



# Head of School Update

## PARENT/CARER FEEDBACK



PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEYS ABOVE BY THE 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY. YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT TO US.

## A WARM WELCOME BACK TO SPRING 1!

I Happy New Year and welcome back to the first of our two Spring half terms. I hope you all enjoyed a restful and joyful Christmas break with your families. It has been wonderful to welcome the pupils back into the academy this week. Staff have focused on reconnecting with pupils and supporting them in settling back into our routines and expectations. I have been truly impressed by the high standards pupils have set for themselves and the positive, purposeful start they have made to the term.

I hope you enjoyed our Christmas events for parents and carers before the break. These occasions always provide a valuable opportunity to reflect on just how far our pupils have come. I particularly enjoyed seeing the increased confidence and enthusiasm shown by the pupils, which was evident throughout all of the concerts. The reindeer visit was certainly a highlight for many and I am delighted that we were able to create such a memorable experience—moments like these are part of what makes being an EVA pupil so special. Our aim is to provide an outstanding personal development offer through EVA's 50 Excellent Experiences, which we strive to give every pupil during their time with us. While high-quality teaching and strong pupil progress remain a priority, we place great value on the wider opportunities and experiences that support pupils' holistic development. Last half term, we shared a parent/carer survey, and I am resending the link here. A QR code can also be found at the top of this newsletter. Your feedback is greatly valued and plays an important role in helping us continue to enhance our academy. This week, we launched our Spring term curriculum theme, "Power, Leadership and Invasion." Pupils explored this theme by revisiting prior learning and discussing how they can use their own power to make positive choices and demonstrate EVA's core values in everything they do. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



Mrs Dowse

## Executive Principal Update

I am delighted to welcome all of our pupils, staff, and families back to Edlington Victoria Academy for an exciting new half term! I hope you all enjoyed a restful and rejuvenating break. We're looking forward to building on the successes of last term and embracing the new learning opportunities and special events that lie ahead.

Mrs Clark



# Autumn Term Review

## ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

Well done to the fabulous winners of the attendance challenge from Autumn 2! We handed out 12 selection boxes in total to 12 lucky children. Well done everyone! The next 3 week attendance challenge is just around the corner and look forward to seeing everyone's participation in our next challenge!



### 3 WEEK ATTENDANCE Challenge

Come to school everyday on time between the 26<sup>th</sup> January and the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Three Valentine's themed (red/pink) hampers up for grabs!



## JOHN HEALEY MP VISIT

Last half term, the Secretary of Defense, John Healey, visited the academy to award the winners and runners up with some prizes for being successful in his Christmas card competition. Well done to Evelynn, who won the competition. We were very excited to find out that Evelynn's card has been sent to many famous people including the King! What a brilliant achievement. You can read about his visit here:

<https://www.doncasterfreepress.co.uk/news/people/doncaster-mp-visits-school-to-announce-winner-of-christmas-card-competition-5441898>

## Photos from last half term:

Edlington Victoria Academy  
1 Dec 2025

Miss Bingham & Miss Hendren's Christmas Crafting session was a success! Here is what our families got up.



Edlington Victoria Academy  
12 Dec 2025

Our Children had lots of fun supporting at the Edlington Community Organisation Centre, setting up for their community Christmas dinner.



Edlington Victoria Academy  
15 Dec 2025

Our local MP John Healey ran a competition for his Christmas card to be designed by our students. It was a proud Moment for EVA on Friday when Mr Healey visited the school to announce the winner of his competition and the runners up. We would like to offer a huge congratulations to our winner Evelynn in Year 2 who had a great design of a Christmas tree. Evelynn's design has been printed and she was given a framed copy of her design which you can see in our photos along with our fantastic runners up! Well done everyone - we are so proud of you all.



Edlington Victoria Academy  
17 Dec 2025

Well done to our sports hall Athletics team who took place in the Doncaster School Games tournament last week. These children showed true determination and we are so proud of them.



Edlington Victoria Academy  
18 Dec 2025

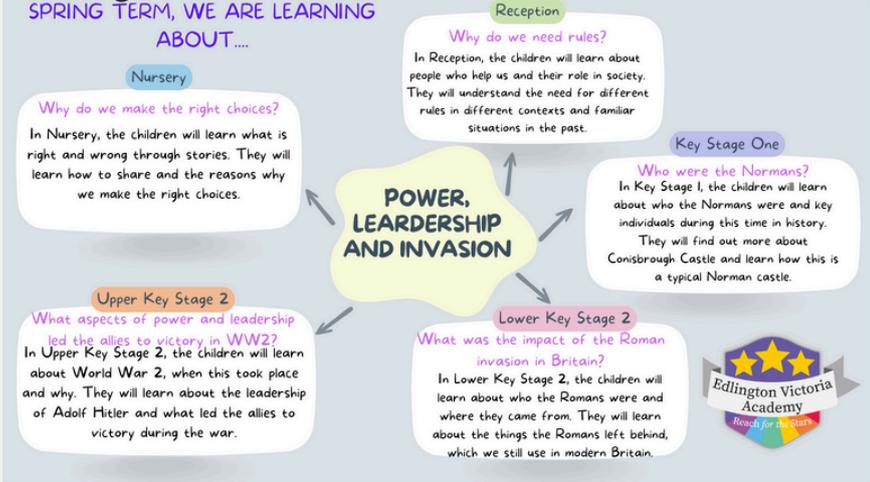
We had a festive 'stay & play' session in the Hub Yesterday. Our Children & Parents made Reindeer food for Santa's special helpers. Huge thanks to Mrs Bowker & Mrs Peet for Organising this fantastic session.



# Upcoming Events

**OUR SPRING TERM CURRICULUM THEME IS POWER, LEADERSHIP AND INVASION**

**CAREERS WEEK 2026**  
 Careers week is due to take place W/C 23/02/2026. Can you help? Would you be willing to come and talk to some pupils/classes about your job? Please contact the academy office to log your interest, Thank you for your ongoing support.



## ART CURRICULUM COFFEE MORNING

COME AND FIND OUT HOW WE TEACH ART AT EDLINGTON VICTORIA ACADEMY AND ENJOY A CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE IT YOURSELF WITH A PRACTICAL ACTIVITY!

**Tuesday 13th January 9:00 - 10:00**



# Upcoming Key Diary Dates

**January:**  
 5<sup>th</sup>: Training day  
 9<sup>th</sup>: 100% Attendance Assemblies  
 13<sup>th</sup>: Art coffee morning  
 16<sup>th</sup>: Super Learning Day  
 20<sup>th</sup>: PTA meeting  
 26<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Feb: 3 week attendance challenge – pancake day/valentines themed hamper

**February:**  
 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>: Children's Mental Health Week  
 10<sup>th</sup>: E-Safety Day  
 12<sup>th</sup>: Break up for Half Term  
 13<sup>th</sup>: Training Day

**February:**  
 23<sup>rd</sup>: Training Day  
 24<sup>th</sup>: School Re-opens  
 25<sup>th</sup>: Spring Parents Evening  
 27<sup>th</sup>: 100% attendance assemblies

**March:**  
 5<sup>th</sup>: World Book Day  
 9<sup>th</sup>: Pastoral Coffee Morning 9am  
 13<sup>th</sup>: Science day  
 21<sup>st</sup>: Red Nose Day  
 27<sup>th</sup>: Break up and non uniform