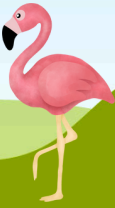




Edmund de Moundeford Primary School

Autumn Term Newsletter 3
10th October 2025



Awards

This weeks awards go to;
Pippa and Charlie F,
Lola-Mae and Henry.
Ellen and Millie S.
Bobby and Albie.
Max B and Carla.

Awards for the week ending 3rd October go to:
Sian and Edison.
Douggie and Rosie.
Georgia and Kieran
Hugo and Ronnie B.
Millie M and Millie B.



Parents Evening Consultations

Parent Consultations are on **Tuesday 21st October** and **Thursday 13th November**.

These were made live on Tuesday.
To save money we are using a different portal this year to book appointments, so please check your emails because you will have received an email with instructions on how to access your Pupil Asset portal and book an appointment, this is one appointment per child. If you have any problems or have not received the email, please call the office.

I will be available at both sessions if you need to speak to me.

Trips



Flamingos class trip to The Ancient House Museum is on **Thursday 4th December**. An email has been sent to parents/carers with more information and the consent and lunch forms. The payment deadline for the trip is **Tuesday 4th November at 9:30am**.

Hummingbirds class trip to The Ancient House Museum is on **Friday 21st November**. An email has been sent to parents/carers with more information and the consent and lunch forms. The payment deadline for the trip is **Monday 13th October**.

Goldfinches class trip to The Lynn Museum is on **Wednesday 14th 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 4th 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 myself or the office.



Times Table Rockstars and Numbots Leaderboard

The children have been working hard on their times tables since they have returned to school. Please note, Times Tables Rockstars is for years 3, 4, 5 and 6 only. Here is the top 20 leaderboard so far. Will there be any changes the next time we check?

Rank	Name
1	Albie
2	Lochlan
3	Lena
4	Carla
5	Amelie
6	Erica
7	Baily
8	Fleur
9	Toby
10	Scarlett



Rank	Name
11	Roman
12	Tyrus
13	Indy
14	Bennie
15	Teddy M
16	Jacob Ha
17	Edward
18	Hugo
19	Rory
20	Kyle



Numbots



Here is the top 20 leaderboard for Numbots. Please note, Numbots is for Reception, Years 1 and 2 only. Keep working hard and lets see if the leaderboard will change the next time we check.

Rank	Name
1	Otis
2	Reggie R
3	Oliver
4	Jessica
5	Tyler
6	Darcie S
7	Unica
8	Ferne
9	Archer
10	Henry

Rank	Name
11	Noah
12	Sofia
13	Freddie S
14	Sebastian
15	Daisie L
16	Willow
17	Sian
18	Elina
19	Verity
20	Ralph

Census Day



Thank you to those parents/carers who encouraged their child/ren to try the movie themed census day meal last week.

It makes a massive difference to our funding. I hope they enjoyed the meal and are keen to give other meals on the menu a try.

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.

Collecting Your Children

Just a reminder that if you are unable to collect your child and are sending a sibling or someone else to collect them, they must be **17 years or older**.

If it is the first time that they are collecting your child/ren and are not known to school staff, please make sure they bring a form of identification that staff can check before letting the child/ren go. Thanks.



Zig Zag Lines and Play Equipment

Please refrain from parking or stopping on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school gates when dropping off or collecting your child/ren. They are there for the safety of the children coming into and leaving the school.

Please do not allow your younger children to play on the play equipment when you are waiting for your child to come out of school. If your child was to hurt themselves our insurance would not cover them. Thanks.

Non School Uniform

Children are welcome to come into school in non school uniform on the last day of term, **Friday 24th October**. This is optional and for a treat.

I would like to remind parents/ carers that children are not allowed to wear high heeled shoes, hooped earrings or make up.

DON'T FORGET



After School Clubs



After school clubs for after half term have been loaded onto Parent Pay.

The clubs we have on offer are; Disney Club for years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 on Mondays.



Basketball for years 4, 5 and 6 on Tuesdays.
Countdown to Christmas for years 4, 5 and 6 on Wednesdays.

Gymnastics for years 1, 2 and 3 on Wednesdays.



If your child/ren is interested in any of these clubs, please express an interest by **15th October**. The office will notify you if your child/ren has a space or not.

Well Done!

Well done to this young man who competed in a cross country event on Sunday 5th October 2025 on behalf of his athletics club.

He did really well and it was the first event out of the cross country grand prix. Good luck for the next event.



Change In Awards

We have changed our learning focus and will now be issuing certificates to children who have worked hard on their handwriting and times tables for years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and handwriting and number bonds for Reception, years 1 and 2.

CERTIFICATE



Please

Our Development Plan



As part of our Development plan staff have decided to introduce some school expectations in order to further improve our school family. We have decided to start with reminding children that please and thank you is expected within our school family, (this applies to school staff too, of course).

We are also encouraging children to respond to staff when they say something, for example "good morning". We are starting to see impressive changes with the older children since my assembly on Friday. We will celebrate with you when further improvements have been made.

Goodbye

THANK YOU

School Photographer

The school photographer will be visiting us on the **13th November 2025**. This will be for individual and sibling photos. If you wish to have a photo of your child/ren with siblings that attend or do not attend the school, the photographer will be set up in the school canteen from **8:15am**. This will allow you to get their photos taken, then get them into school in time for registration.



Safeguarding

A reminder that if parents/carers have a safeguarding concern they would like to report, whether it is about a child or a member of staff, this must be reported to Mrs Ablitt or myself.

If the concern is about me, then the concern must be reported to the Chair of Governors, Mr Samuels via the school office.

Maths At Home and Oracy Guides

Please click on the link below to access our Maths page. This is full of useful information to help support your child/ren with their Maths at home. You will also find lots of other useful information on that page.

<https://www.edmunddemoundeford.co.uk/maths-home-learning-help-and-information/>

You were also emailed information on Oracy, please click on the link below to take you to the site.

<https://www.edmunddemoundeford.co.uk/oracy-home-learning-help/>

Flu Immunisation

The Flu Immunisation team will be visiting the school on **Friday 24th October 2025**. An email was sent out to parents/carers on Monday with more information and details of how to consent/not consent for the immunisation.

Please do not contact the office to tell us your preference, it can only be done through the link you have been sent. Thanks.

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

Mrs Lillycrop.



Diary Dates for 2025/2026

Edmund de Moundeford V.C. Primary School

Why don't you
print me off and
pop me on your
fridge?

October 2025

Tuesday 21st

Parent Consultations
3:30 - 5:30pm

Friday 24th October

Flu Immunisation Team
visiting the school

Friday 24th

Nightingales Cafe
@ 9:05am - 10:00am

Friday 24th

Optional non school uniform

Friday 24th

Last day of the half term.

November 2025

Monday 3rd

School re-opens

Monday 10th

Stay and Play for children in
Reception class 2026-2027

Thursday 13th

School photos - individual
and siblings.

Thursday 13th

Parent Consultations
3:30 - 6:30pm

Thursday 20th

Flamingos class
assembly approx
9:05am

Friday 21st

Hummingbirds
trip to Ancient
House Museum

Friday 21st

Children In Need

**DON'T
FORGET**

Diary Dates for 2025/2026

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December 2025

Thursday 4th

Flamingos Ancient House
Trip

Friday 12th

Christmas Decoration Day

Monday 15th

Penguins Art Cafe 2:15 -
3:00pm

Wednesday 17th

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

Wednesday 17th

Christmas Dinner

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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🔥 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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