



Newsletter

6th December 2024



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The festive season is always a busy and exciting time of year in school! It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying our Christmas Fair on Wednesday, we really appreciate all of your support and managed to raise a fantastic £1155. This money will be put towards some fabulous hands on artefact resources to support the children’s learning throughout the year.

Please take a look below for a reminder of key dates over the next few weeks:

9th December 2024	Reception & KS1 Christmas Production at 1.45pm
10th December 2024	EYFS (Nursery) Christmas Production at 9.15am KS2 Christmas Production at 1:45pm KS2 Christmas Production at 1.45pm
11th December 2024	KS2 Christmas Production at 9.15am EYFS (Nursery) Christmas Production at 2pm
12th December 2024	Reception & KS1 Christmas Production at 9.15am
12th December 2024	Christmas Jumper Day
13th December 2024	Modern foreign language theme day
17th December 2024	Christmas Dinner
18th December 2024	Christingle Workshops and Service at Holy Trinity at 1.30 pm
20th December 2024	End of year class parties Last day of school

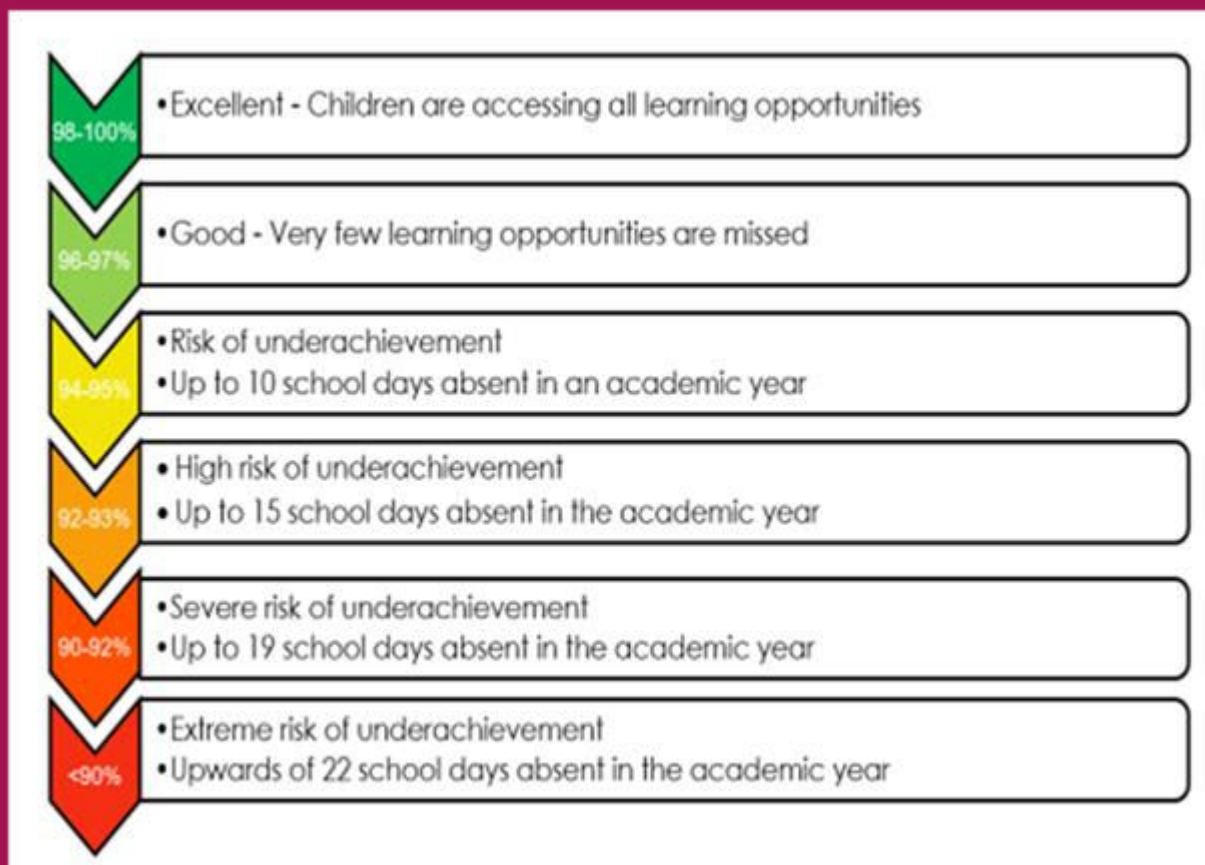


Attendance

Regular attendance is essential for children to make the most of their learning and build strong routines. At Edna G. Olds Academy, we are committed to supporting every child to reach their full potential, and being in school every day plays a big part in this.

This term, our school's overall attendance rate is **96.5%**, and we are aiming to improve this even further! A huge thank you to families for your efforts in ensuring children arrive on time and ready to learn each day.

If your child is unwell or unable to attend school, please remember to inform the office as soon as possible. Let's continue working together to make every day count!



Visit from the High Sheriff



We were delighted to invite the High Sheriff to Edna G. Olds Academy on Monday 18th November. The High Sheriff of Nottingham conducted an assembly for the children. He came dressed in his formal clothing, which he would wear to important meetings. The High Sheriff explained his role and how he makes a difference to the people of Nottingham. He was very passionate about helping children; he gave examples of how he supports children through sports and his charities. Another passion of his is to support communities in poverty, which his charity also supports. The children of Edna G. Olds were also given an opportunity to ask the High Sheriff questions about his role, why he wanted to become the High Sheriff and also what his favourite part of the role is.

Cinema Trips

A huge thank you to Miss Davies for organising cinema trips for Year 1 to Year 6 over the last few weeks. The children had a fantastic time, filled with excitement and laughter. It was a magical experience for all of them.



Cricket Tournament

Year 1 had a brilliant trip to Harvey Hadden Sports Village where we took part in a KS1 cricket festival. There was a carousel of activities that developed cricket skills, for example, bowling a ball and aiming at the wicket, batting a ball from a cone, catching a ball with both our hands, and feet. The children worked brilliantly together showcasing our school values.



Planetarium

Year 5 and 6 have been incredibly fortunate to have had the astronomy team from Nottingham University visit our classrooms, over the last 4 weeks. They have learned about the planets in our Solar System, how to classify different galaxies and how to recognise constellations and use the North Star to navigate. The children asked some brilliant questions, and our visitors were particularly impressed with the enthusiasm that the children demonstrated. The children's favourite moment was the inflatable Planetarium, which was too large to fit in a picture! The children went inside to see projected images of the constellations and learned about some of the myths surrounding them.



Criminal Justice System

Year 5 had a visit from our local PCSO who works with Nottingham Police Department. The children learnt about the Criminal Justice System and the people who are involved from the moment a crime has been committed, all the way to sentencing. The children found this fascinating and have been inspired by the different job roles within the justice system. We are very much looking forward to our next visit in the New Year!



On Thursday 12th December pupils can wear their Christmas jumpers. Parents are welcome to make a voluntary contribution which will go towards Save the Children charity. Please do not feel obliged to donate. Everybody can wear their jumpers!



Children in Need

We are delighted to share that we raised £468.66 for Children in Need. We held a bake sale and children came to school dressed in spots or something yellow! Thank you to everyone for your generosity and enthusiasm, making a meaningful difference to the lives of children across the country.



A huge thank you to our amazing catering staff who baked all the cakes for Children in Need. They were delicious 😊



Celebrations

Our lovely Miss Sammi celebrated her special birthday in school. The children loved singing happy birthday at lunchtime and the staff enjoyed the gorgeous birthday food!!!



Bea took part in her first gymnastics competition over the weekend! She has been working really hard for weeks practising her routines and was very courageous performing in front of lots of people. She even won two medals - a silver for the vault and a bronze for the floor! We are so proud of her and this achievement.



Core Behaviours Achievers



Nursery	Abdul-Ghani	For showing great enthusiasm and motivation when talking about and sharing his interests.
	Saira	For having the courage to share her thoughts and ideas confidently.
Rec	Aisha	For being a fantastic role model in reception, always showing respect and kindness to her peers.
	Matteo	for excellent motivation with his art work and using his creativity to draw lots of different dinosaurs.
Year 1	Kulthum	For always taking personal responsibility and being altruistic.
	Joshua	For showing more enthusiasm and courage to speak in class and share his ideas.
Year 2	Haron	For taking personal responsibility by trying hard to follow the routines of the school day.
	Sophie	For her kindness and willingness to always extend a hand of friendship to all.
Year 3	Abubakar	For showing courage in maths by making lots of contributions to our lessons
	Eleana	For showing courage when presenting to the class with her group
Year 4	Maria	For being more motivated in her learning and taking personal responsibility
	Usman	For taking personal responsibility in class and during playtimes.
Year 5	Khadija	For having a fantastic growth mindset and always taking personal responsibility.
	Zion	For demonstrating courage and personal responsibility by contributing more during group work.
Year 6	Naisha	For her ability to express herself with such enthusiasm and clarity. Keep it up!
	Abdullah	For his effort in changing his learning behaviours. He is willing to adopt new habits that help him grow and learn.

Many thanks for your continued support

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