



EASTCROFT NEWS

Friday 14th November 2025 www.eastcroftpark.co.uk



What went well this week

Nursery: Wonderful world nursery rhyme week

Reception: Super story sequencing

Year 1: Super star making

Year 2: Great Geography

Year 3: Marvellous multiplication

Year 4: Beautiful poppy printing for remembrance

Year 5: Remarkable remembrance Poppy art

Year 6: Fantastic fractions work



CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS 2025

Eastcroft Park will be preparing our fantastic Christmas hampers for the children to buy a raffle ticket in December to try and win one! The hampers will consist of: Food Hampers, Drink Hampers, Biscuit Hampers, an afternoon tea hamper and a pamper hamper. Therefore, we would be grateful for any donations on the following

Monday 17th November 2025 Donation Day 2 – Toiletries

Monday 24th November 2025 Donation Day 3 – Bottles only

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.

Community Information : Kirkby's Christmas Crusade 2025: will return on Thursday 11th December to Saturday 13th December – information of the routes are attached

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>

Application forms have been given to KS2 children to apply to join the Eco –Team at Eastcroft Park School. Please can application forms be returned by Friday 21st November 2025. Two children from each class will be selected – thankyou

This week's attendance

winners are :

KS1 : Year 1

KS2: Year 5

Well done to you all !

Happy birthday to Heidi Brownrigg, Myla Mae Reynolds, George Howard –Smith and Charlie Leather who have all celebrated their birthdays this week

Just a reminder the closing date for Reception Admissions for September 2026 is 15th January 2026. Knowsley residents should apply online – direct link is

[Admissions](https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/admissions)
([knowsley.gov.uk](https://www.knowsley.gov.uk))

So Far Eastcroft Park School has raised an amazing £ 114.00 for children in Need



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

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| • 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 | |





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 "BOIT"

THE WICKED
CHELSEY THORLEY-EARD
AS KENNY RED

BEHIND THE SCENES ENTERTAINMENT
STEVEN HALL
AS A BIGGONNE KENS

FROM "WBS KNOWSLEY"
AMY BLACKWELL
AS MURDER PRINCE

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 THE PRINCESS

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 & CO.

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 her son 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



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

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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>

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, if possible, can you book by 12.00 on the previous day and state how many days the place is required for.



Wraparound After School

Eastcroft Park Primary School will continue the wraparound childcare service of an After School Club 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 and whose Parents/Carers are in work.

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 Club 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. Please contact the school office if you wish for your child to attend

School Dinner 2025

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



cashless system

From September 2025, 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

KS1 children Year 1 to Year 2 50p a week or £19.50 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.

Healthy Schools Bronze Award

From September 2025, Eastcroft Park Primary School will be taking part in the Knowsley Healthy School Awards.

The Healthy School Awards provides a whole school approach which will enable pupils to access nutritious food to fuel learning and promote opportunities for children to be physically active throughout the school day. All children and young people have the right to be healthy. Over recent years this has become increasingly challenging for Knowsley children and families due to a range of factors. We recognise that school is an important place for children to eat healthily, be active to develop healthy habits for life.

As we work towards the award, I will be contacting Parents/Carers for support, and I will bring to your attention the exciting and positive changes that will be made to achieve the Healthy Schools bronze level.

The following changes will be introduced from September 2025

Children must only bring Water to school in their water bottles **Healthier school menus-** To support healthy children and healthy teeth our menu will offer **milk and water only** and provide fruit and yoghurt as dessert three days per week.

Healthy packed lunches- On going support/advice for healthy packed lunches, with potential provision of a healthy swap station.

There are other initiatives that will be introduced during the academic year 2025/2026 a letter will be sent out in September to introduce how School and parental involvement can achieve the bronze award

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**

