EASTCROFT NEWS

Friday 6th November 2026 www.eastcroftpark.co.uk

This week's class attendance percentages are :
Reception: 96.5 %
Year 1 : 97.3 %
Year 2: 96.4 %
Year 3: 93.6 %
Year 4: 91.9 %
Year 5: 94.8 %
Year 6: 94.7%
Well done to Year 1 who have won the best attendance this week

Happy Birthday to Bobbie Middleton, Rio Mulligan, Poppy Rush and Reece Ashton who have all celebrated their birthdays this week

Dates for your diary

9th/10th Parents review evening
10th November 2026: Nasal Flu vaccination
13th November 2026 : Children In Need /Silver pledge event morning

Community links

Knowsley Music The Farm, Friday 13 November, 7.30pm St Chad's Church, Kirkby
Town centre events continue in Kirkby - Knowsley News





What went well this week

Nursery: Fantastic Conker rolling
Reception: Super bonfire night role play
Year 1: Fantastic work on robots
Year 2: Great interest in The Gunpowder Plot
Year 3: Fantastic start to forces
Year 4: Interest & enthusiasm towards our new book
Year 5: Marvellous multiples work
Year 6: Delightful discovery narratives

Royal British Legion – Remembrance 2026

The Royal British Legion is the UK's largest Armed Forces charity, dedicated to supporting the needs of serving personnel, veterans and their families. Poppies and poppy merchandise are available during morning play time Items for sale are Paper Poppy 50p and Poppy Keyring £1

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS 2026

Eastcroft Park will be preparing our fantastic Christmas hampers for the children to buy a raffle ticket in December to try and win one! Therefore, we would be grateful for any donations on the following weeks
Monday 9th November 2026 Donation Day 1 – Food
Monday 16th November 2026 Donation Day 2 – Toiletries
Monday 23rd November 2026 Donation Day 3 – Bottles only

Travelling Book Fayre will be at school on Monday 23rd November . You can also have a look on the following link https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/free-resources#leaflets

SAVE THE DATE : Kirkby Christmas Market & Lights Switch

Friday, 20 November 2026, from 4:30 PM (market trading runs from 2:00 PM to 7:30 PM) at Kirkby Town Centre, St Chad's Parade, L32 8RD

If you would like any support from the school nurse –please contact Mrs Pybis on 0151 477 8213

EASTCROFT PARK COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

JULIE WITHEY
HEADTEACHER
HOLLINGHURST ROAD
KIRKBY
KNOWSLEY
MERSEYSIDE L33 1EB
TEL: 0151 477 8210

E-MAIL: eastcroft.de.@knowsley.gov.uk

06/11/2026

School Christmas Raffles 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

Just a reminder that on Monday 9th November we are asking for donations of food i.e. Tinned goods, packets and any non-perishable items.

These are for preparation of our fabulous Christmas hampers. The children will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for these in December.

The hampers will consist of: Food hampers, Drinks hamper, Biscuit hamper and lots of other prizes.

Thank you for your support.

Jenny Franz
Learning Mentor.

"NEVER SETTLE FOR LESS THAN YOUR BEST"

HOLIDAY DATES 2026-2027

SHADED AREAS ARE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND 5 STAFF INSET DAYS

AUTUMN TERM
CHILDREN ATTEND – 2nd SEPTEMBER TO 18TH DECEMBER
HALF TERM HOLIDAY – 26th OCTOBER TO 30th OCTOBER
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – 21st DECEMBER to 1st JANUARY

SPRING TERM
CHILDREN ATTEND – 4th JANUARY to 25th MARCH
SPRING HALF TERM HOLIDAY – 15th FEBRUARY to 19th FEBRUARY
EASTER HALF TERM – 26th MARCH to 9th APRIL

SUMMER TERM
CHILDREN ATTEND- 12th APRIL to 23rd JULY
HOLIDAY MONDAY – 3RD MAY
WHITSUN HALF TERM – 31ST MAY to 11TH JUNE

SEPTEMBER 2026						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

OCTOBER 2026						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

NOVEMBER 2026						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

DECEMBER 2026						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

JANUARY 2027						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

FEBRUARY 2027						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

MARCH 2027						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

APRIL 2027						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

MAY 2027						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

JUNE 2027						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

JULY 2027						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGED 0-5

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

NHS
South, Central and West
Commissioning Support Unit



Tell us about your experiences of childhood vaccinations

Your feedback will help improve immunisation services for families

SCAN ME
TO TAKE THE QUESTIONNAIRE

Takes about **5 minutes** to complete

Your views **help shape better services**

Together, we can **make a difference** for local families

Childhood Vaccination in Cheshire & Merseyside – Parent Survey
for parents/carers of children aged 0–5

Childhood Vaccination in Cheshire & Merseyside – Parent Survey – Fill in form
Childhood Vaccination Parent Survey






Millbrook
Millennium Green
junior parkrun
4-14 year olds
9.00 every Sunday
Bring a friend!
Spread the word!
All are welcome!
Free to participate

Headteacher: Miss Julie Withey,
Eastcroft Park Primary school,
Hollinghurst Road,
Kirkby,
Knowsley,
Merseyside,
L33 1EB.
TEL: 0151 477 8210

Website: www.eastcroftpark.co.uk

25th September 2026

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@knowley.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

Triple P Teen Workshop

Monday 9th November 12.30-2.30pm
At the Family Learrnig 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

Comments from Knowsley parents who have completed the course:

"My teens 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 teens behaviour has changed a lot, I have changed my parenting style and I feel calmer and more in control

To book a place, please contact

Sharon.fitzgerald@knowsley.gov.uk
or
Annmaria.Miller@knowsley.gov.uk

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

FACE

October 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

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
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	26 Oct 7pm
School Anxiety	27 Oct 10am
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 7pm

It is important to protect our children and young people against a number of dangerous infectious diseases.

NHS
Mersey Care
NHS Foundation Trust

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)

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

It takes less than 5 minutes!

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

KNOWSLEY MHST:

OFFICE: 01925 664 120

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


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 Base 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

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 489 6000** or via the online chat at **www.knowsley.gov.uk/contact-us** and then click **'Chat to us'**.