



Friday 25th September 2026 www.eastcroftpark.co.uk

This week's class attendance percentages

Reception: 99.1%

Year 1 : 93.7%

Year 2: 100%

Year 3: 93.4%

Year 4: 87.1%

Year 5: 88.1%

Year 6: 90.5%

Well done to all of Year 2 –
amazing 100% attendance !!

Happy Birthday to Melissa Tortora, Cora Welsh and Penny Moss who have all celebrated their birthdays this week

Dates for your diary

15th October 2026- School
photographers

Half Term : 26th October

2026 to 30th October

2026

10th November 2026: Nasal

Flu vaccination

13th November 2026 :

Children In Need

[Knowsley school admissions now open](#)

Applications for primary and secondary school places for September 2027 intake are open from . [School admissions](#) | [Knowsley Council](#)



What went well this week

Nursery: Impressive determination and resilience on the obstacle course

Reception: Super start to learning to read

Year 1: Super spirals

Year 2: Super detective work in history

Year 3: Super settlements work in geography

Year 4: Radical rounding to 1000s in math's

Year 5: Perfect poetry work

Year 6: Perfect predictions in English

The Immunisation Team will be coming into school on Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 9.00am to administer the intra nasal flu vaccination. If you still haven't completed a form, this is the new link the immunisation team have provided for further information please refer to www.nhs.uk/child-flu please see the flyer attached that also provides a QR for you to complete a form

Your child will bring home an important letter today in relation to information school need to hold for your child . The forms are now on parent app for you to complete. I must stress any change in contact information for your child is the responsibility of the parent/ carer, this is especially important if we need to contact you urgently - please make sure your contact details are up to date

Please can I bring to your attention to the following uniform requirements

Plain black flat school shoes or plain black trainers must be worn for school (no logos, ticks or bright colours allowed) No jewellery can be worn to school except a pair of plain stud earrings and a wristwatch (no smart watches). Earrings must not be worn on P.E day. No makeup or false nails/ nail polish are allowed for school at any time

Thursday 1st October is Autumn Census Day and for one day only lunch will be free. A special lunch of Chicken Nuggets , french fries , beans, a dessert and a drink will be served . This meal will be available for all children and will be free to children who pay for school meals.



FREE

school meal

Autumn Census Day

Thursday
1st October

Chicken Nuggets
served with french fries
and beans



**FOR
ONE DAY
ONLY**



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Eastcroft Park Primary school,
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Kirkby,
Knowsley,
Merseyside,
L33 1EB.
TEL: 0151 477 8210

Website: www.eastcroftpark.co.uk

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Dear Parent /Carer

School Information 2026-2027

To reduce paperwork, this year the forms school require for your child are now on Parent App. Please can you ensure all forms for your child/children are acknowledged and signed before 22.10.2026

To Access the forms

Log on to Parent App and choose the consent forms tile. Within the form data section, you will find the following documents

Photographic consent form

Homework Agreement 26/7

Consent form for off-site activities (Schools curriculum for eg visiting the library)

Then you choose whether you give your consent and sign the forms appropriately

Can I stress that any change in relation to your child's contact details is the parents/carers responsibility to inform school. You can do this on parent app or by directly contacting the school on eastcroftpark@knowsley.gov.uk or 01514778210

If there are any change to your child's medical conditions including allergies again you must inform school.

If you require any further information or if you require these documents in paper form, please contact the office.

Many Thanks

Julie Withey
Headteacher





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Thursday 17th September 2026

Dear parent(s)/carer(s),

We are writing to ask for your support regarding the use of squishy toys and similar items being brought into school.

We recognise that some children find sensory or fidget tools helpful in supporting their concentration and regulation. We are very happy to support children who have an identified need for a regulation tool and will work with families to ensure that appropriate resources are available where needed.

However, we have recently seen an increase in large squishy toys and similar items being brought into school. In some cases, children are bringing several items with them. Unfortunately, these items can become a distraction within the classroom and can affect children's concentration and learning. We have also had instances where squishy toys have split or popped, creating an additional safety and hygiene concern.

To ensure consistency across school and to minimise distractions during learning time, we are therefore asking that children do not bring large squishy toys or similar items into school.

If you feel that your child requires a fidget or sensory tool to support their regulation in school, please speak to your child's class teacher. We can discuss your child's individual needs and agree on an appropriate resource. Where appropriate, the school can provide a suitable regulation tool for your child to use.

If a child has an agreed need to use a fidget tool from home, we ask that this is discussed with the class teacher beforehand. Any home-provided tool should be small, discreet, quiet and suitable for use within a classroom, so that it supports the individual child without distracting them or other children from their learning.

Our intention is not to prevent children from accessing appropriate sensory support, but to make sure that any regulation tools used in school are effective, safe and appropriate for the classroom environment.

Thank you for your understanding and for working with us to maintain a calm, safe and focused learning environment for all of our children.

Kind regards,

Miss J Withey





Triple P Workshop

Monday 19th October 12.30-2.30pm
At the Family Learning Centre
Westvale Primary School
Kirkby

During the workshop we will look at

- Managing your child's behaviour
- Setting family routines and rules that everyone follows
- Developing positive relationships, so you can get along well with your child and argue less
- Raising happy, healthy and confident children
- Creating a happy, safe environment where your family can thrive

Comments from Knowsley parents who have completed the course:

"My child's behaviour has changed dramatically since the beginning of this course, it has changed the dynamics of the family completely, we have a much happier and calmer family unit"

"I have noticed I am a lot calmer"



"My child's behaviour has changed a lot, I have changed my parenting style and I feel calmer and more in control when my child misbehaves"

To book a place, please contact

Sharon.fitzgerald@knowsley.gov.uk

or

Annmaria.Miller@knowsley.gov.uk



Triple P Teen Workshop

Monday 9th November 12.30-2.30pm
At the Family Learning Centre
Westvale Primary School
Kirkby

During the workshop we will look at

- Managing your teenagers behaviour
- Setting family routines and rules that everyone follows
- Developing positive relationships, so you can get along well with your teenager and argue less
- Raising happy, healthy and confident teenager
- Creating a happy, safe environment where your family can thrive

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Dear Parents/Carers,

FACE School Annual Membership

Eastcroft Park School have continued to buy an annual membership for the academic year 2026/2027 with FACE.

Face delivers online support via zoom for Parents and Carers

Every month we will send you the Newsletter and Timetable. I have attached the August/September 2026 timetables for your information

FACE offers parents practical advice, information and support, across a wide range of topics, including supporting neurodiverse children, understanding emotions and managing behaviour.

The Eastcroft Park Primary School Code is EP300625

This code grants all Eastcroft Park parents/carers access to all FACE Parent Talks (usually £24 each) for the next 12 months.

The talks are on a four-weekly rotation and alternate between morning sessions (10:00-11:30) and evening sessions (19:00-20:30).

Links to recordings of the talks are available for 48 hours after the live session. If you cannot make a live session, book on and then email to request the recording link.

How to Use the Code:

Visit the **PARENTS** page of the FACE website (facefamilyadvice.co.uk) to view the 16 regular talks for parents.



Choose a topic and click through the booking calendar to find a date and time that suits you.

At the payment stage of booking, enter the code **EP300625** where it says **ADD PROMO CODE**. This will reduce the price from £24 to £0.

Important:

You do not need to book the FREE sessions for parents , as these are for parents from schools that have not purchased the discount code. They are shortened versions of the regular talks which you now have free access to.

The code **EP300625** can only be used for the regular £24 each Parent Talks from Eastcroft Park School and cannot be shared with parents from different schools. Improper use of the code can result in immediate code cancellation for the whole school.

For further information please refer to Eastcroft park School website <https://www.eastcroftpark.co.uk> or contact the school office on 01514778210 email eastcroft@knowsley.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

Julie Withey
Head teacher





September Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm



October Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

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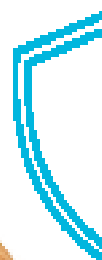
Raising Self-Esteem	5 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	5 Oct 7pm
Decreasing Depression	6 Oct 10am
Introduction to OCD	6 Oct 7pm
Improving Family Communication	12 Oct 10am
What is ACT?	12 Oct 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	13 Oct 7pm
Understanding Anger	19 Oct 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	20 Oct 7pm
FREE - ADHD and Homework	22 Oct 7-8pm
Facing Defiance	26 Oct 10am
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It is important to protect our children and young people against a number of dangerous infectious diseases.



Consent for vaccinations is required from parents or carers.

Your vaccinations and immunisation team work with primary and secondary schools, independent schools, special schools, alternative education and also support young people who are home educated or not in education.



If you are not sure if your child has had all routine vaccinations, or you are under 18 you can contact us for further advice and support.



Contact us

Liverpool School Immunisation Team:

0151 295 3833

mcn-tr.vacandimms.team@nhs.net

Sefton School Immunisation Team:

0151 247 6130

mcn-tr.seftonimmunisationteam@nhs.net

Knowsley, Halton and St Helens Schools:

0151 351 8805

mcn-tr.schoolimmunisations@nhs.net



Year 8 we
offer HPV
vaccine

Year 9 we offer
Adolescent
booster/
Meningitis
ACWY

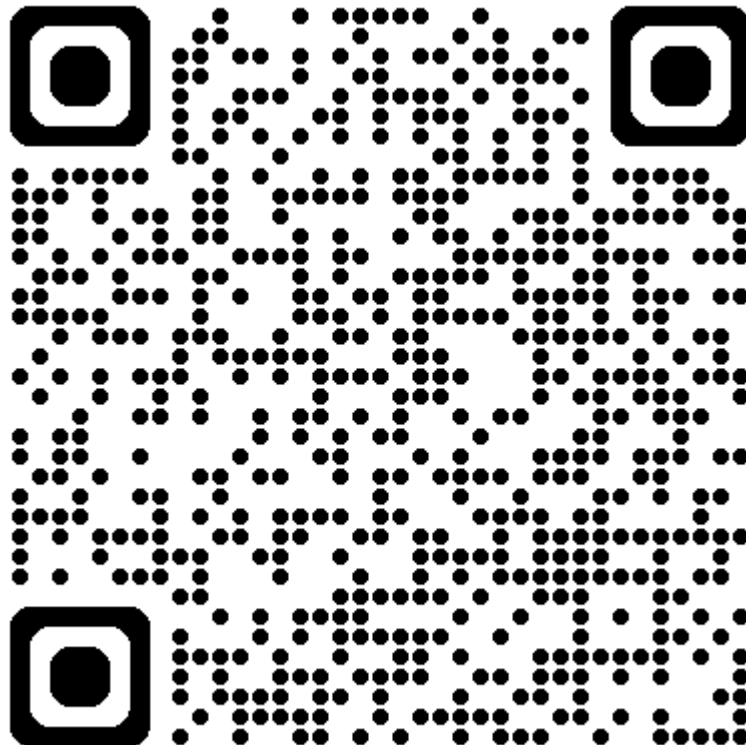


Scan the QR code or visit
merseycare.nhs.uk/imms
for more information



EASTCROFT PARK SCHOOL

Flu consent form link (this expires on 9th November)



Dear Parents and Carers,

I have provided below, general information for the forthcoming academic year 2026/2027

Free universal breakfast club

Our school will continue to be a breakfast club early adopter school and will be free of charge from reception age to Year 6. The breakfast club will be open to all children. Nursery children can continue to attend breakfast club with voluntary charge of 50p per day. To foresee staffing, if your child **does not** usually attend breakfast club, you will be required to book a place for your child. If you would like your child to attend please contact the school office



Wraparound After School

Eastcroft Park Primary School will continue the wraparound childcare service of an After School Care held within a safe and secure environment.

We offer a wide range of planned, age-related activities based on the children's interests. We also ensure that our activities are designed to enhance the learning journey for our children through child centred, purposeful play and fun. Wrap around care provision is term time only and is only available to those children who will be attending Eastcroft Park School.

We are currently limiting the number of spaces available to 20 due to the required staff: pupil ratios. However, this number may increase as our school grows. The after-school provision is currently available for Reception to Year 6 children. After School Care runs from 3.15 pm to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday. Your child will be given a snack and a drink. The cost for this session is £6.00 per day. There is a discount for siblings within the same family. Please contact the school office if you wish for your child to attend

If you pay via tax free childcare you could save 20% , please see link [Tax-Free Childcare - Best Start in Life](#)

School Dinner 2026

For children who do not qualify for free school meals , the price of a school dinner for children in Year 3-6 is increasing to £2.50. please visit [Apply for free school meals | Knowsley Council](#) to see if you are eligible for help



Parent Pay cashless system

From September 2026, Eastcroft Park School are going to attempt to go completely cashless due to the closure of the banks in the North West. To remove all cash and cheques from school we are asking all parents to only use our e-payment method to pay for dinner money, snack and other forthcoming money items such as charity donations, trips, school activities.

This can be done online using a very secure website called ParentPay or in cash at local stores where you see the Pay Point logo. If your child has not got a Parent pay account set up, please contact the office for a letter.

Snack for Nursery children 50p a week or £19.50 for the school year

Snack for Nursery children 30 hours per week £1.00 a day or £39.00 for the school year

Reception children £1.00 per week or £39.00 for the school year

KS2 children Year 3 to Year 6 50p a week or £19.50 for the school year



Parent App

This is the most effective way of communication between school and Parents/Carers

Once your child is enrolled at Eastcroft Park School, you will receive a TEXT or EMAIL invitation with further instructions on how to download and access the app. If your child is currently enrolled at Eastcroft Park School and you do not have the Parent App or you have not received an invitation, please contact the school office and we can check that we have the correct contact information for you. The App is free to download and is available for both Apple and Android devices. It will provide you with instant access to our term dates, event information, newsletters, social media, website and much more. We will use the app to send targeted messages via push notifications so you aren't bombarded with messages that are not relevant. Lastly, the app is fully secure and GDPR compliant and in order to access it you will need to be invited via email or SMS message.

It is very important you download the school app especially during the current climate as this is our main source of communication and you will miss out on important information about your child and what is happening within our school.

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Free School Meals eligibility Changes for the 2026-2027 academic Year

Eastcroft Park School has been informed by the local authority that the eligibility for Free School Meals is expanding from September 2026.

Who is eligible for benefits based free school meals

From 1st September 2026, if you are a Knowsley resident and in receipt of one of the following benefits you may be eligible for free school meals

Universal Credit – income below £7400

Universal Credit – income above £7400
Income-related Employment and Support allowance
The guaranteed element of Pension credit
Support under Part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999

In summary, from 1st September 2026, all children from households receiving **Universal Credit** will be eligible for free school meals (FSM), regardless of their household's annual income.

Going forward, there will be 2 categories of benefits-based free school meals:

Targeted FSM, which continues to be based on the existing threshold, covering eligible children's who are in households in receipt of Universal credit with annual household earnings of £7400 or less. These children will attract pupil premium and other funding available for their schools. Other entitlements, such as the holiday activities and food programme (HAF) will be based on targeted free school meals. **This is equivalent to the current system**

Expanded FSM, a new category covering children who are in households receiving Universal Credit with an annual household earning above £7,400. Children will be entitled to free school meals only- they are not entitled to Pupil Premium or other extras that are linked to FSM eligibility.

Transitional Protection

If your child is currently receiving free school meals this academic year 25/26 based on benefits- based criteria you should continue to receive the entitlement until 31.08.2026. From the start of the 2026-2027 academic year this will end.

Checking / Rechecking FSM Eligibility

From 1st September 2026, FSM eligibility will need to be checked for new claimants or rechecked for current claimants.

You can apply on the Knowsley website [Apply for free school meals | Knowsley Council](#) www.knowsley.gov.uk

If you require any further information, please contact the school office on 0151 477 8210 or email eastcroft@knowsley.gov.uk.

For further information please to any of the items above please refer to Eastcroft park School website <https://www.eastcroftpark.co.uk> or contact the school office on 01514778210 email eastcroft@knowsley.gov.uk

Is your child experiencing anxiety?



NHS

Knowsley MHST are excited to offer a parent led group intervention that will aim to support parents to manage their child's worries and anxious expectations. These groups will take place in local community centres, register your interest below.

DOES YOUR CHILD COMPLAIN ABOUT FEELING SICK WHEN THEY ARE WORRIED ABOUT SOMETHING?

DOES YOUR CHILD SEEK REASSURANCE FROM YOU BEFORE CERTAIN SITUATIONS?

DOES YOUR CHILD NOT WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL DUE TO FEELING WORRIED?

DO THEY STRUGGLE TO GO TO SLEEP AS THEY FEEL ANXIOUS?



Then register your interest by clicking or scanning the QR code below



KNOWSLEY MHST:

OFFICE: 01925 664 120

**OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY TO FRIDAY:
9.00AM – 5.00PM**

*It takes less
than 5 minutes!*

<https://forms.office.com/e/N2agUhuvsA>



FREE School Meals

Are you eligible?

From September 2026, if you receive Universal Credit, your child will qualify for free school meals, regardless of the household's income.

This starts from your child's first day of school in Reception until they finish in Year 11 at secondary school.





Who is eligible for free school meals?

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive free school meals automatically under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

However, if you do receive Universal Credit, please still complete an application as this will help to maximise funding coming into your school.

From September 2026, pupils of parents from Year 3 to Year 11 will be eligible for a Free School Meal if they claim one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit
 - Income Support (IS)
 - Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
 - Income Related Employment Support Allowance
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Who is eligible for free school meals?

To ensure your child receives meals from the start of the autumn term, we need to confirm your child's eligibility before the school year begins.

If you are already receiving free school meals, we will automatically check and inform you if you are still eligible.

If you are not currently receiving a free school meal but you do receive Universal Credit, please ensure you apply.



How to apply

Apply for a free school meal on the council's website by scanning the QR code.

Please ensure you apply by **Friday 28 August 2026**.



Help and support

If you need any help and support, please speak to your school (before the school year finishes). Alternatively, call Knowsley Council on **0151 483 8000** or via the online chat at www.knowsley.gov.uk/contact-us and then click 'Chat to us'.

