

18TH SEPTEMBER 2026

EAST WARD'S WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER



Miss Jarvis' Update

It has been another busy and positive week in school, with lots of fantastic learning and activities taking place across the school.

We are aware how challenging only having one gate as the entrance and exit to our school can be and we appreciate that the playground and school gates can become particularly busy at the end of the day. To help us keep the area safe and manageable for everyone, we kindly ask that parents and carers avoid bringing older high school-age siblings onto the playground where possible and leave the school premises promptly once you have collected your child.

If you are collecting a child in Key Stage 2, please avoid arriving too early, as this can help reduce congestion around the gates and playground.

A reminder of our end-of-day collection times:

- Reception: 3.15pm
- Year 1 & Year 2: 3.20pm
- Year 3 – Year 6: 3.25pm

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a happy and respectful school environment.

Find out what your child has been learning about this week on Instagram @eastwardprimary

If you need to speak to a member of staff, please call the school office on 0161 7646065 or drop in.

Spotlight On: Early Reading

At school, we use Read Write Inc. Phonics to help children develop the skills and confidence they need to become successful readers.

Reading at home is a really important part of this journey. Please try to read with your child little and often, encouraging them to sound out and blend unfamiliar words. Re-reading familiar books helps build fluency and confidence too!

Don't forget that sharing a story together is just as valuable — talking about characters, new words and what might happen next helps develop language and a love of reading.

Come along to our upcoming workshops with Mrs Jackson and Miss Wilkinson to find out more about Read Write Inc. and how you can support your child at home.

- Reception Parent's Phonics Workshop - Tuesday 22nd September at 8.50am
- Year 1 Parent's Phonics Workshop - Wednesday 30th September at 8.50am
- Year 2 - Year 6 Parent's Reading Workshop - Thursday 1st October at 8.50am

We look forward to seeing you!



Attendance

You may have noticed that we regularly remind families about the importance of good attendance. We know that children can be unwell and that sometimes absence is unavoidable, but every day in school really does matter.

When children are absent, they miss valuable learning, routines, friendships and experiences. Even missing one or two days regularly can quickly add up and can make it harder for children to keep up with their classmates.

Our aim is not to put pressure on families, but to work together to give every child the best possible chance to learn, thrive and achieve. We want every child to be in school, on time and ready to learn as often as possible.

Our attendance total this week was

Our aim is to get 96%+ each week across the whole-school.

If you require any support, please make sure you reach out to Miss Sheridan, Miss Hewitt or a member of SLT.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us make attendance a priority. Every day counts!

Attendance Incentives

This year we are running a series of attendance incentives with the aim of supporting all children to improve their attendance. The idea is at whatever the children's attendance currently is, they can challenge themselves to increase this by at least 1%.

Surprise Golden Ticket Days



Individual Class Targets

If a class meets their half termly target, they will earn a monetary reward that they can decide how to spend.

CLASS:	 HALF-TERM ATTENDANCE TARGET	
WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	ATTENDANCE TARGET	ATTENDANCE REWARD
		



EQUATES TO:

4 SCHOOL DAYS EACH YEAR	100%	PERFECTION YOU ARE HIGHLY LIKELY TO ACHIEVE WELL IN SCHOOL.
7 SCHOOL DAYS EACH YEAR	98%	IMPRESSIVE YOU ARE HIGHLY LIKELY TO ACHIEVE WELL IN SCHOOL.
9 SCHOOL DAYS EACH YEAR	96%	GOOD YOU ARE LIKELY TO ACHIEVE WELL IN SCHOOL.
9 SCHOOL DAYS EACH YEAR	95%	NEARLY THERE YOU ARE AT RISK OF UNDERACHIEVEMENT.
11 SCHOOL DAYS EACH YEAR	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE YOU ARE AT RISK OF UNDERACHIEVEMENT.
20 SCHOOL DAYS EACH YEAR	90%	CONCERNS YOU ARE AT SERIOUS RISK OF UNDERACHIEVEMENT.
30 SCHOOL DAYS EACH YEAR	85%	SERIOUS CONCERNS YOU ARE AT EXTREME RISK OF UNDERACHIEVEMENT.

Attendance Matters

Weekly Attendance

↑	Nursery: 92.6%
↓	Stars: 89.6%
↓	Rainbows: 87.7%
↓	Honey Pot: 77.4%
→	1B: 93.3%
↑	1G: 96.9%
→	2J: 90.3%
↓	2W: 96.0%
↑	3S: 98.1%
↑	3W: 98.7%
↑	4A: 97.3%
↑	4W: 96.1%
→	5M: 93.6%
→	5T: 96.8%
↑	6UR: 90.9%
→	6W: 97.3%
↑	6C: 96.7%

Pupil Leadership at East Ward: Our New Pupil Parliament



The first three Monday assemblies of the new school year have focused on Leadership and Values, helping our children to understand what it means to be a positive role model, make responsible choices and have a voice within our school community.

You may have heard about our exciting Pupil Parliament Election Week last week! Children in every class from Year 1 to Year 6 had the opportunity to put themselves forward as candidates. Each child presented their own manifesto, sharing their ideas and explaining why they would make a great representative for their class.

On Thursday, our four chosen candidates from each class proudly displayed their campaign posters around school, ready for Election Day on Friday. The voting cards were prepared, and classes visited our very own East Ward Polling Station, where they cast their votes and placed their ballot papers into the ballot box.

The votes were carefully counted over the weekend, and the successful candidates were announced in Monday's assembly. A huge well done to everyone who put themselves forward — standing for election, sharing ideas and speaking in front of others takes real courage!

Miss Geelan certainly couldn't have managed such a busy week without the fantastic support of our new Values Ambassadors, who are also members of the Pupil Parliament. They played an important role in helping Election Day run smoothly and ensuring there wasn't a single hiccup!

And that's not all... some of our Year 6 Pupil Parliament members are already busy preparing for their very own Prime Minister campaigns. Watch this space — there is lots more to come from our young leaders!



RISE in Education **Early Break**

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

Parent Workshops

'RISE in Education' are hosting two workshops to support parents with their child's mental wellbeing and to better understand anxiety and low mood.

Supporting your child who is experiencing 'Worry or Anxiety'
Tuesday 29th September
10:00 - 12:00

Supporting your child who is experiencing 'Low Mood'
Monday 5th October
10:00 - 12:00

Early Break Head Office, Castle Buildings, 2nd Floor, Market Place, Bury, BL9 0LD

Scan the QR code to register. If you would like to attend both workshops, please fill out two forms.

Please contact education@earlybreak.co.uk with any questions.



Need any support with your child's mental health and wellbeing? Make sure you pop the dates in your diary to attend the RISE in Education workshops. All information is provided in the poster above.



GIRLS' STREET REDS

Street Reds offers free football sessions and alternative activities for young people aged 8-16 in a supportive and positive environment.

Register for our girls-only sessions by visiting: www.mufoundation.org/streetreds

Or scan the QR code using your phone



Session Details:
Day: Wednesdays
Venue: Neuven Stadium, Colshaw Close East, Radcliffe, Manchester, M26 3PE
Time: 4:30pm - 6:00pm
Session: Girls Only Street Reds

Don't forget to bring:

- Football boots and trainers (sessions take place on 3G pitch)
- Suitable clothing
- Drinks and refreshments
- Shin pads

Powered by PL Kicks






Calling girls aged 8-16 years old. Manchester United are hosting free football sessions at The Neuven (Radcliffe) on Wednesdays 4.30pm - 6.30pm. Register your child using the QR code or at www.mufoundation.org/streetreds.

School Trips

You must use ParentPay to pay for your child's trip and also tick to give permission for your child to attend on ParentPay too.

If you require further support with ParentPay, you can visit the school office where our staff will be able to provide information on using this platform.

ParentPay
Pay Online Now

Year 5 - Jodrell Bank - 1st October

Year 4 - Bolton Museum - 3rd November

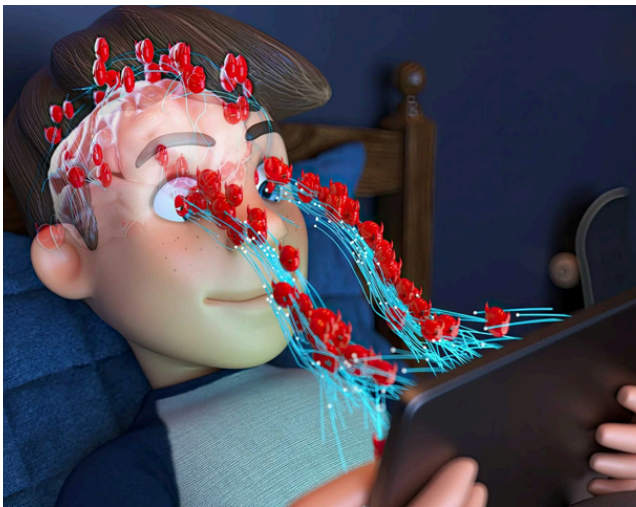
Year 6 - Viking Workshop - 18th November

Year 3 - Brockholes Nature Reserve - 26th November

Year 5 - Anglo-Saxon Workshop - 26th November

Year 2 - Quarry Bank Mill - 3rd December

Safeguarding Update: Child-On-Child Abuse and Online Risks



As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping children safe, we are continuing to strengthen our focus on child-on-child abuse and emerging online risks.

This includes helping children understand kindness, respect, personal boundaries and that inappropriate or harmful behaviour towards others is never acceptable.

We are also increasingly mindful of the risks associated with Artificial Intelligence (AI). Even at primary age, children may come across AI-generated images, videos or messages, which can sometimes be misleading, upsetting or inappropriate. We will continue to teach children how to stay safe online, make positive choices and speak to a trusted adult if something makes them feel uncomfortable or worried.

We encourage parents and carers to have regular, age-appropriate conversations with children about what they are seeing and doing online, reassuring them that they can always come to you or another trusted adult for help.

Safeguarding is a shared responsibility, and working together helps us keep our children safe both in school and online.

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Rock musician
of the week...

Queen

Music genre of the
half term:



Diary Dates

Tuesday 22nd September @ 8.50am
Reception Parent/Carer Phonics Workshop in the
school hall

Friday 25th September from 8.30am
MacMillan Coffee Morning in the school hall

Wednesday 30th September @ 8.50am
Year 1 Parent/Carer Phonics Workshop in the
school hall

Thursday 1st October
Year 5 Trip to Jodrell Bank

Thursday 1st October
Year 2 to Year 6 Parent/Carer Reading Workshop
in the school hall



Together at Little Oaks

Coffee Morning

Good coffee
Friendly conversations
Stronger together



Connecting



Belonging



Friendly conversations



Good coffee



Being stronger together

Everyone is welcome!

Supporting each other



A message from us...

These sessions are a chance to come together, have a cuppa, share a chat and be part of a supportive community. We know how important it is to feel connected, and we're so pleased to be able to offer this space at Little Oaks.

Run by
Miss Hewitt



Where?
Little Oaks



When?
Once per month
(first one)



First session:
24th September
9-10am

Children are welcome!



What to expect in our sessions...

September

Welcoming and getting to know each other



October

Our families and traditions



November

Looking after ourselves



December

Winter celebrations



Real conversations ♥ New friendships ♥ A stronger community