



Newsletter

26th September 2025

Hannah Crotty
Headteacher

We have had a very busy few weeks at Edna G. Olds Academy, it has been wonderful to see the children approach their learning with such enthusiasm. This is a testament to the dedication of our teaching staff, who work hard to bring learning to life in meaningful and inspiring ways.

Alongside their learning, many children are also taking part in the wide range of extra-curricular clubs on offer. From sports and music to creative and academic activities, it is lovely to see so many pupils discovering new interests, building skills, and enjoying time with friends.

We are very proud of their dedication, both in lessons and beyond, and look forward to celebrating more of their achievements as the term continues.



Harvest

We would like to invite you to take part in our Harvest Assembly on **Monday 6th October at 9am**. Reverend Garreth Frank will be leading the assembly, and there will also be performances from our children. If you are able to donate any food items such as tins, packet food etc. then please send it to school by **Wednesday 15th October**. We will be donating all food collected to Himmah, a local food bank and support network for the local community.



Safety Zone

Year 6 had a fantastic time on their trip to Safety Zone, where they learnt valuable lessons about how to stay safe at home and within the wider community. The children engaged enthusiastically with the wide range of organisations present and showed great curiosity in exploring how to protect themselves and others. They thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on activities and came away with new knowledge they can use in everyday life.

Bikeability

Year 6 took part in the Bikeability programme, where they learnt the essential skills needed to cycle safely and confidently on the road. The children practised control and awareness when riding, and listened carefully to guidance on road safety, signalling, and being considerate of other road users. They showed great perseverance and responsibility throughout the sessions.



Imagination Library

Nottingham Imagination Library is holding a 'Big Reading Challenge' from Monday 22nd September to Sunday 28th September. Supporters will read stories to as many children as possible during the week.

Nottingham Imagination Library is an amazing scheme that delivers a free book every month to local children from birth up to five years of age.

The scheme helps parents and children to enjoy exploring books together. The scheme is proven to raise children's literacy levels and, by receiving these books, our children are more likely to be ready to start school when they turn five. The charity has delivered more than half-a-million books to over 11,000 children in the city since 2009.

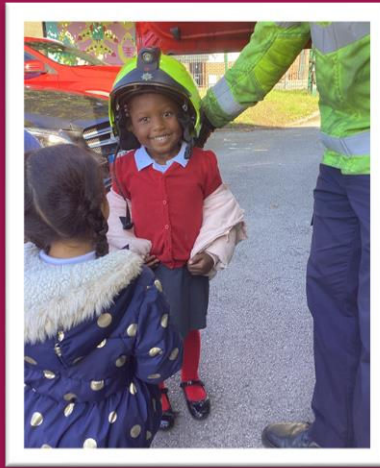
Year 2 were lucky enough to have a visit from Councillor Imran Jalil on Thursday 25th September as part of the 'Big Reading Challenge'. The children enjoyed listening to the story 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. We want to say a huge thank you to Councillor Imran Jalil for taking the time to read with our Year 2 class.



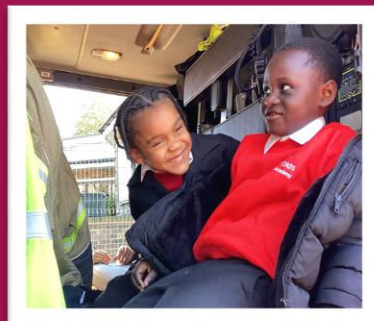
Fire Engine Visit

On Monday, Reception and Nursery children had a very exciting visit from our local firefighters! The firefighters spoke to the children about fire safety, including the importance of having working smoke alarms at home and knowing how and when to dial 999 in an emergency. The children also had the opportunity to see what a firefighter's uniform looks like, they got to explore the inside of a real fire engine, and they even had a go at using the fire hose!

Nursery



Reception



Attendance

We all understand the importance of good attendance. It has long been proven that good attendance helps lead to excellence outcomes for children in education. Even a small amount of time missed from school can have a serious impact on a child's learning. Please see below an illustration, which clearly shows how just a few days absent from school can have an effect. Small absences can add up over the course of a year. If you are worried about your child's attendance, or would like any support please contact the school office to make an appointment with Mr Rob Jones our family support worker.

Description	Attendance	Whole days lost	Lost hours of learning
Excellent	100 - 99%	0 - 2	0 - 10
Good	98 - 95%	4 - 7.5	20 - 37.5
Requires improvement	94 - 91%	9.5 - 17	47.5 - 85
Persistent Absentee	90 - 86%	19 - 27	95 - 135
Critical	85 - 80%	28 - 38	142.5 - 190

Key Dates – Autumn 2

4th November 2025	Core Behaviours Launch day
10th November 2025	Anti-bullying week
11th November 2025	Remembrance Day. Themed day across school
12 November 2025	Year 2 Class assembly and curriculum showcase at 9am. Finishes at 9:30am.
13th November 2025	Year 1 Class assembly and curriculum showcase at 9am. Finishes at 9:30am.
14th November 2025	Children In Need Day – Non Uniform
3rd December 2025	Christmas Fair
8th December 2025	KS1 & Reception Christmas Production at 1.45pm KS2 Christmas Production 9.15am
9th December 2025	KS1 & Reception Christmas Production at 9.15am KS2 Christmas Production 1.45pm KS2 Christmas Production at 1.45pm
10th December 2025	Nursery Christmas Production 9.15am
11th December 2025	Nursery Christmas Production 2.15pm
11th December 2025	Christmas Jumper Day
12th December 2025	Modern foreign language theme day
17th December 2025	Christmas Dinner
16th December 2025	Christingle Workshops and Service at Holy Trinity at 1.30 pm
19th December 2025	End of year class parties Last day of school





Core Values Achievers



Nursery	Hamid	For showing excellent resilience and perseverance when writing his name.
	Fatimah	For demonstrating excellent focus and motivation in choosing activities for herself in provision.
Rec	Daniel	For demonstrating great curiosity and enthusiasm during our fire engine visit
	Scarlett	For always demonstrating great engagement in our creative activities
Year 1	Emilio	For always showing compassion and encouraging his friends
	Ayat	For making a brilliant start to Edna G Olds and always working well
Year 2	Beatrice	For always being a great role model for everyone.
	Joshua	For trying hard in group discussions and asking questions.
Year 3	Jaff	For a great improvement in his focus and quality of work this week
	Tiarla-Nae	For working hard on her reading and being motivated in all lessons
Year 4	Remae	For showing respect and self-awareness to be the best version of herself.
	Eisa	For always showing respect and altruism to those around him.
Year 5	Jaxon	For incredible motivation and focus in his writing this week.
	Katherine	For her creativity and motivation in her writing.
Year 6	Wijdan	For her creativity and focus during our science lesson.
	Aman	For showing resilience and determination in his mathematics this week.

Thank you for your continued support.

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