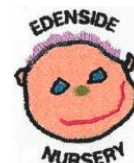




School Bulletin

August 29th 2025



Welcome to the school session 2025-2026.

We have had such a busy week in school this week, I am sure most of us are feeling ready for the weekend.

We have had a positive start to the school year. Our school has been a calm and happy place with a lot of learning, laughter and love. Thank you for all your efforts with school uniform, every one is looking so smart. (Remember the sharing shed is now open to take preloved items from.)

We are starting the year with a focus on 'choose kindness', which links well with our values of learning, laughter and love.

Staffing Update

Mrs Pearce's post as DHT has now ended. We wish her all the best for the future. We are grateful for all her hard work and dedication to the school as well as the support she gave to many children and families. The permanent post of DHT has now been advertised and we intend to interview towards the end of September.

Mrs Haddow has been offered another job nearer to home, so her last day will be Wednesday 3rd September. Interviews have been held this week. Whoever the successful candidate is, may not be able to start for a few weeks. Mrs Clark will be in our school office in the meantime.

Mrs Lyons resigned in the summer, as she had been offered a new job in a different sector. We thank her for the years of service she has given the school and wish her well in her new job.

We welcome two PSAs on a temporary basis until October: Mrs Blackburn who is mostly supporting P5 in the afternoons and Miss Spence who is currently supporting across P6, P6/7 and P7.

Snacks, water and **nut free**

We ask that you send your child with a snack for morning break. A snack could be fruit, crisps or biscuits. **Please make sure you send a snack and packed lunch that is nut free**, as we want to keep everyone safe. We do have a person in our school community with a severe nut allergy.

Please send your child with a filled water bottle each day. Please do not send flavoured / fizzy water or juice in water bottles. (Please make sure water bottles are named.)

I am asking that you **do not send sweets to school** (this includes lollipops and brainlickers) for snack or packed lunches, to support the school to keep within the Scottish Government Healthy Eating guidelines. Thank you.

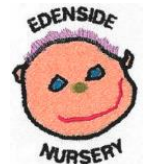
Absences / Attendance

If your child is absent, please contact the school to let us know by 9am. You can phone (01835 826533) or email (edensideps@scotborders.gov.uk) or send a message on the eduspot app (it was called expressions).



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Swimming for P6s and P7s

Swimming will start on Monday 8th September for a 10 week block for P6s and P7s. The cost is £2.10 per lesson. If you have applied for free school meals there will be no cost to you. You can still make an application for this if you feel you may be eligible on the SBC website in the school meals section. ParentPay has been set up for payments for P6s and P7s.

(P4s and P5s will have a 10 week block starting in March 2026)

PE

PE kit should be brought into school on Monday. Our PE kit is a plain white t-shirt, black / navy shorts or joggers / leggings and a pair of trainers. Each class has 2 hours of PE with Mr Sutton.

P1 – Tuesday and Thursday

P3 – Tuesday and Wednesday

P4 – Monday and Thursday

P6 – Monday and Wednesday

P7 – Monday and Tuesday

P2 – Tuesday and Thursday

P3/4 – Tuesday and Thursday

P5 – Monday and Thursday

P6/7 – Monday and Wednesday

Families: Open Classrooms and Playrooms

At Edenside we want to include families. We want you to feel comfortable in our school and be part of your child's learning journey. We will offer different opportunities during the year for you to come in to the ELC / school. The first offer is very informal. It is a chance for your child/ren to show you their classroom/s or playroom and meet their teacher or key worker. Please come along at the date and times below.

Wednesday 10th September

ELC

3.25 – 3.55pm

P1 – 7 3.35 – 4.15pm



Woodland Wednesdays

Woodland Wednesdays got off to a great start this week. Fabulous outdoor learning fun, led by the brilliant Mr Sutton supported by two parent helpers.



SIR and SIP

The school improvement report (SIR) is a report that evaluates the work of the school for last school session. The school improvement plan (SIP) is the school's plan for improvement for the school session.

We will shortly upload the school's SIR (2024/25) and SIP (2025/26) to the school website for you to read. If you wish to ask about these at any time, please contact the school.

Volunteering at Edenside

After a great start last session, we are looking to expand our volunteer group at Edenside. If you have enthusiasm, a love of working with children and some available time, we'd love to hear from you. Please complete this short form if you are keen to join us and Mrs Bryce will be in touch with you. <https://forms.office.com/e/dHuDLRMq5r>

We would support you with training and completion of a disclosure form before volunteering begins. If you have any questions regarding our Helping Hands project, please get in touch with Mrs Bryce via the school office.



Edenside Helping Hands

DO YOU OR A FRIEND / MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY WANT TO JOIN US IN WORKING WITH OUR EXCELLENT **EDENSIDE** LEARNERS? WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SUPPORT US TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE!

We are looking for volunteers to be part of our:

- **Book Buddy Team** – reading and playing phonic games with pupils from P2-7
- **Classroom Crew** – supporting teachers and pupils in class
- **Art Angels** – getting creative and completing art projects with individuals / small groups of children
- **Green Team** – working with individuals / small groups of children to maintain our green space

Dates for the Diary

Mon 1 st – 3 rd September	P7 Residential at Robinwood
Thu 4 th September	Parent Council AGM and meeting, in school, 6-7.15pm
Wed 10 th September	Open Classroom / Playroom (see above for detail)
Tuesday 30 th September	Family Workshops 2.30 – 3.25pm
Friday 10 th October	Harvest Festival Assembly, led by P3, (P3 families welcome) 12.15pm in the school hall
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th October	School Holiday
Mon 20 th October	INSET : School closed to pupils
Tue 21 st October	School re-opens to pupils