



Edge Hill Academy

Believe and Achieve, Shine Everyday
~ Community Newsletter ~



Friday 22nd May 2026

What's happening at your school... Read on...

Dear Parents and Carers,
As we come to the end of another busy term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been a really positive few weeks at Edge Hill. Our Year 6 pupils have approached their SATs with great maturity and determination. We are incredibly proud of the effort, resilience and positive attitude they have shown throughout the week - they have represented the school brilliantly.

We have also been delighted with the fantastic response to our recent 'Bring a Bottle Day'. Your generosity and support are very much appreciated and will make a real difference to our Summer Fayre.

Looking ahead, please remember that we will be holding a Crazy Hair Day on Wednesday 3rd June, when we return after half term - we look forward to seeing lots of creative hairstyles!

Finally, I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best wishes,
Simon Russell, Headteacher

Certificate of Achievement - Summer 1: For those who always showcase their phenomenal skills in school!

Ash: Ollie S
Elm: Millie C
Oak: Betsy B
Elder: Kit M
Holly: Nadia C
Maple: Jayden D-B
Aspen: Eliza U
Cedar: Grace A
Rowan: Percy M
Chestnut: Elsie B
Sycamore: Eva P
Willow: Ruby F



Uniform Reminder

A reminder to all parents about our school uniform expectations:

- **Nail varnish** should not be worn in school.
- **Shoes** should be plain and black in colour.
- **PE kit** should be **plain**, with no logos (other than the school logo if applicable).

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining high standards across the school.

Attendance so far (up to 22.5.26):

Year 3: 96.5%

Year 4: 95.7%

Year 5: 96.5%

Year 6: 96.3%

OVERALL: 96.2%

**Best attending class so far
Elm 97.8%**

WELL DONE ELM!!

Please find a link to our Trust Newsletter:

<https://www.fierte.org/parentportal/newsletter/?id=20>

Our WOW Learners: 15.5.26

Ash: Chloe B
Elm: Armaan S
Oak: Leyla B
Elder: Holly H and Charlie P
Holly: Patrick R
Maple: Evelyn S
Aspen: Tyler A
Cedar: Alice K
Rowan: Robert K
Chestnut: ALL children
Sycamore: ALL children
Willow: ALL children

Our celebration of weekly outstanding learners
Edge Hill Academy



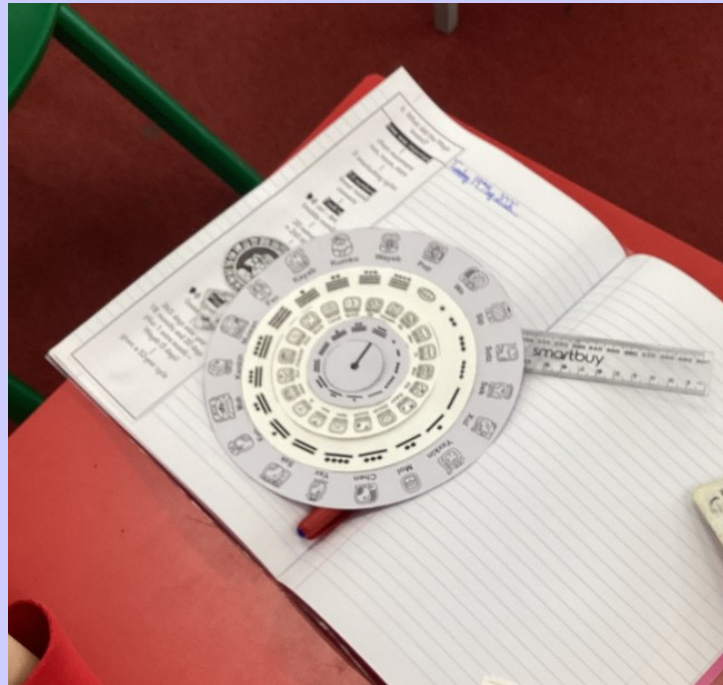
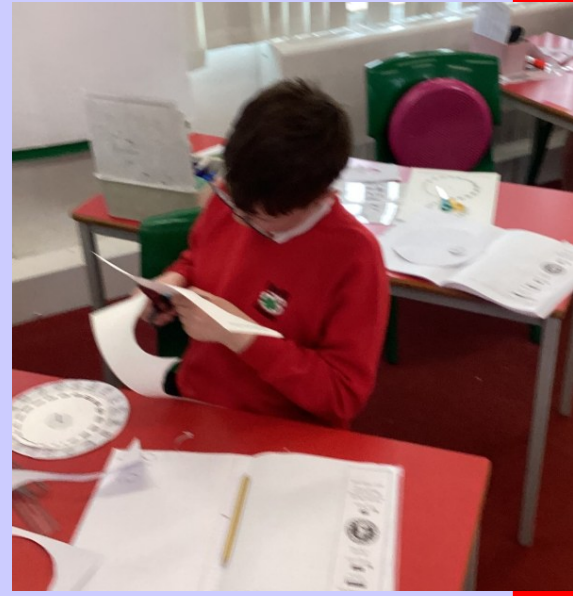
Aspen Pictures



Our turn...

Inner and middle cycles of the Maya calendar

We will read through the PowerPoint about the Maya calendar.



Cedar Pictures



Challenge: pencil, fabric & Soft Chalk Pastel
Create a line drawing of a landscape, using pencil. Try to use lots of exciting and varied marks to capture the various forms and textures of the landscape. Once you have your penciled line landscape, add colour. Try not to think about "colouring in" (as in colouring in between the lines) instead think about adding layers of colour over the ink drawing - letting the two exist in layers. Explore colour mixing by mixing the soft chalk pastels on the page. You can add some subtle fabric pieces to compliment your artwork



Rowan Pictures

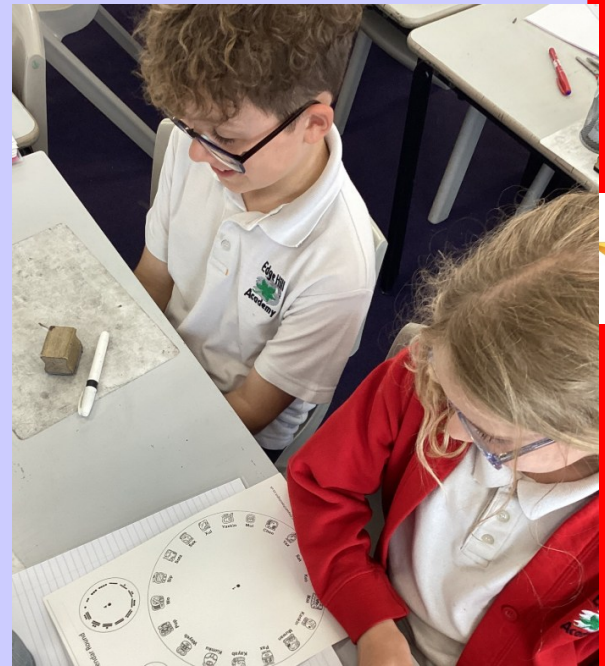
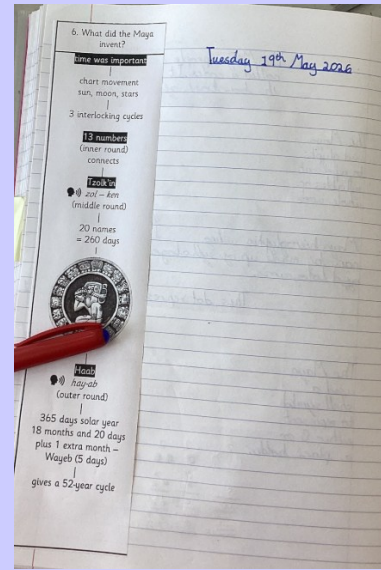
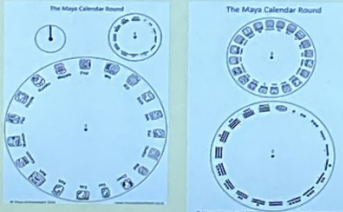
Your turn...

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut out each ring along its outside line
2. Pierce a hole through the middle of each ring in the centre of the black dot
3. Using the numbers 1-4 on the rings for guidance, place each ring on top of each other, starting with 1 and ending with 4, and then add the smallest ring with the black line through it on top
4. Place a split pin through the middle of the calendar where you have made the holes and then open the pin up flat on the other side

Now you have your own Maya calendar!

Follow the instructions to make your own Maya calendar.



Attendance Information

ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1

Day = 2

2

Sessions

3

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160

+ £160

+ £160

+ £160



4 children & 2

parents =

£1280

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

4

2ND TIME

2 parents and

1 child = £320

2 children = 640

3 children = 960

4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000

2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

Playgroup at VWA

Little Buttercups Playgroup

Every Tuesday

9am - 10.30am

For ages 0-School age

Violet Way Academy

Connect with other parents
and grandparents while your
little ones play

Pay as you play -

£2 per family

We enjoy doing:

Crafts

Singing time

Playtime

Play Doh

Outside play



Come and join us

We would love to see you

Viral Trend Risks Causing Severe Burns to Children



Microwaving NEEDOH Toys and Squishies

Parents and Carers Guide

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

A viral trend is encouraging children to microwave squishy silicone toys, known as NEEDOH toys or squishies, among other names (Jelly Cubes, Nice Cubes) in order to make them softer and more pliable. Often, the packaging warns against this, but children are ignoring it because online videos and trends on TikTok, Instagram and YouTube encourage them to do the opposite. The toy feels cool to the touch after microwaving, but bursts when squeezed, spraying boiling material on hands, neck and face. A child in Bristol was seriously hurt on 4th May 2026 and children in America have experienced significant burns and injuries. This has happened to children as young as seven.

Please note - Your child does not need to have searched for this. The algorithm shows it to children based on other content they have watched.



IF YOUR CHILD HAS ONE OF THESE TOYS

It is natural to feel concerned, but the most important thing is to remain calm. Children are far more likely to talk to you, now and in the future, if they know they will be met with a steady response rather than alarm.

This is also a valuable opportunity. What your child sees online, from friends or from trends, does not always show the full picture or the consequences. Safety conversations are not about restricting their fun, they are about making sure they understand how to protect themselves and others.



STARTING THE CONVERSATION

You do not need to be an expert. A relaxed, open and honest conversation is enough. A few things that can help:

- Use the toy as a natural conversation point rather than sitting them down for a formal talk.
- Tell them simply that children their age have been seriously hurt following this trend. Reality carries more weight than a rule.
- Avoid taking the toy away without explaining why as providing a reason builds trust. Removing it without understanding may lead a child to hide things from you.
- If the toy feels too firm, the manufacturer's recommendation to soften it is to knead it with your hands for a few minutes. Encourage them, or help them, to do this instead.
- If they have already seen the videos, remain calm. The algorithm does its job quietly. What matters is the conversation that follows.



Summer 2 Dates



Fierté Multi Academy Trust

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Summer term 2026 Events and Information



Forest School (Parents invited into the Forest on a Friday)

Maple (Ms. Robinson / Ms O'Neill): w/c 1st June
Aspen (Ms. Grimley): w/c 8th June
Rowan (Ms. Hudson): w/c 15th June
Willow (Ms. Barnard): Standon Bowers – w/c 6th July
Sycamore (Ms. Lloyd): Standon Bowers – w/c 6th July
Chestnut (Ms Butler): Standon Bowers – w/c 6th July

Swimming

Rowan (Ms. Hudson): Wednesday 15th April – Wednesday 8th July

Parents' Lunch

Sycamore (Ms. Lloyd): Wednesday 10th June
Willow (Ms. Barnard): Tuesday 30th June (change to original date)

Cake and Coffee

Year 6 – Wednesday 17th June at 9am

Certificate of Achievement

Thursday 16th July

End of half-term for children

Friday 22nd May

Term starts

Monday 1st June

Assessment weeks start:

Monday 8th June

Summer Fayre

Thursday 18th June

Oliver Production (Year 6)

w/c 22nd June

Bank Holiday and INSET Days

INSET day: Friday 19th June
INSET Day: Monday 20th July

Yr 4 trip to Think Tank

Tuesday 23rd June

Fierte Festival week

w/c 29th June



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PTA Discos – 5:30pm – 6:45pm

Year 3/4 – Thursday 2nd July

Year 6 Leavers Disco– Thursday 16th July

Standon Bowers – Year 6

Monday 6th July

Sports Day

Monday 13th July

Tuesday 14th July

Reports due out

Tuesday 14th July

Parents' Evening

Open evening: Wednesday 15th July 3:30pm – 4:30pm

End of Summer term

Friday 17th July

All events are also listed on the school website: <https://www.edgehill.fierte.org/>

Please be aware that dates are added over the course of the term / year so please look at our website / Newsletter and also individual letters for further information.



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