



Newsletter

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Our children and staff have had a wonderful end to our Autumn term, enjoying the fun and festivities. The Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Christmas productions were fantastic and much loved by all members of our audience - thank you for all of your kind wishes and positive messages of support. The children are an absolute credit to you all as their parents and carers, and we feel so lucky to have so much talent within Edna G. Olds Academy. Please do take a moment to watch and enjoy the children's showcases as they have been uploaded and added to each class Showbie account.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at Edna G. Olds Academy. We look forward to seeing you back on **Monday 5th January 2026**.





Christingle

We were fortunate to be invited to Holy Trinity Church on Tuesday 16th December to attend the Christingle service. Thank you to those parents/carers who were able to join us. The children enjoyed learning about why Christingles are used in some Christian churches during the time of Advent. We wanted to say a huge thank you to Reverend Garreth Frank and Freya Watson, who led Christingle making activities in school throughout the morning. We truly value learning about all religions and special celebrations throughout the year.



Together at Christmas

We are delighted to share that a group of our pupils from Edna G. Olds Academy were invited on behalf of His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, Veronica Pickering MBS HAC, to attend this year's Together at Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Nottingham on Monday 8th December. This special honour was extended to children from across the county who consistently make a positive contribution to school life, and we are incredibly proud that our pupils were among those selected.

Together at Christmas is a national initiative supported by The Royal Foundation and Her Royal Highness The Princess of Wales, running alongside the Westminster Abbey Carol Service. Each year, these services bring together people across the UK to celebrate and thank those who have gone above and beyond to support others.

This year, The Princess chose 'LOVE' as the theme, focusing on its power to connect communities through care, kindness, volunteering, creativity, and compassion, reflecting love in all its forms and the spirit of hope and connection that defines Christmas.

During the event, the children enjoyed festive readings, music, and the opportunity to meet the Lord-Lieutenant and other community representatives. Their exemplary attitudes, kindness, and commitment to our school values are what led to this wonderful recognition.

A huge well done to all the children involved—you represented our school beautifully, and we are thrilled to see your hard work acknowledged in such a memorable way.



Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day was a wonderful success, we managed to raise £109.30 for Save the Children. It was lovely to see the children arrive at school wearing their bright, festive Christmas jumpers, which filled the classrooms with colour, cheer and plenty of smiles.



Christmas Dinner

Thank you to our amazing kitchen team who cooked a delicious Christmas dinner with all the trimmings! The children enjoyed a lovely festive lunch time with songs, crackers and treats.



Spanish Christmas Card Competition

'Gracias' and 'Muy Bien' to all the children who entered Mrs O'Donnell's Spanish Christmas card competition. She was blown away by the amount of entries, as well as the amazing effort everyone had put into them. It was incredibly hard to choose a winner, but congratulations to Mohammed-Zaydan and runners up Isabelle and Ashry. Mrs O'Donnell is looking forward to displaying lots of the cards on the Spanish display for everyone to see and enjoy.



Sports Champions

In the new year Edna G.Olds Academy will be taking part in a Sports for Champions event where athlete Leon Baptiste will be visiting school! All children will be taking part in an exciting circuit-type event run by Leon. He will be closing out the afternoon with a special assembly where children will have the opportunity to hear him speak about his career, the challenges he has overcome and his experiences. As part of the event the children will be gathering sponsorships to fundraise for school. Please see the link below for more information about Leon and how you can contribute to the event.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/edna-g-olds-academyfundraiser>



Information Sharing

Please find below some advice and guidance relating to the winter flu season:-

[WinterIllnessesInChildrenLEAFLET V 2.0 EM.pdf](#)





Core Values Achievers



Nursery	Yusuf	For demonstrating great motivation and concentration in the activities he chooses.
	Alizah	For always being inquisitive and asking questions to further her understanding.
Rec	Zion	For demonstrating great progress with his letter formation.
	Liza	For demonstrating great focus and motivation in writing her letter to Santa.
Year 1	Travis	For demonstrating excellent courage going to Year 6 for theme sharing.
	Zenea	For her excellent focus and effort making her christingle.
Year 2	Lena	For working hard to use description in her writing.
	Sumann	For always being a kind friend to others.
Year 3	Hiba	For being motivated to learn.
	Arthur	For teaching the class lots of facts this half term.
Year 4	Enoch	For going above and beyond in his learning and always being courageous in situations
	Celia	For being more self-aware and taking personal responsibility to be the best version of herself
Year 5	Katherine	For demonstrating incredible motivation, focus and determination in everything she does.
	Amina	For her resilience and motivation in her learning.
Year 6	Khadija	For her overall commitment and motivation in her learning and being a great role model.
	Elnathan	For his improved motivation and focus this half term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hannah Crotty
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