

# Edmund de Moundeford Primary School

Autumn Term Newsletter  
19th December 2025



## Headline News

### Festival Of Lights

Thank you to everyone who attended the Festival Of Lights at St Mary's Church and voted for our Paddington themed Christmas tree. We are pleased to announce that we were joint winners! Thank you so much, the children all worked really hard to create their masterpieces for the tree. Thank you to the staff for taking time out of their day to go and set the tree up.



### Cross Country Competition



A BIG well done to the children who represented the school in the Cross Country Competition at Icenis on the 4<sup>th</sup> December. The weather was not on our side but all the children were amazing and ran really well. We had some fantastic results. Well done team.

Thank you to Mrs Neill and the parent helpers for giving up their time to support the children. We could not do it without your support. A big thank you to the parents/carers who came to watch and support their children and cheer on the team.

### Flamingos class trip

"On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December, we travelled to The Ancient House Museum to learn some more about Romans and their way of life. We had a great day dressing up in the armour and mashing up beans to make bean pie which we then got to try. We even got to try on jewellery and make our own torques. Thank you to the staff and parent helpers who gave up their time to come with us on this trip. We could not do it without your support".



## Christmas Decoration Day

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, the children took part in our annual Christmas Decoration Day. The classes were mixed together and the children visited each classroom where the teachers had different tasks for them to do. These included; making beautiful cards, tree decorations and gonks! We hope you enjoyed seeing their creations and apologies for the glitter!!



## Art Cafe 16/12/25



Thank you to the parent/carers who attended the Art Cafe on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December. We hope you had a lovely time creating Christmas crafts with your little ones.

## Nativity for Reception, Years 1 and 2

Thank you to the parents/carers who attended the Nativity performances. The children and staff have worked so hard to make this performance so spectacular and their hard work definitely paid off. A **BIG** thank you to the parents/carers for providing the costumes for the children, they all looked amazing!



## Christmas Carol Service

A **BIG** thank you to the parents/carers who attended the Carol Service at St Marys Church today. The children put on a great performance and their hard work rehearsing definitely paid off. Thank you to all the staff for making this happen.



## PTA Hampers

Look at the amazing Christmas hampers that the PTA have created using the items that your child/ren brought in, in return for breaking 3 rules on Break The Rules day. As always, the PTA have produced some amazing hampers and the winners will definitely enjoy them! Thank you for doing such an amazing job and thank you to the parents/carers, family and friends for buying tickets and supporting this fundraising event.



## Awards

The awards for the week ending 12<sup>th</sup> December go to:

Handwriting	Times Table/Numbots
Sian	Ralph L
Arya	Darcie S
Skylar	Aaron R
Ella C	Rex H
Millie M	Kyle



The awards for the week ending the 5<sup>th</sup> December go to:

Handwriting	Times Table/Numbots
Darcie - Rose	Edison
Jessica	Sofia
Jacob Hur	Darcie C
Edward E	Evie
Hunter	Charlie H

## Out of School Achievements

A **HUGE** well done to this young man who has taken part in 21 Junior Park runs so far. The total distance covered equals a full marathon. Well done!



A **MASSIVE** well done to Mr Stubbins and this young man who took part in the Banham Zoo Santa Run at the weekend and raised an incredible £294 for Cancer Research UK. Congratulations!



## Celebration Assembly



Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the Celebration assembly on Tuesday 16th December. It was lovely to see so many of you there.

The assembly was held to celebrate those children who had achieved 100% or 98% and above attendance, the top 10 students on the Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots leaderboard and the students who had showcased our 'Behaviours For Learning' - Resilience, Independence, Tolerance and Team Work.

The following children were awarded a certificate for Independence; Charlie F, Tyler, Jasmine, Albie S and Isabella B.

*Independence*



The following children were awarded a certificate for Team work; Verity, Austin, Archie, Felicity and Benn

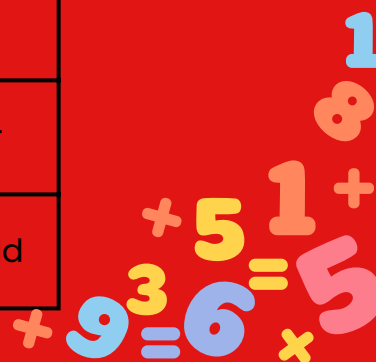
The following children were awarded a certificate for Resilience; Rosie I, Baiden, Georgia, Roman and Matilda.



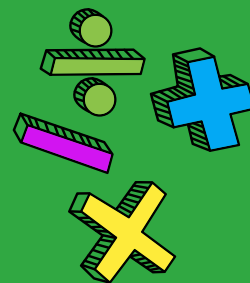
The following children were awarded a certificate for Tolerance; Ralph L, Evren, Teddy M, Cadence and Logan.

The following children have been working so hard on their Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots and here are the top 10 leaderboards.

Numbots Top 10	Name	Position	Name
1	Otis	6	Sophia
2	Tyler	7	Noah
3	Elina	8	Henry
4	Archer	9	Arthur
5	Reggie R	10	Reginald



The top 10 leaderboard for **Times Tables Rockstars** is;



Position	Name	Position	Name
1	Amelie	6	Roman
2	Zack	7	Toby B
3	Matilda	8	Carla
4	Millie	9	Emily-Mae
5	Erica	10	Bobby



### **Attendance**

A **BIG** well done to the following children who have been in school everyday from 3<sup>rd</sup> September to the 12<sup>th</sup> December and have been awarded a certificate for **100%** attendance;

Aaron, Lilah, Charlie F, Ralph, Freddie M, Olivia P, Sian, Verity, Edison, Sofia, Daisy L, Ferne, Willow, George, Charlie W, Edward B, Alfonso, Eric, Jack, Neo, Archie L, Jasmine, Teddy M, Georgia, Abbie, Ellen, Millie, Olivia T, Felicity, Ruby, Rex H, Isabelle, Albie S, Oscar, Rex S, Max B, Carla, Lena, Freddie G, Charlie H, Scarlett, Zack and Emilia.

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved **98%** or more attendance and were awarded a certificate;

Daisy B, Luna, Rosie I, Madelyn, Noah, Theo, Charlie I, Reginald, Douggie, Skylar, Paige, Emily-Mae, Alfie-Jay, Ronnie B, Rosa, Edward E-S, Erica, Jonah, Baily, Amelie, Logan and Bennie.

### **Mrs Lillycrop's Sporting Challenge**

Mrs Lillycrop's sporting challenge this half term, was to see how many beanbags the children could throw in to a small hoop in one minute. Reception, years 1 and 2 had a distance of 1 meter between them and the hoop. Years 3, 4 5 and 6 had a distance of 2 meters between them and the hoop. Here are the top 3 children from each year group; Finny, Willow N and Albert.

Elsie, Sian and Olivia P.

Sofia, Otis and Daisy L.

Georgia, Alfie-Jay and Skylar.

Thailia, Olivia T and Ronnie R.

Jacob Ha, Evie and joint 3<sup>rd</sup> was Imogen, Sonny and Albie S.

Lena, Freddie G and Matilda.



The challenge for next half term is Skipping - the amount of standing skips before missing one. Good luck!

## Swimming

All children in **Year 4** will be swimming on Thursday afternoons when we return in January. Please make sure your child has the correct swimming kit in school every Thursday. As always, we are in need of parent helpers. If you are DBS checked with us and would like to help, please let the office or class teacher know. Thanks.



## Goldfinches Trip

We are pleased to say that Goldfinches trip to Lynn Museum on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026, will be going ahead. Thank you to all parents /carers for making their payment/contributions and for returning the consent form.

## *Good Bye*



It is with great sadness we said goodbye to Mr Stubbins today. We are very sad to see you go. Thank you for all your hard work during your time with us and we would like to wish you all the best for the future.

## After School Clubs

The spaces for the after school clubs have been allocated and parents were emailed last week confirming their child's place.

If your child does not attend one week without an explanation they will be removed from the club and will not be able to participate in any further clubs for the rest of the year. This does not apply if your child is absent from school that day. If your child has a valid reason for not attending club, then that is allowed providing that you inform us **BEFORE** the club commences.



We would like to say a **BIG** thank you to Mr and Mrs Potton for organising the installation of a brand new steam oven in the canteen and a **BIG** thank you to the work crew of CCS for getting it all up and running for us. It has made such a difference in the canteen.




## Something To Do!


Our very own Mr B is back in panto again in February 2026 - oh no he isn't- oh yes he is!! If you would like to support Mr B, please see details on the poster below. Whilst on your travels, especially at Fiveways roundabout, look to see if you can see Mr B, (but not Mr B as you know him) on the poster below!



Please take a look at the poster below with contact details of services available over the Christmas period if you need them.




Useful Information for Families over Christmas


Pharmacy Opening Times 

Day	Opening Hours	Address	Telephone No
Christmas Day	14:00 to 18:00	10 School Lane, Thetford. IP24 2AG	01842 753361
Boxing Day	10:00 to 14:00	Grove Lane, Thetford. IP24 2HY	01842 752371
New Years Day	10:00 to 14:00	10 School Lane, Thetford. IP24 2AG	01842 753361

NHS 111 – Get help for your symptoms - Online [Get help for your symptoms - NHS 111](#)


 CALL 111 for any child under 5 years


Mental Health Support – urgent support for mental health phone 111 Select Option 2

Housing  – if you have an urgent housing need phone 01553 616601 (opt 1 if office is closed)

Christmas Day Dinner – open to all. Downham Market Methodist Church – free to attend. Please email: [church.dmmc@outlook.com](mailto:church.dmmc@outlook.com) to book a place.

FoodBank – please visit - [Get emergency food | Trussell](#)





We have had a very busy, but successful term with lots going on, including trips, sports competitions and of course, the Nativity and Carol concerts. We would like to thank everyone for your support this term. Thank you to the parent helpers who give up their time to attend trips, help with swimming etc, we could not do these things without your help. Thank you to the volunteers who come in to hear the children read and to the PTA for your support and continued fundraising events this term. Also, thank you to the Governors for your continued support.

All the staff would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Tuesday 6th January 2026.**



# Diary Dates for 2026

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## January 2026

### **Tuesday 6th**

School re-opens for all students

### **Monday 12th**

Stay and play for any child who  
will be in any Reception class in  
September 2026 or 2027  
16:00-17:00

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>**

Goldfinches trip to The Lynn  
Museum

## February 2026

### **Friday 13th**

Author visit

### **Friday 13th**

Last day of half term. School  
re opens on Monday 23/2/2026

### **Monday 23rd**

School reopens

### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>**

Parents Consultations

## March 2026

### **Tuesday 3rd**

Parents consultations

### **Wednesday 18th**

Tag Rugby Competition

### **Friday 27th**

Last day of term, school reopens  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

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