BETHAM NEWS

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1 Corinthians 13:13

Big Questions

This week during Collective Worship, we will continue to explore our value of Hope through the theme of Big Questions. We will think about some important questions, including: Why are we here? What happens when pride gets in the way? How do we make wise decisions? and What difference can one person make? Through Bible stories including Creation, the Tower of Babel, Solomon and Esther, we will reflect on our gifts, choices and responsibilities. We will consider how we can listen to others, make wise decisions, show courage and use even small actions to make a positive difference in our school, community and world.

Caroline Chamberlain, Headteacher

Our school vision

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With God's love at the heart of all we do, we celebrate the unique gifts of every individual. Rooted in Christian hope, pupils grow academically and in their faith, equipped to live full and happy lives and care for the people and the world around them.

Our school vision is great because it tells us that faith in God is all we need to maintain a healthy relationship with him. Hope for the future will help us achieve. Love for everyone will make them want to show you that they love you back.
Jasmine, 5MO (Worship Ambassador)

Attendance and Punctuality

Every week, the Attendance and Punctuality trophies are presented during Collective Worship. Our winners last week were: Attendance – 2RJ and 3EA Punctuality – Nursery, RSA and 6AD

Week beginning 28th September							
Nursery		**RKS**		**RSA**			
Attendance	Lates	Attendance	Lates	Attendance	Lates		
91.5%	**0 – 0%**	94.4%	11 – 8.1%	98.5%	**0 – 0%**		
1MS		**1RD**		**2RJ**		**2SP**	
Attendance	Lates	Attendance	Lates	Attendance	Lates	Attendance	Lates
97.0%	2 – 1.3%	95.0%	7 – 4.7%	**100%**	3 – 2.7%	94.8%	2 – 1.9%
3EA		**3EH**		**4AH**		**4JN**	
Attendance	Lates	Attendance	Lates	Attendance	Lates	Attendance	Lates
100%	6 – 4.4%	99.2%	1 – 0.7%	97.0%	6 – 4.0%	95.7%	6 – 4.0%
5AI		**5MO**		**6AD**		**6AG**	
Attendance	Lates	Attendance	Lates	Attendance	Lates	Attendance	Lates
94.2%	3 – 2.5%	98.3%	12 – 10.0%	98.0%	**0 – 0%**	94.4%	7 – 5.2%

Every day at school is a chance for your child to learn something new, discover what they're good at, and spend time with their friends. When children arrive on time, they don't miss the start of lessons or fun activities, and they can keep up with everything their class is doing together. Regular attendance helps your child feel confident and connected to their learning – and it all starts with being here, ready to learn.

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HOLY CROSS CHURCH
GREENFORD MAGNA

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HONOURING OUR *Community*

Guest Speaker

REVEREND
CLAUD JACKSON
AUTHOR | SPEAKER | VICAR

COME DRESSED IN YOUR COUNTRY CLOTHES

CELEBRATE YOUR RICH HERITAGE

REFRESHMENTS SERVED AFTER THE SERVICE

SUNDAY
11TH OCTOBER | 9:30AM

HOLY CROSS CHURCH
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This year for Black History Month, we are studying Great Explorers.

Dr Maggie Aderin

Dr Maggie Aderin was born in London in 1968 and grew up in Twickenham. From an early age, she was fascinated by space and astronomy and was inspired by watching *Star Trek* as a child. She studied physics at Imperial College London, graduating in 1990, before completing a PhD in mechanical engineering in 1994. Maggie went on to work in the aerospace industry, designing instruments and systems for space missions and using her scientific knowledge to help develop space technology. She later became a science educator and communicator, sharing her enthusiasm for space and encouraging young people to become interested in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Maggie has appeared on television programmes including *The Sky at Night*, *Horizon* and *Stargazing Live*, and has written science books for both children and adults. In 2009, she was awarded an MBE for services to science and education, and she has continued to champion diversity and inclusion in science. Maggie is a great explorer who uses her curiosity about the universe to make exciting discoveries and inspire others to explore the world of science and space.

September attendance

We expect a minimum attendance rate of 96% for all pupils. The class with the best attendance in September was **5AI** – well done! A fantastic achievement and a great start to the school year – keep it up.

Bumblebees	Butterflies	RKS	RSA	1MS	1RD	2RJ	2SP
94.8%	97.5%	96.0%	96.2%	97.1%	92.2%	96.1%	92.9%
3EA	**3EH**	**4AH**	**4JN**	**5AI**	**5MO**	**6AD**	**6AG**
97.5%	95.8%	96.0%	96.2%	**98.4%**	97.5%	96.2%	95.1%

Our Attendance Policy (which includes information on reporting your child's absence, authorised and unauthorised absences, and attendance monitoring and thresholds) is available on our website.

Attendance thresholds (for the whole school year)

Attendance	Days absent	Description	Attendance	Days absent	Description
98-100%	4 or fewer	**Excellent**	92-93%	13½ - 15½ days	Low
97%	5 - 6 days	Good	90-91%	17 - 19 days	Exceptionally Low
96%	7 – 7½ days	Satisfactory	Under 90%	20 days or more	Persistent Absentee
94-95%	9½ - 11½ days	Below Satisfactory			

September punctuality

Good punctuality is an important part of being ready to learn, and we expect all pupils to arrive at school on time each day. The class with the best punctuality in September was **1MS** – well done! Thank you for making every minute count.

Bumblebees	Butterflies	RKS	RSA	1MS	1RD	2RJ	2SP
1 – 0.2%	1 – 2.5%	12 – 1.4%	5 – 0.6%	1 – 0.1%	18 – 1.5%	8 – 1.0%	2 – 0.2%
3EA	**3EH**	**4AH**	**4JN**	**5AI**	**5MO**	**6AD**	**6AG**
18 – 1.7%	14 – 1.3%	17 – 1.5%	25 – 2.8%	13 – 1.3%	30 – 3.1%	16 – 1.3%	24 – 2.2%

Parent/carer consultation meetings

Our parent/carer meetings, which will be held in person, are on:

Tuesday 20th October, 3:40-6:30pm Wednesday 21st October, 3:40-6:30pm

3EA: Tuesday 20th October, 3:40-6:30pm; Wednesday 21st October, 3:40-4:10pm; Thursday 22nd October, 3:40-6pm

The booking system will go live at 5:00pm today. Please note that the details you enter must be an **exact** match with those we have on record for you. For example, you will not be able to log on if you enter your title as 'Miss' and our records show you as 'Ms'. If your child is on the SEND register and you would like to have a separate meeting with Mrs Macdonald-Brown, please contact the school office.

Please note that these meetings are for adults only. We do not have the facilities to supervise children.

Prayer Group
Coffee Morning

(Free refreshments)

Edward Betham Church of England Primary School

8.30 – 10.00am

Upcoming Dates:

- Thursday 5th November
- Thursday 3rd December
- Thursday 7th January
- Thursday 4th February
- Thursday 4th March
- Thursday 15th April
- Thursday 6th May
- Thursday 10th June
- Thursday 1st July

All are welcome.

We are living in difficult times.

Prayer requests for:

Sickness | Housing | Employment | Finance | Children's wellbeing | Education

Wear Red Day: Friday 16th October

Our school will be taking part in Wear Red Day on **Friday 16th October**, in support of the *Show Racism the Red Card* campaign. Wear Red Day is an opportunity for our pupils to stand together against racism and promote equality, respect and inclusion within our school community. By wearing red, we symbolise our collective stand against discrimination and celebrate the diversity of our school community.

16th October will be a non-uniform day, and we ask all pupils to wear something red. This could be a red top, jumper, trousers, dress or another red item of clothing. If your child does not have anything red to wear, they should wear their school sweatshirt or cardigan with their non-uniform clothes.

We will also be holding a collection for Show Racism the Red Card for families who would like to make a donation in support of the charity and its work. We hope that taking part in Wear Red Day will encourage our pupils to think about the importance of challenging racism, treating others with respect and being an ally to others.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing a sea of red across the school! Further information about Wear Red Day and *Show Racism the Red Card* can be found here.

TfL Explorer Ambassadors

Walk on Wednesdays

Congratulations to September's Active Travel champions – **2RJ** and **3EH**! Using active travel reduces the amount of harmful emissions into the atmosphere and helps pupils to arrive at school feeling refreshed, happy and ready to start their day.

Nursery	RKS	RSA	1MS	1RD	2RJ	2SP
78.1%	95.1%	95.9%	80.7%	85.0%	96.3%	93.7%

3EA	3EH	4AH	4JN	5AI	5MO	6AD	6AG
90.7%	95.2%	87.8%	88.6%	82.1%	90.5%	90.4%	92.5%

Hall hire

The Infant hall is available to hire at weekends for private functions, leisure activities and rehearsals. The rates are very competitive for members of our school community. Please contact Mrs Cameron in the school office for details of availability and cost.

Have you considered helping at school?

Volunteers make a big difference at our school! They play a vital role in supporting children's learning and lending an extra pair of hands where needed: from listening to readers, to helping out with Art, Design, or D&T projects. Whether you can help regularly or just now and then, we would love to hear from you. If you are interested in volunteering, please pick up a Volunteer Handbook from the school office. Thank you!

Playtime snacks

We encourage pupils in our Junior Department to bring a piece of fruit or vegetable every day to eat at playtime. Infants receive a snack through the National School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme.

Contacting our school

Our school office hours are 8:30am-3:45pm; we can be contacted in person, by telephone (020 8578 8928), and by emailing admin@edwardbetham.ealing.sch.uk. All emails for staff are sent to this account; staff's personal email addresses must not be used. Emails are read throughout the school day. If our office team are unable to answer your telephone call, please leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

All safeguarding concerns should be sent to dsl@edwardbetham.ealing.sch.uk.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning! Thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing **£297.50** for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38ºC or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. **Threadworms** Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels. **Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly. **Head lice & nits** You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP. **Hand, foot & mouth disease** If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly. **Slapped cheek syndrome** Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school. **Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment. **Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics. **Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away. **Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system. **Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

Litten Nature Reserve

Our Reception classes have officially started their wonderful visits to Litten Nature Reserve. To make these outdoor learning adventures possible and safe, we need three parent/carer helpers for every visit. Dates of visits this term are:

Friday 9th October 2026	Session 1	RSA
Friday 16th October 2026	Session 2	RKS
Friday 6th November 2026	Session 2	RSA
Friday 6th November 2026 *amended date and time	Session 3	RKS (1:00-3:00pm)
Friday 20th November 2026	Session 3	RSA
Friday 4th December 2026	Session 4	RKS
Friday 11th December 2026	Session 4	RSA

If you would like to volunteer and join us in the woods, please contact the school office to arrange a date. All volunteers will need to complete a DBS check through the school before attending. Thank you for your continued support!

Have you missed a letter?

Letters/emails sent week beginning 28th September
Workshop from the Mental Health Support Team
Worship Ambassador photograph
Geography local area walk and Autumn Walk: Year 1
Netball Club – 02.10.26: Years 5 and 6
Parking and traffic concerns
Adults' Event at Litten Nature Reserve - ADHD in the Woods
Class fundraising shop: place your orders by 12.10.26
Head Lice Information: selected year group
FAO Parent/Carers of female Infant pupils
Online content and pupil wellbeing Year 6

Questions of the week

?? Would you rather live by the sea or in the mountains? Why?

?? Would you rather be able to fly or be invisible?

Term dates

Term dates for 2026-27 and 2027-28 are available on our website.

Edward Betham Care Club

Breakfast Club - 7:30-8:45am After School Club - 3:20-6:00pm 07458 007831 careclub@edwardbetham.ealing.sch.uk