

Headteacher Newsletter

Autumn Term: December 2025

Merry Christmas to everyone... the Christmas break is nearly upon us.

Thank you for all of your support this term – we feel very proud of, and grateful for, the positive and supportive relationship we have with our parents and carers!!



Attendance

I can reveal the attendance rewards that have been agreed by the children, following School Council input and parent feedback are as follows:

- **A weekly class draw** – everyone with 100% will be entered into the draw and one winner from each class will receive an attendance sticker and prize. This will take place every week starting January.
- **Half termly attendance party** for all children with 97% attendance or higher. The day of the party will also feature a well-being afternoon – as requested by School Council, Year 5 and Year 6. This will mean on the last day of every half, all children, Nursery to Year 6, will be able to come to school in non-uniform and enjoy mindful / well-being activities throughout the afternoon. The first date for this will be on Friday 13th February – the last day before February half term.
- **100% attendance certificate and badge** for all children with 100% attendance all year – this will be awarded in the last week of the summer term.

Congratulations to our new Parent Governors

From January, we have two new Parent Governors: Mr Hughes and Mr Ball. Thank you to both parents for applying to be a Parent Governor. We are thrilled to welcome you to Eatock's Governing Body.

Santa's Grotto

Thank you to everyone for your support in providing a donation towards Santa's Grotto this year. The PTA have also donated £100 towards the cost of the selection boxes – thank you for this! If you have not sent a small donation into school but would like to, please pass it on to your child's class teacher or via the office. Thank you again for your support and generosity.

Mrs Colbridge

Firstly, I would like to say thank you for your compassion and understanding of the decision to close school for Mrs Colbridge's funeral. She was truly incredible and a much-loved teacher, who really did inspire and support so many of our children and staff alike. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Colbridge's family for their kindness and generosity. It was the wish of her three children to set up a Just Giving page in memory of their mum to raise money for Eatock so we could have a permanent structure in memory of Mrs Colbridge. We are currently in the process of planning the installation of something that the children will get lots of play and enjoyment from, as we know Mrs Colbridge would have wanted the donation to be used for something that the children would benefit from. I will update you more in my next newsletter.

Last Day of Term – Toy Day and 2pm finish

Friday 19th December is our last day of the autumn term. All children are invited to come to school in **non-uniform** wearing a Christmas Jumper / Christmas party clothes with suitable footwear / trainers. Keeping the tradition of **Toy Day**, all children may bring a toy to school on Friday 19th December. Toys can include: board games, dolls, toy car, card game etc. No electronics / devices please! On this day, Friday 19th December, **School will close at 2pm.**

Wildlife Kits

We will be sending your child's wildlife kits home so they can be washed over the Christmas break. Please return them on Monday 5th January, when we return to school for the spring term. Thank you.

PE Days from January

KS1 and KS2: Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit on their PE day – see below for next term's PE days. We have had to change the PE days due to some PE lessons being taught by Premier, our PE specialists. Please ensure your child has a **plain black hoodie or zippy** for PE – thank you. Please don't worry if your child's trainers are not completely black.

EYFS – please return your child's PE kit on Monday 5th January so it is in school for the children to get changed in to for their PE lessons. Thank you.

EYFS	Wednesday
Year 1	Thursday
Year 2	Monday
Year 3	Monday
Year 4	Tuesday
Year 5	Friday
Year 6	Wednesday

Computers for School Fundraising

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who has donated towards this fundraiser and to parents who have been spreading the word amongst businesses!! Please continue to help us spread the word to as many businesses as possible to secure donations towards our computer fund.

Thank you so much for everyone's help with this! [Crowdfunding For Good From JustGiving](#)

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Please ensure we have your current email and mobile phone number(s) to ensure our MCAS contacts are up-to-date. If you need to update your contact details at any point throughout the year, please email them to the school office (office@eatock.bolton.sch.uk). We can also have up to four contacts on MCAS per child, so if you would like to add another contact to receive the communication from school and for emergency contact, please email the office with the contact's name, relationship to your child, telephone number and email address. Thank you.

Events Coming Up Events calendar – Eatock Primary School

We already have dates on our Events Calendar for the Spring Term. Please check our school website's Events Calendar on a regular basis to ensure you are aware of the events coming up. Click the blue link below to visit our Events Calendar:

[Events calendar – Eatock Primary School](#)

Safeguarding and safety

Encompass

Reminder: Schools have a duty to inform parents/carers about our participation in [Operation Encompass](#). Encompass is a partnership between Greater Manchester Police, Bolton Safeguarding Children Board and designated school staff, known as Key Adults. Working together to safeguard children, Greater Manchester Police will inform the Key Adults within schools about any incidents involving the police.

Online Safety

Top tips for this month's newsletter:

- **Keep your privacy settings on.** Check the apps your child uses to ensure they are private.
- **Never talk to someone online who you have never met in person.** The best way to ensure this, is to switch off Chat Features.
- **Consider using parental controls to control your child's device.** [Parental controls and privacy settings guides | Internet Matters](#)

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Have a wonderful and safe Christmas break.

Mrs Hickman

