

# Epworth Express

Weekly Newsletter of Epworth Primary Academy 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024  
by email, [www.epworthprimaryacademy.co.uk](http://www.epworthprimaryacademy.co.uk), EPA Facebook page

Please note the school calendar for week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Day	Event	Class	Time
Monday	Closed – Bank Holiday		
Tuesday	Y3/Y4 PE (children to attend school in their PE Kits)	Willow	
Wednesday	Y1 PE (children to attend school in their PE Kits) Y3/Y4 PE (children to attend school in their PE Kits) Y4/Y5 PE (children to attend school in their PE Kits)	Mulberry/Sycamore Willow/Beech Hazel / Maple	
Thursday	EYFS PE (children to attend school in their PE Kits) Y6 PE (children to attend school in their PE Kits) Y2 PE (children to attend school in their PE Kits)	Cherry / Chestnut Olive/Oak Elm	
Friday	Y6 PE (children to attend school in their PE Kits) Y5 PE (children to attend school in their PE Kits)	Olive / Oak Hazel	

## School Lunch Menu (To be paid in advance or daily) - £12.50 per week / £2.50 per day

Week Commencing 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Menu 1

Please be reminded that school lunches should be **paid for in advance**. A packed lunch will need to be provided if the account is in debit. **All school lunches are pre-ordered in advance** – any queries, please contact the school office – [admin@epworthprimary-iet.co.uk](mailto:admin@epworthprimary-iet.co.uk). **School Lunches are now £2.50 per day - £12.50 per week.**

## Special Mention Awards

We are delighted to celebrate our special mention children this week who are; **Well done everyone!**

Name	Class
Nigel	Chestnut
Jay	Cherry
Indy	Mulberry
Finley	Sycamore
Ekam	Elm
No special mention this week due to residential and school trip	Willow
	Beech
Jax, Aya	Maple
Evan, Emily	Hazel
Taj	Olive
Hunter, John-Lee	Oak

## After School Clubs

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Day	Afterschool Club		Time
Monday	780 Coaching	Children Signed Up	3.15pm – 4.30pm
	Street Beat Afterschool Club	Children Signed Up	<b>3.15pm – 4.15pm</b>
Tuesday	Afterschool Football Training	Children Signed Up (Full)	<b>3.15pm – 4.00pm</b>
Wednesday	Locomotion Dance After School Club	Cancelled this Term	
Thursday	Taekwondo Afterschool Club	Reception to Year 6	3.15pm – 4.30pm
	Cricket	KS2	3.15pm – 4.15pm

### Upcoming Lunchtime and Afterschool Clubs

The following clubs will take place during the year 2024 – further information to following nearer the time.

Run By	Club	Lunchtime / Afterschool	Term	Days
Mr Thomson	Netball	Lunchtime	Summer	May – July
Miss Stanham	Scatterball	Afterschool	Summer	May – July

## Dates for the Diary

Date	Event	Year Group	Times
w/c 13.05.2024	Y6 SATS	Year 6	Various Times
13.05.2024	St Andrew's Church Visit	Cherry Class	13.3pm – 15.00pm
14.05.2024	St Andrew's Church Visit	Chestnut Class	13.30pm – 15.00pm
17.05.2024	Morris Dancing Workshop	KS2 Children	9.00am – 15.00pm
21.05.2024	London Parent Meeting	Year 6	15.30pm – 16.00pm
22.05.2024	EYFS New Starter Parents Meeting	September New Starters	18.00pm – 19.00pm
03.06.2024	RSE Week	Whole School	All Day
04.06.2024	School Nurse visiting Y6	Year 6	All Day
05.06.2024	Yorkshire Wildlife Trip	Year 1 / Year 2	9.00am – 15.00pm
19.06.2024	Sports Day	Whole School	<b>KS1</b> 9.00am – 11.00am <b>KS2</b> 13.00pm – 15.00pm
27 & 28.06.2024	Circus Skills Workshop	Whole School	9.00am – 15.00pm
01 – 03.07.2024	Year 6 Transition Days Sax	Year 6	All Day
05.07.2024	Ice Cream Van – PTFA Treat	Whole School	13.00pm
10.07.2024	EYFS Trip – Tropical Butterfly House	Cherry / Chestnut	9.00am – 15.00pm
17.07.2024	Meet the Teacher	All Classes	15.15pm – 16.00pm
19.07.2024	End of term Family Picnic	Whole School	12.00pm – 13.45pm

## Residential Trips

Date	Event	Year Group
10.07.24 – 12.07.24	London Residential	Year 6

### Payment Instalment Reminders:

#### Y5 Robinwood Residential

The total cost of the trip is £310.00 – Deposit of £55 paid. Balance of £255.00. Please ensure all instalments are up to date.

5th & Final Instalment due by 15 May 2024 £63.75

#### Y4 Kingswood Residential - 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

The total cost of the trip is £237.00 – Deposit of £45 paid. Balance of £192.00. Please ensure all instalments are up to date.

5th & Final Instalment due by 15 May 2024 £48.00

#### Y6 Leavers Residential to London – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

The total cost of the trip is £300.00 – Deposit of £55 paid. Balance of £245.00. Please ensure all instalments are up to date.

4<sup>th</sup> Instalment due by 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 £61.25 Balance of £61.25  
5<sup>th</sup> Instalment due by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 £61.25

## General News

### 2024 / 2025 Term Dates

Please visit the Epworth Primary Academy website for future term dates. [www.epworthprimaryacademy.co.uk](http://www.epworthprimaryacademy.co.uk)

### Achievements Outside of School

If your child(ren) have been rewarded for any achievement outside of school, please inform the school office to enable Mr Woolley to recognise this in our "Celebration Assembly" on a Friday afternoon. (Tel 01427 872345 / Email [admin@epworthprimary-iet.co.uk](mailto:admin@epworthprimary-iet.co.uk)).

### Principal Surgery

The next Principal surgery will take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024. Please contact the school office to secure an appointment with an outline of what you would like to discuss.

### School Car Park / Entrance

A reminder that the only cars that should be in the car park are those who have made prior arrangements to do so. You will not be able to use the car park to turn around or nip in if you are late. **Could we also remind parents that the speed limit is 5mph for the safety of our staff and children, if this is not adhered to, we will ban individuals from entering the car park.**

Please remember that Birchfield Road is busy at drop off and pick up times and should not have cars parked on it either.

### Dogs on the School Premises

No dogs are not permitted on the school grounds at any time. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Holidays During Term Time

Please be reminded that amendments to the 2006 regulations **removed references to a family holiday and extended leave of 10 days**. The position is now that there is no entitlement to remove children from school during term time to take a holiday.

Unauthorised absences can lead to penalty notices and in some cases prosecution.

Please be aware that if you have received a penalty and continue to remove your child from school for a holiday every year, this can lead to prosecution. The Education Welfare team are monitoring unauthorised absences closely, especially those children who have received a penalty in previous years.

**Reporting Children Absent**

Please call the main reception on 01427 872345 option 1 by 9.30am each day to report a child absent in the event of illness only. Please be reminded that if your child has a sickness bug, they need to remain at home for 48 hours.

**Attendance and Late Notification**

Weekly updates on your child(ren's) attendance will be sent out at the beginning of the week via email.

**Medical Appointments in School Time**

Medical appointments in school time need to be confirmed via the school office with proof of the appointment either face to face or by sending a copy of the appointment to the school office. If we do not receive proof, the attendance will be recorded as unauthorised absence.

**Defibrillator In School**

We are pleased to advise we now have a defibrillator in school – this can be used by the public during school hours if required.

**Upcoming Events**

Please check further down the newsletter for upcoming events later in the year. For calendar dates please check the school website [www.epworthprimary.co.uk](http://www.epworthprimary.co.uk).



# What Parents & Educators Can Learn from the OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2024

Each year, Ofcom – the UK's regulatory body for communications – produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences over the course of the previous year. At the time of writing, the latest of these reports, 'Children and parents: media use and attitudes 2024' has just been published, and we've plucked out some of its most thought-provoking findings regarding online safety.

## ONLINE LIVES

**99%**  
of 8-17s  
had regular  
access to the  
internet

**65%**  
of 13-17s  
prefer short videos  
to films and TV

**34%**  
experienced  
harassment or  
bullying online

**11-18s**  
felt more confident  
communicating online (71%)  
than in person (53%)

**87%**  
of 8-17s  
felt pressure to be  
popular on social media

## SCREEN TIME

By children's age group, the percentage of parents who felt less able to manage their child's screen time were ...



## POPULAR PLATFORMS

Most used by children ...

Under-12s



Over-12s



## ONLINE GAMING

**68%** of children played video games online

Who did these children most commonly play with?

**74%**  
played with  
someone they know

**32%**  
played with  
strangers

## ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

**93%** 8-17s had at least one lesson about online safety  
**93%** of children are aware of at least one thing they can do to stay safe online  
**91%** children found these lessons useful  
**78%** of 8-17s were aware of age restrictions for apps  
**40%** admitted to faking their age to bypass these limits

## PARENTAL CONCERNS

The things that most commonly worry parents and carers about their child being online include ...

**77%** seeing age-inappropriate content  
**70%** being harassed or bullied  
**68%** seeing pro-self-harm content  
**62%** having their data gathered by companies  
**59%** being influenced by extreme views  
**55%** having their reputation damaged  
**51%** being pressured to spend money

## DEVICES MOST USED TO GO ONLINE

**67%** 3-4s use tablets  
**77%** 5-7s use tablets  
**73%** 8-10s use tablets  
**95%** 11-15s use phones  
**97%** 16-17s use phones

#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: [nationalcollege.com/guides/media-use-and-attitudes-report-2024](https://nationalcollege.com/guides/media-use-and-attitudes-report-2024)

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26 April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer



## ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

I am excited to share with you that we have a vacancy for a parent governor to serve on the combined Academy Oversight Committee (AOC) - governing body - of South Axholme and Epworth Primary Academies. This role is open to any current parent of a child at either South Axholme Academy or Epworth Primary Academy.

Parent governors are vital to our governing body. They share equally with other governors the responsibility for carrying out the governing body's wide range of responsibilities to support the academy in ensuring that students receive high quality education and to plan for future development and improvement. As a parent governor you will play a key role in bringing a parental perspective to the oversight committee, but you are not there to speak "on behalf" of the parent body.

Training and support are provided for all new governors.

To be a parent governor you should have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for students
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills

In addition governors are expected to

- Attend all meetings
- Maintain confidentiality
- Commit to training
- Visit the academies

Governors need to be able to make connections between different types of information and are expected to be able to read reports and data relating to the academies. Governors do not run the school on a day-to-day basis; their role is at the strategic and policy-making level.

If you are interested in applying for the role of parent governor, please complete the expression of interest form [HERE](#). Please note that the closing date for applications is Friday 10 May at 17:00.

If we receive more applications than there are vacancies, a secret ballot will be carried out. We will inform you closer to the time if we have to do this.

If you have any queries about this process or would like to find out more about the role, please contact me using the email address [admin@isleeducationtrust-iet.co.uk](mailto:admin@isleeducationtrust-iet.co.uk)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Sprack'.

Sarah Sprack  
CEO, Isle Education Trust