Please note the school calendar for week commencing 9th November 2026

Day	Event	Class	Time
Monday	Y3/Y4 PE (children to attend school in their PE Kits) Y1/Y2 PE (children to attend school in their PE Kits) Y3/Y4 PE (children to attend school in their PE Kits) Y6 PE (children to attend school in their PE Kits) **Whole School Individual Photographs** **Phonics Parent Workshop**	Beech Class Sycamore/Elm Willow Class Olive/Oak Class **Whole School** **Year 1 Parents**	**3.30pm – 4.00pm**
Tuesday	Y/4Y5 PE (children to attend school in their PE Kits) Y3/Y4 PE (children to attend school in their PE Kits)	Hazel/Maple Class Willow Class	
Wednesday	**Flu Vaccination** **Remembrance Service – Whole School**	**Children with Consent** **Parent/Carer Invited**	**10.50am – 11.10am**
Thursday	Y1/Y2 PE (children to attend school in their PE Kits) Y3/Y4 PE (children to attend school in their PE Kits) Y6 PE (children to attend school in their PE Kits) **Reception Open Evening – New Starters 2027**	Sycamore/ Elm Class Beech Class Olive/Oak Class **2027 New Starters**	**3.30pm – 4.00pm** **5.00pm – 5.30pm**
Friday	EYFS PE (children to attend school in their PE Kits) Y/4Y5 PE (children to attend school in their PE Kits) **Children in Need**	Chestnut / Cherry Class Hazel/Maple Class **Whole School**	

Whole School Individual Photographs – Monday 9th November 2026

The photographer will be in school on Monday 9th November 2026 to take individual school photographs. Children with siblings in school will also have photographs together. Please note all children should attend school in their school uniform even if it's your child's PE day.

Nursery Children who do not normally attend school on a Monday morning are invited to come into school at 9.00am and have their photographs taken and then go home.

Year 1 Phonics Parents Meeting – Monday 9th November 2026

Year 1 parents are invited to attend a short meeting on Monday 9th November 2026 at 3.30pm regarding Phonics and how this is taught in school.

Flu Vaccination – Wednesday 11th November 2026

The school nurse will be in school on Wednesday 11th November 2026 to administer the nasal flu vaccination to children who have consent.

Remembrance Service – Wednesday 11th November 2026

Parent/carers are invited to join our short remembrance service again this year. We will gather outside the front of school for 10:45am where we will have a short discussion about why we are there, we will then observe a silence followed by the children laying a wreath under the tree at the front. There will then be a couple of readings from a few children, before finishing about 11:10ish.

Reception 2027 New Starter – Open Evening

Parent/carers of children starting reception class in September 2027 are invited to attend an open evening on Thurs day 12th November 2026 to look round the school/class and meet the teacher's ahead of the application deadline.

Children in Need

On Friday 13th November 2026 children are invited to attend school in non-uniform for a contribution of £1.00 which will go towards this very worthy cause. The Children will also be taking part in several activities in class during the day

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.

What Does My attendance % and lates add up to?

Please see below the impact on late arrival / absences from school to your child's education;

If your child arrives late daily by	Days of a child's education lost (Yearly)	Days of a child's education lost (In primary. 7 Years)	Days of a child's education lost (In school life. 14 Years)
5 minutes	3	21 days	42 days or a half term
10 minutes	6.5	45.5 days or half a term	91 days or half a year*
15 minutes	10	70 days or a term	140 days or 2 terms
20 minutes	13	91 days or half a year	182 days or 1 year*
25 minutes	19	133 days or 2 terms	266 days or 4 terms/1 year* 1 term

If your child's attendance percentage is	Days/weeks of a child's education lost (Yearly)	Days of a child's education lost (In primary. 7 Years)	Days of a child's education lost (In school life. 14 Years)
95%	10 days or 2 weeks	70 days or a term	140 days or 2 terms
90%	20 days or 4 weeks	140 days or 2 terms	280 days or 1 and half years*
85%	30 days or 6 weeks	210 days or 1 year 20 days	420 days or 2 years* 1 term
80%	A full half term	280 days or 1 and half years*	560 days or 3 years*
75%	Almost 10 weeks	350 days or 2 years*	700 days or 4 years*

*A school year is 190 days in school.

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.

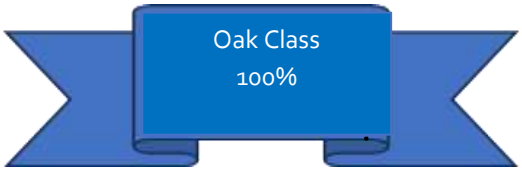
Special Mention

Well done to the following children;

Primrose	Cherry
Ruben	Chestnut
Layla	Sycamore
Lilly-Mae	Elm
Rosie	Willow
Jessica	Beech
Jenson	Maple
Finn	Hazel
Seth, Lydia	Olive
Noah	Oak

Attendance

The Class with the highest attendance this week is Oak Class. Well Done.



Lunches

Week Commencing 9th November 2026 **Menu** 2

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. **School Lunches are £3.00 per day - £15.00 per week**

After School / Lunchtime Clubs

Day	Afterschool Club		Time
Monday	Super Movers	Children Signed Up – Group 1	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Tuesday	**TT Rock Stars**	**Children Signed Up**	**12.30pm – 1.00pm**
	Taekwondo	Children Signed Up	3.15pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday	Locomotion Dance After School Club (Bookings direct with Miss Alex)	Children Signed Up	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday	Super Movers	Children Signed Up – Group 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm

Dates for the Diary			
16.11.2026	Odd Socks – Antibullying	Whole School	All Day
23.11.2026	Accelerated Reader Parent Workshop	KS2 Parents	3.30pm – 4.00pm 4.30pm – 5.00pm
24.11.2026	Christmas Journey at Wesley Church	Year 2	9.30am – 2.30pm
25.11.2026	Flu Vaccination	Children Absent 09.11.26	9.30am – 12.00pm
08.12.2026	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance	Sycamore / Elm	2.15pm – 2.45pm 5.00pm – 5.30pm
09.12.2026	Nursery Christmas Craft Afternoon	Pine Class	2.00pm – 2.45pm
10.12.2026	Reception Class Christmas Performance	Cherry / Chestnut	2.15pm – 2.45pm 5.00pm – 5.30pm
10.12.2026	National Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School	All Day
10.12.2026	Christmas Lunch	Reception to Year 6	12.00pm – 1.00pm
11.12.2026	Carol Concert @ SAX	Whole School	9.30am
11.12.2026	Lindsey Lodge Reindeer Run	Whole School	AM
18.12.2026	Half Term		
18.01.2027	Holocaust Trip	Year 6	8.00am – 15.30pm
25.02.2027	Young Voices – Sheffield	Children Signed Up	12.00pm – 9.00pm
04.03.2027	World Book Day – Non-Uniform	Whole School	All Day

Please read this very important information)

We have a number of children in school who have very severe nut **allergy's** (peanuts/hazelnuts/almond). As their allergy is from ingestion and touch we **endeavor** to remove all nuts in school. To support the health and wellbeing of all children, please do not allow your child to bring any nut based products in to school. Thank you for your co-operation in this very serious matter.

2026 / 2027 Term Dates and Upcoming Events

Please visit the Epworth Primary Academy website for future term dates. www.epworthprimaryacademy.co.uk

School Opening Times

School starts at 8.45am (the bell will sound at 8.35am and all doors will open for a phased entrance, the bell will sound again at 8.45am when all doors will close). If the second bell has sounded, you will need to enter school via the main reception. School finishes at 3.15pm.
There should be no children on site before **8.30am**.

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Please remember that Birchfield Road is busy at drop off and pick up times and should not have cars parked on it either – please observe the road markings in place.**The main gates to the school car park will be locked between 8.30am and 9.00am and 3.10pm and 3.30pm.**

Lost Property

Lost property in school is building up and we are being asked to look for lost jumpers and cardigans – could we please ask that you put names in the school uniform. This will help with returning to the owner.

Attendance and Late Notification

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

Holidays During Term Time

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Reporting Children Absent

Please call the main reception on 01427 872345 option one by 9.30am each day to report on 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.
NB: Welfare checks will be carried out if absence persists, especially around end/beginning of term and weekends.

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.

Dogs on the School Premises

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

Achievements Outside of School

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

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HELP US BUILD AN AMAZING OUTDOOR PLAY SPACE!

Can you help us create a world of adventure, imagination and construction?

We're looking for donations of outdoor play equipment and materials to help children build, explore, create and get hands-on with nature.

WE WOULD LOVE YOUR DONATIONS OF:

Medium and Large Toy Vehicles



Woodland & Building Materials

- Wood chip
- Sleepers



Adventure & Climbing Equipment

- Climbing ropes
- Ratchet straps
- Tarpaulins
- Sturdy nets



Other Useful Bits and Pieces

- Builder's buckets
- Large spades and shovels for digging
- Sand and water play equipment
- Guttering and large pipes
- Pots, pans and utensils for mud kitchens
- Anything else you think would inspire outdoor adventures!



NO DONATION IS TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL!

Have something lying around that could be given a new lease of life?
We'd love to hear from you!

Together, we can create an outdoor space where children can build, climb, dig, imagine and explore!

Please speak to **EYFS staff** if you have anything to donate.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MAKE PLAY HAPPEN!

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme 2026

The HAF programme provides eligible children and young people with healthy meals and enriching activities during school holidays benefiting their health, wellbeing, and learning.

This resource is to support **HAF providers (clubs) in conversations with families** about the Free School Meal (FSM) changes and HAF eligibility.

What's new?

For the 2026 to 2027 academic year (**after** 2026 summer holiday) this government will extend Free School Meals (FSM) to all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit. HAF will remain aligned to Targeted FSM, to ensure the programme continues to reach those it is designed to support.

Free School Meals from academic year 2026-2027

Targeted FSM

Free school meals for children in households with household income below the existing threshold which is £7400. **This group remains eligible for HAF.**

Expanded FSM

From September 2026, FSM will also be available to all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit who have a household income of more than £7400. **This expansion does not include HAF eligibility.**

Transitional protections

Transitional protections have been in place since 2018 to ensure no one who gained FSM eligibility would lose it while Universal Credit is rolled out. **These protections end at the end of 2025-2026 academic year.**

This means some children who currently access HAF because of FSM protections will no longer be eligible **after** the 2026 summer holiday. This is because their family circumstances mean they no longer meet the Targeted FSM threshold.

What this means for HAF?

HAF remains an important and positive programme with funding secured for the next three financial years.

For the 2026 to 2027 academic year HAF will be aligned to Targeted FSM, this ensures the programme reaches the children and families it is designed to support.

This means some children who attended previously due to transitional protections will no longer be eligible as their family circumstances have changed.

Tax-free Childcare

Offering paid for places alongside funded HAF places can help families on Universal credit, who fall into expanded FSM, access the provision.

Families on Universal credit can get support with childcare costs.

Wider Support

Families who are no longer eligible for HAF due to the removal of transitional protections may be able to access other local holiday provision.

If you have a family that is no longer eligible but who you think would particularly benefit from HAF attendance, talk to your LA about whether there is any scope to include them in your provision through HAF discretionary funding

Where families continue to require support, providers can signpost them to LA services, such as Family Hubs, which may be able to offer additional advice.

Support for providers

As these changes come into effect at the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year, we encourage providers to maintain regular dialogue with their local authority and HAF coordinator.

Local authorities will be able to provide guidance on local implementation and eligibility queries. Where questions cannot be resolved locally, local authorities can raise these with the Department for Education (DfE)

FSM eligibility can be verified quickly and easily through the new FSM Eligibility Checking Service (ECS) which has replaced the existing checking system.

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For parent carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities

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NLPF 07510 211696

8th September	9.30am – 11.30am
6th October	9.30am – 11.30am
10th November	9.30am – 11.30am
8th December	9.30am – 11.30am

Come along for a brew and a chat with other parent carers.
A relaxed space to meet other families, share experiences and access support.

Everyone welcome

Messy Church

WESLEY MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH EPWORTH

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

10:30 AM

(Oct 3rd, Nov 7th, Dec 5th)



Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For details please contact wesleymessychurch@gmail.com