



EASTCROFT NEWS

Friday 9th January 2026 www.eastcroftpark.co.uk

Happy birthday to Iris Brezan who has celebrated her birthday this week

Happy birthday to Logan Kenny, Mia-Faith Windrow, Aleigha Freeman, Arthur Bracken, Evie Carney-Scanlon, Daniel Doyle, Leah Hinds, Olivia Rose Kendrick, Patrick Johnson, Carter Owens, Jaxon Plant, Maximus Cullen and Neveah Bennett who all celebrated their birthdays during the Christmas holidays

Free FACE courses – January 2026 Timetable is attached

Just a reminder Reception Applications need to be sent into school or processed online with the Knowsley admission team before 15th January 2026

Dates for your Diary

06.02.2026: NSPCC number day
February Half term dates
16.02.2026 to
20.02.2026
05.03.2026: World Book day



What went well this week

Nursery: Super settling in with our new friends

Reception: Wonderful winter clothes sorting

Year 1: Super shape work

Year 2: Fantastic division

Year 3: Magical Map work

Year 4: Fantastic PSHE work on Dreams & Goals

Year 5 Perfect PSHE and no outsiders work on celebrating difference

Year 6: Marvellous micro-organism work in Science

Spring Party Day 2025: Thursday 15th January 2026 is Spring Party Day at lunchtime. Lunch will consist of Cheese & Tomato Pizza, fries and a fruit pot. Sandwiches and Baked potatoes will also be available. For children who do not receive free school meals the cost is £1.00

NSPCC Number Day 2026: This year Eastcroft Park will be taking place in the NSPCC number day On Friday 6th February 2026 we will be having a fun filled day of maths activities inside and outside the classroom whilst helping raise funds for the important work the NSPCC does All children are invited to attend school in a maths themed mufti day - children can wear anything that contains numbers and digits.! We are asking for a £1.00 donation for everyone attending school in their number themed clothes

Local support to stay warm and well is available across the borough. For information about which services are open, what they are providing and opening times please visit [Cost of living support - Knowsley News](#). For anyone not able to access this service please call the cost-of-living helpline on 0151 443 3300 or for fuel support call the Emergency Support scheme on 0151 443 3200. Please access this link [Knowsley News - Knowsley News](#) it provides lots of information of events and services that can be accessed throughout the Knowsley Area

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>

HOLIDAY DATES 2025-2026

SHADED AREAS ARE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND 5 STAFF INSET DAYS

AUTUMN TERM

CHILDREN ATTEND – 2nd SEPTEMBER TO 19th DECEMBER

HALF TERM HOLIDAY – 27th OCTOBER TO 31st OCTOBER

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – 22nd DECEMBER to 2nd JANUARY

SPRING TERM

CHILDREN ATTEND – 5th JANUARY to 27th MARCH

SPRING HALF TERM HOLIDAY – 16th FEBRUARY to 20th FEBRUARY

EASTER HALF TERM – 30th MARCH to 10th APRIL

SUMMER TERM

CHILDREN ATTEND- 13th APRIL to 22nd JULY

HOLIDAY MONDAY – 4th MAY

WHITSUN HALF TERM – 25th MAY to 5th JUNE

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Join our 5-week course designed to support families
to make healthy lifestyle changes together!

For families with children aged 7-11.



Physical Activity

Each week families will play
fun, interactive games.



Resources & Recipes

Weekly resources to support
lifestyle changes.



Healthy Eating

Each week learning about a
new healthy eating topic.



Cooking Session

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09/01/2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

FACE School Annual Membership

Eastcroft park School have bought an annual membership for the academic year 2025/2026 with FACE (family, advice, communication and education)

Face delivers online support via zoom for Parents and Carers

Every month we will send you the Newsletter and Timetable. I have attached the January 2026 Newsletter 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





January 2026 Timetable

All 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 (excluding Free Talk)

Autism - Improving Communication	5 Jan 10am
Improving Family Communication	5 Jan 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	6 Jan 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	6 Jan 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	12 Jan 10am
Understanding Anger	12 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	13 Jan 10am
Facing Defiance	13 Jan 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	19 Jan 10am
Anxiety Explained	19 Jan 7pm
Introduction to OCD	20 Jan 10am
What Is ACT	20 Jan 7pm
FREE Responding to Angry Behaviour	22 Jan 7-8pm
Raising Self-Esteem	26 Jan 10am
Decreasing Depression	26 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	27 Jan 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	27 Jan 7pm



Triple P Positive Parenting

Triple P gives you simple, practical strategies to help you raise happy and confident children

Why not come along to our 5-week programme and learn proven strategies from trained facilitators to:

- raise happy, confident children
- manage misbehaviour so everyone in the family enjoys life
- set rules and routines that everyone respects
- encourage behaviour you like
- take care of yourself as a parent.

**Starting: Monday 12th January 12.30pm - 2.30pm
at St Johns Info Zone, Manor Farm Road, Huyton L36 0UE**

**For more information and to book a place please contact:
Annmaria: 07825 117 500
Or alternatively parenting@knowsley.gov.uk**



Knowsley
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FOOD CLUB

Charity No. 1196064

**Join the Tower Hill
Food Club!**

@ Tower Hill Community Centre,
Ebony Way, L33 1XT

Food Club members pay £3.50 a week and choose up
to 10 items of food and other necessities, or pay £5 for
up to 15 items.

**Every Tuesday,
12pm - 2pm**

Find out more about Knowsley Foodbank:  knowsleyfoodbank.org  0151 673 1250



Parents of pre school children It's time to apply for a school reception class place September 2026 Intake

Knowsley residents - Apply online by visiting www.knowsley.gov.uk

CLOSING DATE 15TH JANUARY 2026

- If your child's date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, now is the time to apply for a reception class place in school for September 2026.
- There is no automatic transfer from nursery – everyone must apply between 12 September 2025 and 15 January 2026 by completing the application form of the Local Authority in which you live.
- Knowsley residents should apply by accessing the online application portal via the Knowsley website www.knowsley.gov.uk.
- It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure they have read the admission policy of each school they are considering applying for and provided all the information required to support their application – this may include completing a supplementary information form with some individual schools where requested.
- For full information about the application and allocation process and admission policies for individual schools, visit the school admission pages at www.knowsley.gov.uk and access the 'Knowsley Primary Admission Composite Prospectus'.

For further advice, contact Knowsley School Admissions Service

Email: schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk

Tel: (0151) 443 5143 / 5142 / 3372