



EASTCROFT NEWS

Friday 21st November 2025 www.eastcroftpark.co.uk



What went well this week

Nursery: Super number hunters
Reception: Super story opening work
Year 1: Perfect positional work
Year 2: Super Smilies
Year 3: Brilliant ball skills
Year 4: Super work on arrays in basic skills
Year 5: Delightful diva lamps
Year 6: Super classifying in Science



SAVE THE DATE: The Kirkby Christmas light switch-on 2025 is on **Friday 21st November**, with entertainment running from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. This annual event takes place at Newtown Gardens and features Marvellous Markets with local vendors in St Chads Parade and on Telegraph Way. - information is attached

Community Information : Kirkby's Christmas Crusade 2025: Thursday 11th December to Saturday 13th December – information of the routes are attached . There is also lots of Christmas activities attached for the community
Cost of Living Support available : The Council has a cost-of-living helpline where residents can access advice and guidance on how to access all elements of support across the borough [Cost of living support - Knowsley News](#)

With flu cases currently rising, there is a drop-in flu vaccination clinic for any parents/carers who have not yet completed a consent form but would now like their child to receive the vaccine. Clinic Details: Location: St Chads PCRC, 1st Floor, L32 8RE Date: Saturday 22/11/25 Time: 10:00–11:00

Eastcroft Park School have a small limited number of windows 10 laptops in school. If you would like one for your child for free , please email Eastcroft@knowsley.gov.uk . It will be first come first served

This week's attendance winners are :
KS1 : Year 1
KS2: Year 5
Well done to you all !

Happy birthday to George Guy, Isabelle Mocanu, Angel Dunphy and Sienna-Red Martin who have all celebrated their birthdays this week

Travelling Book Fayre will be at school on Monday 24th November . You can also have a look on the following link
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/free-resources#leaflets>

Great News ; Free Universal breakfast club will be extended until March 2027. Your child can turn up on the day at school for breakfast club, however, were possible to foresee staffing, if your child does not usually attend breakfast club, please can you book a place for your child at eastcroft@knowsley.gov.uk

Information for Parents/Carers

Christmas 2025 dates to be aware of... HO!HO!HO!



Date	Event
Monday 24 th November 2025	Donation Day 3 <i>Bottles ONLY</i> Book Fayre delivered
Monday 1 st December 2025	Book fayre collected
Wednesday 3 rd December 2025	Year 2 am – Acorn Farm Grotto
Thursday 4 th December 2025	Nursery/Reception am – Acorn Farm Grotto
Friday 5 th December 2025	Year 1 am – Acorn Farm Grotto
Wednesday 10 th December 2025	Christmas Pantomime in school Cinderella
Thursday 11 th December 2025	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Nursery/Reception in 11am performance in Junior Hall Year 1/ 2 performance at 2pm in Junior Hall 'KS2 Carols by Candlelight' at 6pm on the Junior playground
Friday 12 th December 2025	Santa Dash (children can wear Christmas jumpers or Christmas accessories)
Monday 15 th December 2025	Reception party



Tuesday 16th December 2025	Nursery Party
Wednesday 17th December 2025	Year 3/4 Party
Thursday 18th December 2025	Year 1 party Year 2 party Year 5/6 party
Friday 19th December 2025	Breakfast with Santa

School will close for the Christmas school holidays on Friday 19th December 2025 at 2pm

School will re-open at 8.40pm Monday 5th January 2026

If you require any further information, please contact your child's class teacher, or contact the office on 0151 477 8210 or email egstcroft@knowsley.gov.uk

Thank you

Miss Julie Withey

Headteacher



KIRKBY
CHRISTMAS LIGHT
SWITCH ON
Friday 21st Nov 4-7pm



Look for our STALL
TOMBOLA & SWEETS

Kirkby Town Centre
Entertainment by Dene Michael of
BLACK LACE, LIVIN' JOY &
URBAN COOKIE COLLECTIVE

Kirkby Christmas Crusade

Follow us live on facebook for exact locations

THURSDAY 11TH NORTHWOOD 6PM

- Simonswood Lane
- Roughtwood Dr
- Appleby Court
- Old Rought Lane
- Bigdale Drive
- Brook Hey Drive
- Westhead Ave

FRIDAY 12TH SOUTHDENE 6PM

- Valley Road
- Bewley Drive
- Britonside Avenue
- Park Brow Drive
- Wellfield Avenue
- Field lane Fazak

SATURDAY 13TH 5PM TOWERHILL & WESTVALE

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| • Hendbolt lane | • Mill lane |
| • Pinewood lane | • Glovers Brow |
| • Hall lane | • Whitefield Drive |
| • Saxon Way | • James Holt Ave |
| • Ebony Way | • Richard Heaketh |
| • Sheerington's Lane | • Sydney Poughl |
| • Melrose Road | |
| • Banks Lane | |
| • Windermere Drive | |



Southdene Commo's

Christmas GROTTO

Fun, Magic, and Joy for the Whole Family!

15 minute time slots- booking required

13th Dec
12pm to 4pm

Once you have completed
the form to book we will
send you your time slot

FREE
ENTRY



YOU ARE INVITED TO
**LUNCH
WITH SANTA**

1:00PM TO 4:00PM

6TH DECEMBER

FOOD | MUSIC | GAMES | GROTTO & GIFT

SOUTHDENE COMMU

£5 PER CHILD

£1 PER ADULT

LIVERPOOL
ZOE'S PLACE
**SANTA'S
GROTTO**

A magical Christmas experience

£10 PER CHILD
£7 FOR ANY
ADDITIONAL
CHILDREN
(ADULTS Go

21ST - 22ND DECEMBER 2025
10AM - 6PM

REVOLUCIÓN DE CUBA

SEN HOUR
10-11AM
EACH DAY



Healthy Schools Swap Station- Parent /Carer Letter

Eastcroft Park Primary School have launched our new healthy schools swap station!

So far it has proved to be a success with the children in all year groups. This initiative is part of the healthy school bronze award. The swap station aims to encourage and educate pupils on eating well and trying new foods. A range of healthy snacks have been displayed in the swap station during the lunchtime period. Pupils can choose to swap an item such as crisps or chocolate for a healthier alternative.

From 14th November the items that the pupils have swapped will be sent back home with them at the end of the day. The item will have a sticker attached so you know as a parent/carer that your child has swapped an item from their lunch

The swap station aims to:

- Support healthy habits that last a lifetime
- Reduce amount of high fat, sugar and salt pupils consume across the week. This will improve concentration and energy levels throughout the day.
- Contribute to pupils reaching their 5-a-day of fruit and vegetables.
- Encourage pupils to try new foods- great if your child is a picky eater!

We hope to have our whole school community on board with our swap station as we promote healthy eating habits for all our pupils.

Swap station choices this week



THE ENTERTAINMENT CAPITAL OF THE NORTH ASSOCIATION WITH KNOWSLEY CULTURE PARK PRESENTS

TOP PANTO-COMIC - THE HILARIOUS
STUART EARD
AS JACK TROTT

THE OUTRAGEOUS
JORDAN BATEMAN
AS NIMS "BOITY"

THE WICKED
CHELSEY THORLEY-EARD
AS KENNY RED

BEHIND THE SCENES ENTERTAINERS
STEVEN HALL
AS A BIGGON KENS

FROM "WBS KNOWSLEY"
AMY BLACKWELL
AS MISS BRITELL

JACK
AND THE
BEANSTALK
A GIANT OF A PANTOMIME!

FEATURING
BRUCE JONES
AS THE VOICE OF THE GIANT

THE NEW WICKED
LOIS-GRACE STIKINS
AS MISS BRITELL

6 - 9 DECEMBER 2025
KNOWSLEY LEISURE & CULTURE PARK
BOOK NOW: CULTUREKNOWSLEY.CO.UK | 0151 443 2200

WRITTEN BY: AD MELLOR. DIRECTED BY: STUART EARD & KEVIN BROWN. CHOREOGRAPHY BY: LAYLEY, MURPHY & JONES

From the same company that brought you, "Snow White," "Peter Pan," "Beauty & The Beast,"
& "Cinderella"

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

A GIANT OF A PANTOMIME!

Join us on an unforgettable journey to the Land of Giants, where danger and adventure await! Wicked Fleshoreep, the Giant's sinister wife, has been spreading misery throughout the peaceful village of Merrymore, helping the Giant tighten his grasp on the world. Poor Dams' Trot and benson Jack are tricked into selling their beloved cow, Daisy, for a worthless bag of beans... or so it seems!

But with the help of the magical spirit of the beans, Jack embarks on a thrilling adventure to restore happiness to Merrymore. Along the way, he meets the enchanting Princess Jill, aids King Croakers in saving the Kingdom, and faces off against the nefarious Fleshoreep. Bundling with spectacular songs, dazzling dance routines, and endless laughter, this family-friendly pantomime will delight audiences of all ages.

SAT	6 DEC '25	14:00 & 19:00
SUN	7 DEC '25	13:00 & 17:00
MON	8 DEC '25	10:00 & 13:30
TUES	9 DEC '25	10:00 & 13:30

Adult: £14.00 | Concessions/Children: £12.00

TOP PANTO COMING - THE MURDERERS

STUART EARP
AS JACK TROT



FREE
CAR PARK

BOOK NOW ON
Box Office: 0151 443 2200

Book Online: cultureknowsley.co.uk

Knowsley Leisure & Culture Park, Longview Dr, Huyton, L36 6EG



November 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)

Raising Self Esteem	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	4 Nov 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	4 Nov 7pm
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	11 Nov 10am
Supporting A Child with ADHD	11 Nov 7pm
FREE ADHD Kids & Homework	13 Nov 6-7pm
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	17 Nov 7pm
Facing Defiance	18 Nov 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	18 Nov 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
Anxiety Explained	24 Nov 7pm



Merry Christmas!



December 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)

Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm



05.09.2025

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 July 2025 Newsletter for your information

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

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

SEPTEMBER 2025							OCTOBER 2025							NOVEMBER 2025						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7			1	2	3	4	5						1	2
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
29	30						27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30
DECEMBER 2025							JANUARY 2026							FEBRUARY 2026						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4							1
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	
MARCH 2026							APRIL 2026							MAY 2026						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						1			1	2	3	4	5					1	2	3
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31
30	31																			
JUNE 2026							JULY 2026													
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7			1	2	3	4	5							
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12							
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19							
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26							
29	30						27	28	29	30	31									



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

Knowsley
foodbank
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

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>

Little Soul Sisters

Information

07863 953943
teensoulsisters@yahoo.com
instagram: @teen_soulsisters

FREE FOR ALL

SELF LOVE

the girls will be taught about self-love by creating a supportive environment where they can explore their unique strengths and embrace their individuality. Through open conversations and empowering activities, they will learn the importance of self-love as a foundation for building confidence, resilience, and healthy relationships.



**FOR
GIRLS
AGED 7-11**



Every sunday

**11am -12pm
starting the 7th
september**



**DM TO BOOK
ON!**

**Towerhill Community
Hub, Heathfield drive,
L33 1WU**

