

Weekly Round Up

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Headteacher's message

As we come to the end of a busy and joyful term, I want to thank you for your continued support. The children have worked incredibly hard and brought so much energy, kindness and enthusiasm to school every day. Our festive performances, events and celebrations have been a real highlight, and it has been wonderful to share these moments with so many of you.

I hope you all enjoy a well deserved break over the holidays. Whether you are celebrating, travelling, or simply taking time to rest, we wish you a peaceful, safe and happy time with family and friends.

From all of us at King Edward Primary School, have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in January, refreshed and ready for an exciting new term ahead!

Take care, and thank you for being part of our school community. 🌲
-Mrs Estell

Dinner Menu

After the holidays, the dinner menu is Week 1.



Coming Up



5th January 2026
Back to school

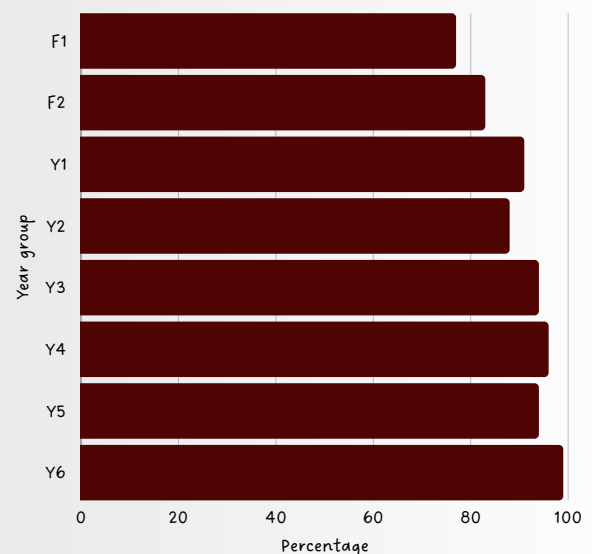
6th January 2026
Y6 Zoolab

28th January 2026
Y6 at Wollaton Hall



Weekly attendance : 94%

Target = 97%



This Week's Superstars

Seedlings



Acorns



Willow



Maple



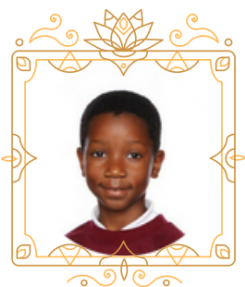
Birch



Ash



Elm



Sycamore



Palm



Kapok



Cedar



Banyan



Oak



Pine





Staff Shout Out!



Mrs Goddard!



A big round of applause to Mrs. Goddard for successfully securing a bid from Wickes to help create a sand pit and reading shed for OPAL play!

This exciting project will bring even more creativity, fun, and learning opportunities to our outdoor play spaces.

Thank you, Mrs. Goddard, for your dedication, innovation, and commitment to enhancing our pupils' play experiences. Your hard work continues to make a lasting difference!





Staff Shout Out!



Mrs Germaney!



Congratulations and Best Wishes, Mrs. Germaney!

Wishing you heartfelt congratulations as you begin this wonderful new chapter! May your maternity leave be filled with joy, rest, and precious moments as you prepare to welcome your little one.

Good luck with everything ahead – we're all so excited for you and can't wait to hear the happy news when your baby arrives. Wishing you and your growing family all the love, health, and happiness in the world.



Updated Home Learning Policy

The updated Home Learning Policy has recently been shared with parents to provide clear guidance on how learning at home supports classroom progress. The policy reflects a balanced approach that encourages meaningful engagement without placing unnecessary pressure on families.

A key focus of the updated policy is on reading. Daily reading remains an essential part of home learning, with an emphasis on developing a love of books and improving comprehension skills. Families are encouraged to read together regularly, discuss stories, and explore a variety of texts suited to each child's interests and reading level. Teachers will continue to monitor reading progress and provide recommendations to support individual development.

Another important element of the policy is creative homework, which is optional. These tasks are designed to inspire curiosity, imagination, and independent thinking. Activities may include art projects, writing challenges, design tasks, or research-based explorations linked to current classroom topics. While participation is encouraged, families can choose the level of involvement that best fits their schedules and circumstances.

The updated policy aims to make home learning purposeful, enjoyable, and flexible. By focusing on reading and offering creative opportunities, it supports both academic growth and personal expression, helping children develop a lifelong enthusiasm for learning.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Dojo Party!



A huge well done to the highest Dojo winners of the Autumn Term! These outstanding pupils have shown exceptional effort, positive attitudes, and dedication throughout the term. Their hard work and commitment to excellence have truly stood out.

The winners were celebrated on Tuesday with Mrs. Estell, who commended their achievements and the positive example they set for others. It was a wonderful moment to recognise their success and celebrate the values that make the school community so special.

Well done to all the winners for their fantastic accomplishments this term!



We have had a fantastic full term of OPAL play, with children enjoying richer, more creative play experiences across the school grounds. As the weather has definitely changed, our aim is to continue being outside as much as possible. To support this, please ensure children come to school with appropriate outdoor clothing. Waterproof coats, wellies, or a change of clothes in a bag are strongly recommended, just in case children get wet or muddy during play.

We are also excited to be further developing our OPAL play provision. I am delighted to share that we have been successful with a bid to Wickes, who will be providing a reading shed to create a calm, quiet and relaxing space, along with 10 bags of play sand to help us create a new sand pit. A huge thank you also goes to Linney's, who have very generously donated £100 towards OPAL play resources.

Our Jingle Jog was also a great success, raising £120, which will go directly towards further OPAL play resources.

We are now looking to develop the sloped playground and mud kitchen areas. If you know of a business that may be willing to donate items, sponsor an area, or fund a project linked to OPAL play, please do get in touch.

We would also be very grateful for donations from parents and families. Items such as old bikes, scooters, crates, planks of wood, decking planks, and other loose parts are invaluable for OPAL play and help children to be imaginative, creative and active. If you have any suitable items you are able to donate, please contact school before bringing them in.

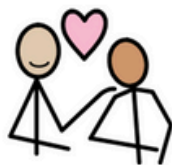
Finally, we are looking for parents who would like to help develop OPAL play further, whether by contacting businesses for donations, finding funding opportunities and writing bids, or getting hands-on by helping to create play resources from donated materials such as pallets.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us create exciting and enriching play opportunities for our children.

JANUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6 Y6 Zoolab	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Y6 at Wollaton Hall	29	30	31

OPAL PLAY CHARTER



Own Our Actions



Play Kindly

Opal Play Charter



Accept



Leave it Tidy

Community links



Mental Health Support



Adult Learning



Home Learning



Translator

5C Focus and Tweak of the Week

Tweak of the Week!



Managing distractions

5C's Focus



Courage