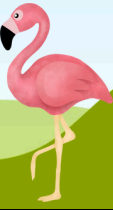




# Edmund de Moundeford Primary School

Autumn Term Newsletter 5  
14th November 2025



## Headline News

### Reading Cafe - 24<sup>th</sup> October 25

Thank you to the parents/carers who attended the Reading Cafe on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October. It was lovely to see so many of you there. We hope you enjoyed doing the Autumn based activities with your child/ren.



### Welcome to the team!

We would like to welcome Mrs Lindsey Good and Mrs Emma Hunt to the team. Mrs Good has joined us as a 1-1 teaching assistant and Mrs Hunt has joined us as a part time teaching assistant. Welcome to the team ladies.



### Remembrance Day

On the 11<sup>th</sup> November, the school came together to remember the men and women who fought in the World Wars and to mark the end of World War 1. The children listened to some interesting facts about Mrs Ablitt's Grandad who was a pilot in World War 2, then we held a 2 minutes silence to remember those we lost and who fought for our country.



A **BIG** well done to the children who took part in parades on Remembrance Sunday, representing their local Scouts, Cubs and Brownie groups.

### A BIG Thank You

We would like to say a BIG thank you to the PTA who have kindly donated a £200 Amazon gift voucher to support the SEN provisions in our school. Thank you so much for your generosity.



## Awards

This weeks awards go to:

Handwriting	Times Table/Numbots
Paisley	Finny
George R	Lola-Mae
Neo	Emily-Mae
Harley	Jacob Ha
Emilia	Indy



The awards for the week ending the 7<sup>th</sup> November go to:

Handwriting	Times Table/Numbots
Olivia P	Ralph L
Charlie I	Elina
Teddy Bu	Skylar
Noah W	Rosa
Bennie	Millie M



## Out Of School Achievements



A **BIG** well done to this young man who competed in the last Karate tournament of the 2025 series at the weekend. He absolutely smashed it and walked away with a bronze medal, a silver medal and 2 grand champion trophies.

## Staffing Update

Mrs Lillycrop has not been in school recently and is taking a leave of absence. During this time the school will continue to operate as normal and anything that would have been addressed to Mrs Lillycrop should now be addressed to Mrs Ablitt.

Mrs Ablitt is being supported by our Staff and the Governing Body, please be assured that everyone at Feltwell Primary School is working to ensure we continue to deliver the very best education possible for our pupils.

## Trips



We are pleased to say that Flamingos class trip to The Ancient House Museum on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December, is going ahead. Thank you to all the parents/carers who made their payments/contributions. If your child/ren has not returned the consent and Dolce lunch form, please do this by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November**. Paper copies can be found in the foyer if you require one.

### **Payment/Contributions Reminder**

Goldfinches class trip to The Lynn Museum is on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026**. An email has been sent to parents/carers with more information and the consent and lunch forms. The payment deadline for this trip is **9am on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December**.

Paper copies of the consent forms are available in the foyer if you require one.

If we do not receive all payments/contributions, then sadly the trip will not be able to go ahead. If you are having difficulties making the payment/contribution, please contact the office.

### **Headlice**

We have a reported case of headlice in the school. Please check your child's hair and treat if necessary. Thanks.

### **Children In Need 2025**

It was wonderful to see so many children dressed up in their spotty clothes today and the variety of teddy bears.

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far on our Children In Need Just Giving page. We have raised an incredible **£233** so far.

There is still time to donate so if you wish to do so, please click on the link below to support this very worthy cause.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/edmund-de-moundeford-primary-school-4?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/edmund-de-moundeford-primary-school-4?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

### **Vacancies**

We currently have two job vacancies at Edmund De Moundeford VC Primary school.

Please click on the link below for more information and an application form, for our part time cleaning and our temporary teaching assistant vacancy.

<https://www.edmunddemoundeford.co.uk/job-vacancies/>

The closing date for these positions is **20<sup>th</sup> November 2025**.





## Coats

The cold, wet weather is definitely upon us, yet there are still a number of children coming to school without coats. Please send your child to school with a coat everyday.



## Naming Uniform

Please remember to name your child/rens clothes. It makes it much easier for us to return any lost items to a child if their names are inside the clothing.



## Data Collection Sheets

Data collection sheets have now been sent home with every child in the school. If you have not done so already, please check the information on the sheet is correct, adding any additional information that needs to be on there and crossing out anything that no longer needs to be on there.

Please return it to the office as soon as possible so we can update your child/rens records.



## Reminders

This is a reminder that on:

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November** - Flamingos have their class assembly at approximately **9:05am**. All parents/carers welcome.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November** - Hummingbirds class trip to The Ancient House Museum

## Parking

It has been brought to our attention that parents/carers are parking and blocking the pavements in the entrance to Hall Farm Close, opposite the school.

There is a sign up on the wall saying '**Residents parking only. No school parking**', please respect this.

We appreciate parking is difficult, but we must respect our neighbours and also keep the roads and paths as safe as possible for our children when they are arriving and leaving school.



## Parents Consultations

Thank you to the parents/carers that attended the parent consultations on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

We hope you found these useful and they gave you an insight in to what your child/ren is learning in class and how they are progressing.



Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing the children in school on Monday.



# Diary Dates for 2025/2026

Edmund de Moundeford V.C. Primary School

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## November 2025

### **Thursday 20th**

Flamingos class  
assembly approx  
9:05am

### **Friday 21st**

Hummingbirds trip  
to Ancient House  
Museum

### **Monday 24th**

Year 6 Height and Weight  
screening.

## December 2025

### **Thursday 4th**

Flamingos Ancient House Trip

### **Friday 12th**

Christmas Decoration Day

### **Monday 15th**

Penguins Art Cafe 2:15 - 3:00pm

### **Tuesday 16th**

Celebration Assembly (invitation  
only) @ 9:15am

### **Wednesday 17th**

Reception, years 1 and 2 Nativity  
@ 9:20am

### **Wednesday 17th**

Christmas Dinner

### **Thursday 18th**

Years 3,4,5,6 carol rehearsals at  
St Marys Church

### **Thursday 18th**

Reception, years 1 and 2 Nativity  
@ 5:30pm

### **Friday 19th**

Years 3,4,5 and 6 Carol  
Service at the Church  
@ 9:20am

### **Friday 19th**

Christmas Jumper Day  
SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR  
HOLIDAYS

REOPENS ON 6/1/26

**DON'T  
FORGET**

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about VPNs

VPN use among UK teens is on the rise – with a noticeable uptick following the introduction of the Online Safety Act's age-verification rules. A VPN – or virtual private network – can boost online privacy by hiding internet activity and masking the user's location. But while this technology has legitimate uses, it can also allow children to bypass safety filters and access inappropriate content. This guide covers what parents and educators need to know about VPNs and how to keep young people safe.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

VPNs are commonly used by young people to get around blocks on school networks or parental controls. This could include accessing social media, gaming sites or adult content that would otherwise be filtered out.

### ACCESSING INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

When a VPN is active, content filters can no longer see which sites a child is visiting. This means they could access inappropriate content without detection. This also makes it harder to intervene when a child is engaging in risky behaviour, as it may be difficult to detect it's happening.

### REDUCED TRANSPARENCY

VPNs may make parental monitoring software ineffective, stopping parents from monitoring their child's activities, including their ability to identify potentially harmful or inappropriate content or online contact. This in turn may prevent parents from protecting their children from attempted sextortion or other online threats.

### FALSE SENSE OF ANONYMITY

Children believing that VPNs make them 'invisible' online may seek to explore unsuitable internet content, including content which might otherwise be blocked. This may result in them seeking and accessing increasingly inappropriate – or even harmful – content.

### INCREASED EXPOSURE TO MALWARE

Many free VPN apps are poorly regulated and may carry hidden malware. Young people installing unverified software could unknowingly open up their device (and home network) to spying, data theft, computer viruses, or even remote access by criminals.

### RISK OF MALICIOUS VPN PROVIDERS

Although VPNs may increase privacy from network or service provider filtering and monitoring, this results in providing user and usage data to VPN providers. Some VPN providers may track user activity and sell that data to advertisers – or worse, malicious third parties. Not all VPNs are trustworthy.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### EXPLAIN THE POSSIBLE BENEFITS OF VPNS

Explain how VPNs can help protect user data and therefore may be appropriate when using public or other unsecured Wi-Fi, or while dealing with sensitive corporate or personal data.

### EXPLAIN THE RISKS OF VPNS

Discuss online risks, including harmful, disturbing, and criminal content. Inform children about criminal contact, such as sextortion, and how VPNs may restrict adults from monitoring children's internet use and helping them avoid these risks.

### FREE ISN'T FREE

Discuss the risk of 'free' VPNs and how they may sell or use people's data, which adds privacy risks. Additionally, discuss the potential for added malware in VPN downloads, and how these compromise devices and apps, leading to potential fraud or theft.

### CHECK DEVICES FOR VPNS

VPNs can be installed as both apps and browser extensions, so regularly check these on the devices used by the young people in your care. If they have been using VPNs, discuss it, listen to their reasoning, and inform them of the associated risks. In some cases, it may be appropriate to block VPN use via parental controls and other settings.

### DISCUSS ONLINE BOUNDARIES

Reinforce the importance of keeping safe online and how filtering and monitoring helps keep young people safe – explain this to them rather than just 'being strict'. Encourage an open conversation around what they're accessing and why.

## Meet Our Expert

This guide has been created in collaboration with Gary Henderson, director of IT at a large independent school in the UK, an ambassador for the Association of Network Managers in Education and the Vice Chair of the Independent Schools Council Digital Advisory Group.



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