



'Everyone Aims High at Edmondsley'

Autumn 2026

A big welcome to all pupils and family members for the academic year 2025/2026.

Lots of information is available on our school Website under the 'Parents' tab. Some key reminders to keep us all organised have been set out below for you. <https://edmondsleyprimary.org.uk/>

Professional Development Training Days for Staff (Children are not in school on these days)

Tuesday 1st September
Friday 27th November
Monday 19th July
Tuesday 20th July
Wednesday 21st July

First day of school for the academic year 2026/2027 is Wednesday 2nd September.

School Start and Finish Times

<https://edmondsleyprimary.org.uk/parents/school-timings/>

Our top gate will open at 8:40. Visitor gate is open from 7:30.

School hours:

Start Time	8:45am for all classes
Finish Time	3:15pm for all classes+

+ If you have children in different classes, we would advise you to collect your youngest child first.

Nursery hours:

Start Time	8:45 morning session starts 12:15 afternoon session starts
Finish Time	11:45 morning session ends 15:15 afternoon session ends

Breakfast Club – please speak to Office staff to book on the Arbor App

<https://edmondsleyprimary.org.uk/parents/childcare-provision/>

After School Provision (Reception to Year 6 – please speak to Office staff to book on the Arbor App

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We will continue to operate a later finish time of 5pm for £5. Please contact our school office if you would like to reserve a place for your child. A variety of activities will run till 4:30 each afternoon and then children will be invited to play a variety of board games/construction games/colouring etc in our school hall till 5pm. Children are invited to bring a small snack or can choose from a selection of cereals in school. Please collect your child from the main entrance.

Please click on our website below for information and costs regarding after school provision.
<https://edmondsleyprimary.org.uk/parents/childcare-provision/>

School Uniform

Please see our website for our school uniform. We welcome any pre-loved items into school too.
<https://edmondsleyprimary.org.uk/parents/our-school-uniform/>

School Lunches

Please view our much improved school lunch menus for September
<https://edmondsleyprimary.org.uk/parents/school-meals/>

If your child is having a school lunch, we kindly request you choose your child's meals for the full week ahead using the Arbor App. If you have not chosen, then a reminder e-mail or phone call will be made to yourself. If a meal is not chosen using the app, then your child may not get their first choice of meal. Please contact our school office if you require any support using the app. If your child is having a packed lunch, you no longer need to use the App to tell us.

Class e-mail addresses

Stag Class (Years 5 and 6)	Year56@edmondsley.durham.sch.uk
Deer Class (Years 4 and 5)	Year45@edmondsley.durham.sch.uk
Rabbit Class (Years 2/3)	Year34@edmondsley.durham.sch.uk
Squirrel Class (Year 1/2)	Year2@edmondsley.durham.sch.uk
Caterpillars (Reception)	Reception@edmondsley.durham.sch.uk

Please contact our school office for urgent communications as class teachers do not check these e-mails daily.

We look forward to all the upcoming events to celebrate with you and your families.

OUR SCHOOL SEPTEMBER EVENTS	WHO IS INVITED?	WHAT DAY AND TIME?
School opens	All children	Wednesday 2 nd September
<u>Meet and Greet</u> Another opportunity for you to informally meet your child's class teacher and to ask questions at the end of the school day.	Reception – Year 6 family members.	Thursday 3 rd September 3:15 – 4:00.

OUR SCHOOL OCTOBER EVENTS	WHO IS INVITED?	WHAT DAY AND TIME?
Harvest Festival Celebrations	Family members to attend their child(ren's) class celebration only (due to limited space in our hall).	<u>Nursery and Reception</u> Stay and Play session Wednesday 22 nd October 2pm – 3:15 <u>Year 1 and Year 2</u> Friday 23 rd October at 9am till 9:30. (The Celebration will also include our weekly Celebration Assembly).

		<u>Deer Class (Year 4/5)</u> Tuesday 20 th October 9am till 9:30. Harvest Celebration and songs. <u>Rabbit Class (Year 2/3)</u> Monday 19 th October at 9am till 9:30 Harvest Celebration and Songs.
Half Term Week beginning 26 th October		

OUR SCHOOL NOVEMBER EVENTS	WHO IS INVITED?	WHAT DAY AND TIME?
<u>School Photographs</u> Please enter via the main entrance from 8:00 if you would like photographs of your children with pre-schoolers. <u>All other school individual and school sibling links will be taken during school hours.</u>	Nursery – Year 6	Thursday 5 th November Please enter via the main entrance from 8:00 if you would like photographs of your older children <u>with children who do not attend our nursery or school.</u> Nursery children who do not attend a Thursday nursery session can arrive at 8:15 for their photo to be taken.
<u>Remembrance Event</u> Remembrance Event led by Year 5 and Year 6 Stag Class.	Key Stage 2 family members only. Please e-mail/phone to reserve a seat by Monday 2 nd November.	Stag Class will lead our Remembrance Event. Friday 6 th November. Start time 2:30pm till 3pm
The following evenings will be available for teachers to discuss each child's progress with parents in person. You will be notified when this is available for you to choose a convenient day and time via Arbor. Please arrive at the main reception door. Your children's work will also be available to see in our school hall prior to your appointment time.		
Parents' consultation	Nursery	Tuesday 10 th November Wednesday 11 th November
Parents' consultation	Reception	Tuesday 10 th November Wednesday 11 th November
Parents' consultation	Y1 + Year 2 parents	Tuesday 10 th November Wednesday 11 th November
Parents' consultation	Y3 – Y6 Parents	Tuesday 10 th November Wednesday 11 th November
Christmas jumper/cardigan/t-shirt swap. Bring pre-loved jumpers to school to give to other children.	All pupils	Bring by Monday 23 rd November Wednesday 25 th November enter school at 3:20 from main entrance to choose any jumper/cardigan for free!
Donate a children's book to create a Christmas Tree in school.	All pupils	Monday 30 th November.

'Refreshments and Wrap'	All family members are invited to support our Christmas Wrap.	Monday 30 th November – any time you are available to elf us.
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OUR SCHOOL DECEMBER EVENTS	WHO IS INVITED?	DATE AND TIME?
Gala Theatre for pantomime Rapunzel	Year 1 and Year 2 children only	Friday 4 th December
Bumblebee and Caterpillar Nursery Sing a long (2, 3 and 4 year olds) (Please pay £2 on Arbor to reserve 2 seats and receive a free entry into the raffle)	Nursery parent invites (2, 3 and 4 year olds) Children who do not normally attend nursery on a Tuesday can come along with an adult for the sing a long.	Monday 14 th December 9:00 – 9:30
Reception Nativity (Please pay £2 on Arbor to reserve 2 seats and receive a free entry into the raffle)	Reception parent invites 2 family members per performance.	Thursday 10 th December 9:00 – 9:30 Friday 11 th December 9:00 – 9:30
Bumblebees Party + Stay and Play. (Please bring party clothes in a bag and donate £2 on Arbor for party food)	Children who do not normally attend nursery on a Thursday can come to Nursery at 2pm – A family member will need to stay with them and join in the party fun and stay and play.	Thursday 10 th December 2pm – 3:15pm
Caterpillar Party + Stay and Play (Please bring party clothes in a bag and donate £2 on Arbor for party food)	Children who do not normally attend nursery on a Friday can come to main entrance at 2pm – An adult will need to stay with them and join in the party fun.	Friday 11 th December 2pm – 3:15pm
Butterfly Class Party (Please bring party clothes in a bag and donate £2 on Arbor for party food)	Children only.	Monday 14 th December 2pm – 3:15pm
Year 1 and 2 Winter Celebration. (Please pay £2 on Arbor to reserve 2 seats and receive a free entry into the raffle)	Year 1 and Year 2 family members only – 2 family members per child per performance.	Tuesday 15 th December 9am till 10am Tuesday 16 th December 2pm till 3pm
Year 1 and 2 Party. (Please bring a bag of clothes to change into.	Children only.	Wednesday 16 th December

Please donate £2 on Arbor for party food).		
Key Stage 2 – Edmondsley's Got Talent	Years 3 4 5 6 Children only. No family members invited.	Friday 18th December
Years 3 4 5 6 class parties. (Please bring a bag of clothes to change into Please donate £2 on Arbor for party food)	Year 3 4 5 6 children only	Thursday 17 th December
Christmas Lunch for children and Christmas Jumper Day	Nursery to Year 6 children only. No family members invited.	Wednesday 9 th December
Christmas Jumper Day	Nursery to Year 6	Friday 18 th December
Last day of school		Friday 18 th December
School re-opens to children		Monday 4 th January 2026

School Closure

We always endeavour to remain open across our school. However, on some occasions in previous years this has not been possible due to the safety of the premises or staff not able to get to school.

If adverse weather conditions are forecast, breakfast club and after school clubs are cancelled. Parents will receive notification of this via the Arbor App.

Rather than making the decision to close our school for the full day, in previous years we have operated a later start time of 10am. This has enabled staff to get to school and clear the site so that it is safe for your children. It also allows parents to get to work too.

If in the event we do have to close our school, you will be notified and teachers will contact parents via e-mail with some learning tasks as soon as is possible. Learning Tasks are available from our school website in each of the class pages.

This information, along with school holiday dates is available from the Parents page on our School Website

<https://edmondsleyprimary.org.uk/parents/annual-events-calendar/>