



# Enfield Academy of New Waltham

# January Newsletter

Happy New Year from everyone here at Enfield and welcome back to a rather cold and icy start of Spring term 2025! There are many upcoming events happening this term so please remember to keep an eye on ClassDojo for regular updates!

**Christmas Raffle-** Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for our Christmas raffle which was drawn in an assembly with the children just before we broke up for Christmas. Congratulations to our many lucky winners! With your help, we raised a massive **£800.35** from ticket sales and all the money will go towards purchasing our new token system for rewarding positive behaviour!!

**Reading, a message from Mrs Johnson-** This year marks our **Year of Reading**, and we're thrilled to be building on the strong foundations we put in place while working towards our Bronze Reading Award. As a school, we are already well ahead, and our journey now continues as we set our sights on achieving the Silver Award — watch this space for more exciting reading adventures. With World Book Day just around the corner, our brilliant Reading Ambassadors already have their thinking caps on and are busy dreaming up creative ideas to celebrate the joy of books. It's going to be an inspiring year for every reader in our community.

**School Council, a message from Miss Brown-** Our School Council has started the new year with incredible energy and ambition! They've been busy brainstorming a wide range of creative fundraising ideas that will help bring exciting opportunities to our school. This term, the council is taking on even greater responsibilities – from helping to plan fun activities and special events for all the children, to reaching out to local councillors about important safety matters in our community. Their hard work and dedication mean they'll play a big part in shaping memorable experiences for everyone. We're so proud of their commitment and can't wait to share all the fantastic things they have in store. Keep an eye out for exciting announcements coming very soon!

## Ongoing concerns around parking-

As a school we are extremely concerned with the ongoing issues surrounding drop-off and pick-up times. Despite previous reminders and requests for cooperation, there have been an increasing number of incidents where the safety of our children, families, and local residents is being compromised by dangerous driving and inappropriate parking. We have witnessed cars being parked on zig-zag lines, double yellow lines, and even mounting pavements. Some vehicles have been turning dangerously in front of the school gates, often while families are still in the road. These behaviours are unacceptable and pose serious risks, particularly to the children in our community.



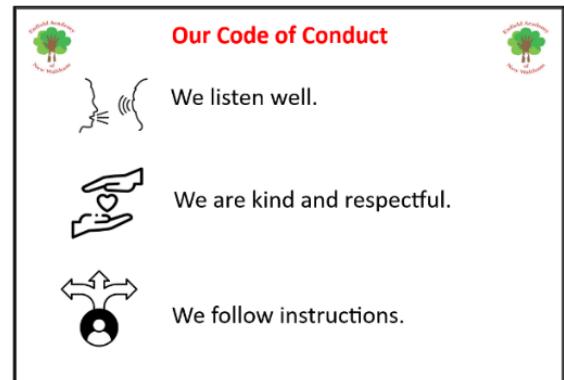
In addition to the safety concerns, we want to remind everyone of the need to show respect to our local residents. Many have reported being inconvenienced by blocked driveways and inconsiderate parking. We must be mindful that we are part of a larger community and need to show consideration to those around us. Rushing or trying to park in unsafe places puts everyone at risk. We have been in contact again with both the Parking Enforcement Team at NE Lincs Council and the Police, who will be supporting us in addressing these issues. If there is no improvement, we may need to record registration

numbers of vehicles involved in unsafe or illegal parking, and these details will be passed on to the relevant authorities. We know this is not only a concern from us and residents, but many families of the school too who have raised concerns.

Please take this matter seriously. We urge all parents and carers to consider alternative parking arrangements, walk where possible, and follow the guidelines to keep our school environment safe for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Together, we can ensure that our children are safe and that we maintain good relationships with our community.

**Behaviour and Expectations at Enfield-** At Enfield, we believe that high standards of behaviour are essential for every child's success and wellbeing. We expect all pupils to follow our Code of Conduct. Our behaviour policy is always available on our school website. This policy applies to pupil behaviour whether the pupil is on the Academy site, outside of the Academy site or outside of the school day.

By working together—**school, parents, and pupils**—we can create a calm, caring environment where every child can thrive. Your support in reinforcing these expectations at home is greatly appreciated.



To reinforce positive behaviour, we are reigniting the use of our house team system. A many of you will be aware, all children are in a colour team already for sports day. These are their house team colours: Red, White, Blue or Green. We will be introducing a brand-new token system where children can earn tokens for their house team. The Team with the most tokens at the end of the term will receive a reward together as a team!!

### Dates for your diary-

<b>JANUARY</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff inset day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
W/C 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	RSPB Big Bird Watch week for schools.
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Pro-Ride day for Wren (N2's), Robin and Chaffinch class. More details to follow.
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	NSPCC Number Day- more details to follow
W/C 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health week
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Bikeability for Year 5 Pupils
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	'Express yourself' Day- more details to follow
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term 3.15pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children return to school
<b>MARCH</b>	
W/C Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Big Booky Breakfast week
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Monday 16th, Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evenings
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
W/C Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Spring Performance by Y3, 4 and 5 (dates to be confirmed)
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Snappy Opera Performance Day for Year 5 and some Year 4 pupils- more details to follow.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Annual Enfield Easter Egg decorating competition- more details to follow
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up for Easter holidays 2.15pm
<b>APRIL</b>	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school