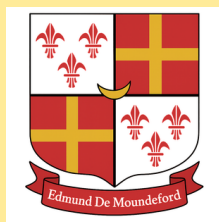




Edmund De Moundeford VC Primary School



Autumn Term 1

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Summer. We are now five weeks in to the academic year and we hope the children have settled in nicely and are enjoying being back in a routine alongside their friends. It was wonderful to welcome returning students, as well as new students and their families, to our school.

As you may have noticed, we have welcomed some new members of staff to the team,;
Miss Warner - teaching Kingfishers class,
Miss Tzivelekas teaching Ospreys
Mr Griffiths, our interim Head Teacher

If there is anything you wish to discuss or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us either in person or via the office at office@edmprimary.co.uk.

Our Awesome Achievements So Far - Well Done!!

Date	Speech & Listening	Positivity
Week ending 11/9/26	Darcie-Rose, Juniper, Teddy M, George D and Ruby B	Tommy-Lee P, Arya, Daisie L, Jacob G and Rosa
Week ending 18/9/26	Evelyn, George R, Freddie S, Alfie-Jay and Cadence	Nancy, Ralph L, Maddison, Daisy B and Ella
Week ending 25/09/2026	Isabelle P, Rosie I, Jackson, Jasmine and Rex H	Pippa, Daisy B, Willow M, Paige and Harper
Week ending 2/10/2026	Rowan, Olivia, Austin, Archie L and Felicity	Freddie M, Matias, Thomas-John, Abbie and Eddie E-S
Week ending 9/10/2026	Kehlani, Charlie F, Euren, Baird and Rosa.	Ralph D, Archer, Reggie R, Kieran and Evie

Well done!



Weekly Class Attendance



Date - week ending	Class	Percentage
11/9/26	Puffins	99.35%
14/9/2026	Kingfishers	96.88%
21/09/2026	Kingfishers	98.44%
28/09/2026	Puffins	97.59%
09/10/2026	Puffins	98.97%

Out Of School Achievements

We love to hear about the children's extracurricular activities outside of school, so please let us know what they achieve and we will celebrate their success in the newsletter and assemblies. A big well done to the following children, who have all been very busy over the Summer holidays, taking part in reading challenges, running, cricket and horse riding.

Well done to Hugo and the Hockwold Cricket team who won the U11's Norfolk County Cup during the Summer.



It has been a busy Summer for this young man, who took part in the 5k run at Africa Alive, finishing first in his age category and winning tickets for the zoo alongside a giraffe feeding experience.

He is now also completing 5k park runs every Saturday morning and recently reached his first milestone of 25 runs - equivalent to 125km, which is an amazing 77+ miles!



Well done to this young lady and Jack who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge over the Summer.



Congratulations to this young lady and her pony, Cookie, who achieved 1st place and won a red rosette at Forest Edge Arena in the 50cm jumping event—also holding the title of youngest competitor!

Play Equipment

This is a reminder of the days that each class gets to use the outdoor play equipment. Please ensure your child brings a pair of trainers to school on their allocated day. They will not be allowed on the play equipment without appropriate footwear.

Mondays - Ducks and Puffins (only those in year 1 in Puffins class)

Tuesdays - Kingfishers

Wednesdays - Ospreys

Thursdays - Swans

Please note, due to insurance purposes, children in Reception are not allowed on the play equipment.

Weeting Steam Rally

We would like to say a BIG thank you to The Weeting Steam Rally committee who very kindly donated £250 to the school from the profits they raised at this years rally.

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PTA Colour Run

Thank you to the PTA for organising the colour run and to everyone who supported the event. It looked like the children (and adults!) all had a great time. The next PTA event will be the Halloween disco on Wednesday 21st October - more details to follow!

Parents Evening

The parents evening booking system is now live.

The available dates are; **Tuesday 20th October 2026, 3:30pm - 5:30pm**, then after half term each class will have a set date and they are as follows;

Monday 2nd November - Ospreys - Miss Tzivelekas - 1:30 - 4:30pm

Tuesday 3rd November Kingfishers - Miss Warren - 1:30 - 4:30pm

Wednesday 4th November - Swans - Mrs Lambert - 1:30 - 4:30pm

Thursday 5th November - Ducks - Miss Stevenson and Puffins - Mrs Freeman - 1:30 - 4:30pm



Please book your appointment using the Pupil Asset parent portal, as you have previously done. Please only book an appointment with your child/rens class teacher. New families have been emailed an activation link to set up their Pupil Asset portal. If you have any problems, please contact the school office. **We will be closing the booking system on Wednesday 14th October.**

Trips

Parents/carers of the children in Ospreys and Swans classes, will have been notified of their upcoming class trips. Ospreys are visiting Ancient House Museum on **Wednesday 18th November** and Swans are visiting The Museum of Zoology and Sedgewick Museum on **Wednesday 2nd December**. The payment deadline for both of these trips are **Tuesday 3rd November 2026.**

If you are having difficulties making the payment/contribution, please speak to the office.

Well done to these young ladies who have worked incredibly hard the past year rehearsing for their dance show 'Magic of Screen & Stage' which they performed at the weekend.



Harvest Festival

As previously communicated with parents/carers, we will be walking to the Church on **22nd October** for our Harvest Festival celebrations.

As part of our celebrations we are working alongside the Food Pantry and are asking children/parents to bring a non-perishable item to the church for our food collection. Children can carry the item up or parents are welcome to bring them to the church on the 22nd. These can be anything from tins of food, squash bottles, dried pasta etc etc.

In order to do this, we are looking for some parent helpers to help us safely walk the children to the Church. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help. If you are DBS checked with us and would like to help escort the children to the Church, please let the office know.

We are really looking forward to this event - the children have already been practising some wonderful songs in preparation for this.



Polite Reminders

The safety of our pupils is our top priority. Please do not park or stop on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school gates. We also kindly ask parents not to use the staff car park for pupil drop-offs, including during rainy weather or when running behind schedule. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone.

Appropriate Clothing

With the cooler autumnal weather arriving, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the day with a warm coat, tights, and extra layers as needed. Sending them in with the right clothing helps ensure they stay comfortable throughout the day and prevents us from having to interrupt your day to request forgotten items. Thank you!

Is My Child Too Ill for School?

With the changing weather and seasonal bugs going around, it can be hard to judge whether to send your child into school. We often find that children who feel a little groggy in the morning quickly cheer up and enjoy their day once they are in class and busy with their friends.

Unsure whether to send them in?

Please refer to the attached NHS guidance sheet for advice. This can also be found on our Facebook page.

Slightly under the weather?

You are welcome to give them a dose of Calpol before school. If they need another dose during the day, please drop by the school office to complete a Non-Prescribed Medication Form, and our staff will be happy to administer it for you.



Is my child too ill for school?

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

Please click on the following link for more guidance from the NHS regarding keeping your child at home.

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The school and communities team are running a course for parents on the Norfolk Steps Approach.

Edmund de Moundeford Primary school
Friday 6th November at 9am

Norfolk Steps Approach

You are the expert on your child. STEPS builds on the strong relationships families already have, using ideas from attachment and brain science to help make sense of behaviour. We will explore:

- 1 - Family Values
- 2 - Strengthening Relationships
- 3 - Analysing behaviour
- 4 - Behaviour as communication
- 5 - What is challenging behaviour communicating
- 6 - Understanding your child's stressors
- 7 - The Importance of consistency
- 8 - Planning for positive behaviours
- 9 - Responding to behaviours
- 10 - The use of Consequences

Opportunities to ask questions and find further support.

Norfolk Steps Approach

Please find details on the Norfolk Steps Approach course that is being run by the school and communities team on Friday 6th November at 9am, here at EDM Primary.





Diary Dates 2026

Tuesday 20th October	Flu Vaccination Catch Up	Parent Consultations 3:30 - 5:30pm
Thursday 22nd October	Harvest Festival @ St Marys Church	SEND Parent Cafe 1:30 - 3pm
Thursday 22nd October	School closes for half term	

Monday 2nd November	School re-opens @ 8:40am	Ospreys Parent Consultations 1:30 - 4:30pm
Tuesday 3rd November	Kingfishers Parent Consultations 1:30 - 4:30pm	
Wednesday 4th November	Swans Parent Consultations 1:30 - 4:30pm	
Thursday 4th November	Puffins Parent Consultations 1:30 - 4:30pm	Ducks Parent Consultations 1:30 - 4:30pm
Thursday 12th November	School Photographer - siblings and individuals	Year 6 height and weight checks. Reception screenings
Wednesday 18th November	Ospreys Ancient House Trip	

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Diary Dates 2026

Wednesday 2nd December	Swans Zoology & Sedgeweick Museum trip
Friday 4th December	Christmas Decoration Day
Friday 18th December	School closes for Christmas holidays @ 3:15pm

