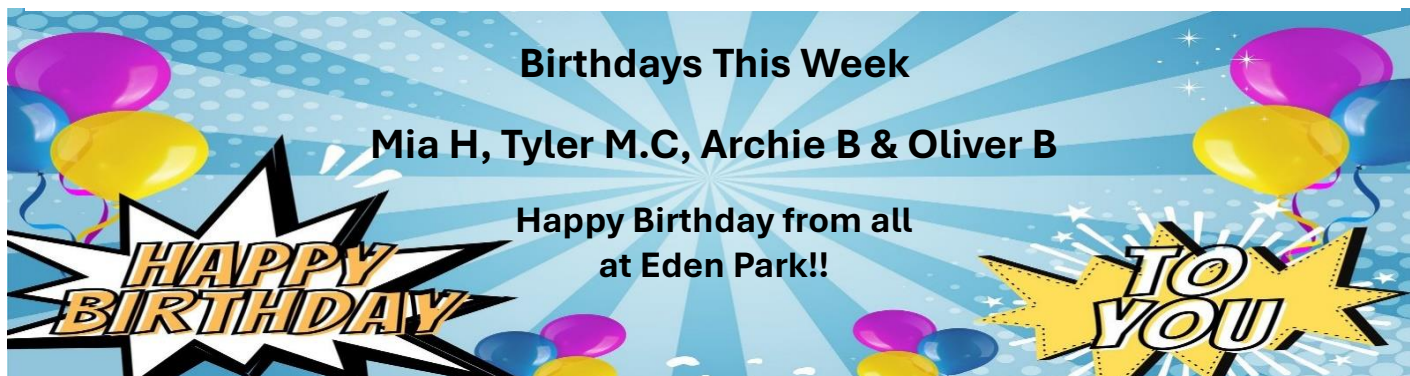


Which **CIRCLE** are you in?

Birthdays This Week

Mia H, Tyler M.C, Archie B & Oliver B

Happy Birthday from all
at Eden Park!!



Upcoming Community Events

Saturday, 21 December 14:00 – 17:00

Lego Builders @ Barnstaple Library

Weekly drop in Lego club at Barnstaple, all ages welcome. Come and make something, and we'll display it!

Saturday, 21 December 09:00 – 10:00

🏃 Park Run @ Rock Park Barnstaple 🏃

Join Barnstaple Parkrun Every Saturday!

Barnstaple parkrun is a free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event. Whether you want to walk, jog, run, volunteer, or simply spectate, this event is for everyone!



HAF CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY DAYS

Ofsted

DEVON HAF
Primary Activities and Education

Primary Sports and Education North Devon

DATES:
- MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER
- THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY
- FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY

9.00AM - 1.00PM
Extended options available

STICKLEPATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY ACADEMY

5-11 YEAR OLDS

PRIMARY SPORTS & EDUCATION

HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK!

For More information, contact us :
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The Lynton & Barnstaple Railway

Santa Specials

Kids travel for £1.00
14th - 24th December
(Except 16th & 17th December)

Santa and friends can't wait to meet you at Woody Bay Station!
Wrap up warm and enjoy a delightful festive steam train ride!

Tickets are selling quick!
Pre-booking is essential to avoid disappointment!

- Meet Santa and friends.
- Each child receives a present and sticker from Santa
- Regular train services (2 mile return journey)
- Tea Room & Station Shop
- Free Bear Santa Christmas activity sheet
- Post your letter with Santa's Workshop Post Box

Woody Bay Station - EX31 4RA
On the A39 between Lynton & Blackmoor Gate.
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