

SEASONAL NEWSLETTER

Together we play, talk, listen and learn

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A warm welcome to all our new children and families! We look forward to working in partnership with you and do anything we can to help.

Dear all,

It has been a wonderful half term at Edith Kerrison. The children have settled in so well!

Our staff are always happy to talk to you about your child. Please speak to your child's key person or room leader if you have any queries.

If you would like further support do ask to speak to me as Headteacher.

If you have any concerns about your child and additional support they may need, please speak to our Deputy Headteacher Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, Tania Chowdhury.

Jo Aylett

Headteacher



UP AND COMING EVENTS

Nursery Rhyme Week
24th to 28th November 2025

Bonfire and hot chocolate around the fire
Week beginning November 10th

Parent forum with Dr Alex
Monday 10th November 2025

Parent forum Communication Strategies
Monday 24th November 2025

School photographs
Wednesday 19th November 2025

Christmas sing-a-long and Nativity
Friday 12th December 2025

Christmas parties and Father Christmas
Friday 19th December 2025
Sessions: 9 to 10.30 | 12.30 to 14.00

Christmas holiday
Monday 22nd December 2025

Staff training
Monday 5th January 2026

Home visits and induction for new admissions
6th and 7th January 2026

All children return for the Spring Term
Thursday 8th January 2026



Help us to keep our children healthy

At Edith Kerrison we aim for children to be as healthy as possible. We know the damage that sweets and sugary drinks can do to children's teeth, causing the erosion of enamel that does such an important job protecting the teeth from decay and helps to keep smiles healthy and bright! Therefore, we do not allow sweets, juice, cakes, crisps, or biscuits on the premises.

Attendance matters

Children who come to school every day learn more! Please ensure your child benefits from attending school everyday.

If your child's attendance is low we will be contacting you to discuss our concerns and look to ways to improve it.

Please remember it is important to let us know if your child has had an accident or injury at home or will not be in school because they are unwell. If we do not hear from you we can become very concerned about your child's safety.

Keeping children safe

For advice, guidance and support on how you can keep your child safe please see the following links:

www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe

www.safehome.org/resources/child-safety

www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety

<https://rights4children.org.uk/feeling-safe>

Mobile phone

Remember please no mobile phones to be used in the garden or in the rooms with the children. This is a safeguarding requirement - we want to keep everyone at Edith Kerrison safe.

If you are staying to settle your child you are most welcome to bring in a book or magazine to read.

Nursery school opening and closing times by the Park

Morning session

8.40 am - 11.40 am

Gates open

8.40 - 8.50 and 11.35 - 11.45 am

Afternoon session

12.30pm - 3.30pm

Gates open

12.30-12.40 and 3.25 to 3.35

30 hours

6 hours daily to be arranged

Primary School Applications

It's hard to believe as time moves so quickly that some of our children will be moving on to Primary School next September.

If your child is due to start reception in September, do make sure you begin the application process. We have distributed the Primary School Booklet. You can apply online at:

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk>

Remember - your chances of getting your preference are better if you apply by the national closing date, 15th January 2026. The national offer day is 16th April 2026.

Please speak to Tania or pop into the School reception, if you would like any further support with the application process.

Partnering in your Child's Learning Journey

We firmly believe that a strong partnership between home and nursery is key to your child's success, well-being, and development. There are so many valuable ways you can get involved and support your child's learning!

Support, Community, and Conversation

We offer a range of dedicated sessions designed to support you as a parent and connect you with our community:

- Parent Forums and "Chat with Tania" Meetings: These offer bespoke support, especially for parents of neurodiverse children, focusing on well-being, learning, and development for both the child and family.
- 'Growing Minds Together': A collaborative session where families celebrate and build on the amazing things you already do with your children every day.

Boost Language with Interactive Reading

Get ready for our exciting new program: Little Voices, Big Talk: the power of picture books to grow conversations!

Research shows that interactive reading is one of the most powerful ways to develop early language. It's not about your child being silent; it's about using the book as a vehicle for back-and-forth interactions and conversation. This approach offers huge benefits for your child's communication, language development, cognitive skills, and strengthens your relationship.

All the above sessions are open to all parents to sign up and book.

Targeted and Specialist Support

We also provide more focused support for families with specific needs:

- 'Connect with Me': Targeted sessions, supported by a range of therapists, to help children with additional needs.
- On-site Speech and Language Therapist: Works directly with children and families needing extra help with communication and language.
- Parenting Support Programmes: Access valuable parenting programmes like Triple P and EPATs through our Children's Centre.

Join Us for Events and Visits

You can also get involved by attending special events throughout the year. These celebrations of special festivals and world events reflect our vibrant and diverse community and help broaden your child's horizons.

Furthermore, you can join us on our educational visits programme, which explores local attractions and travels further afield.

Your Child's Online Learning Journal

Don't forget to regularly check your child's online learning journal! This is a fantastic resource where you can read stories and reports focusing on your child's interests, learning, development, progress, and achievements at the Nursery.

For further information on how you can get involved, please speak to any member of our team! We are always happy to help.

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Outside play

We have enjoyed a variety of weather this term. Please dress your child to match the weather: warm coats, hats and gloves for the cold weather and raincoats and wellington boots for rainy days. Please make sure your child is wearing closed toed shoes with good grip to support and protect their feet when climbing and running in the garden.

We are lucky enough to have beautiful garden spaces and spend much of our time outdoors in all weather. The children bring much joy to the outdoors come rain or shine. we see our gardens as other classrooms providing rich learning opportunities and we know spending time outdoors really supports children's well-being, health and education. Our curriculum for nature enhances our outdoor learning experiences.

Inclusive setting

We are an inclusive setting working with all children at all stages of development. We build on children's achievements and plan next steps based on what children can do, moving all children forward in their learning and development.

We have been awarded Inclusive School Status by the Inclusion Quality Mark in recognition of our excellent, high quality inclusive practice.



Prams/buggies and scooters

Please leave prams, buggies and scooters under the shelter whilst you take your child into the garden. A member of staff is always on the gate and happy to look after younger siblings in their prams whilst you help your child to register. Only scooters and children's bikes may be left under the shelter during the session. Please take prams and buggies home as we have very limited space.

Website

Please do visit our website to find out about all the learning opportunities your child has taken part in this term. You can also find out lots of information about our curriculum and core book approach.

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Library

Please make sure your child brings their book bag to the nursery every day to choose a book to share at home. Please encourage your child to choose a book. Do not worry if your child chooses the same book over and over again, it is good to have favourites and be familiar with a story! Please help your child to look after library books. If a book becomes damaged, we will ask for a small contribution towards a new one.

Festivals and Celebrations

We will be marking all our religious festivals and celebrations through cooking, art work, displays and books, reading stories, and looking at pictures.

Diwali

Monday 20th October 2025

Guru Nanak's Birthday

Wednesday 5th November 2025

Christmas

Thursday 25th December 2025

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