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Dear Parent / Carer

Sponsored Walk 2026

We're delighted to share that our annual Sponsored Walk is returning on **Friday 18th September 2026**. This whole-school event is always a fantastic opportunity for students and staff to come together, enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Crowthorne Wood, and raise valuable funds for our PTA, who do so much to support the school community.

Students will take part in a 10 km woodland walk to raise money for a great cause while enjoying the outdoors. Accompanied by staff, students will depart school around 12:15pm along a fully signposted and marshalled route. Once they return and register at school, they are free to leave. Please note that dismissal time depends on walking pace and may fall slightly before or after the normal end of the school day.

As you can imagine, organising an event of this scale involves careful planning, so we intend to go ahead as scheduled unless the weather makes it unsafe to do so. In the unlikely event of severe weather, the reserve date for the walk will be Friday 25th September

On the day of the walk, students are not required to wear school uniform but must wear clothes and footwear suitable for walking and appropriate to the weather conditions. Unfortunately, as part of our agreement with the Crown Estate and our risk assessments, we are not permitted to allow parents/carers and family dogs to join us on the walk.

Thanks to the incredible support of our community, the PTA has been able to fund a wide range of projects that make a real difference to students' day-to-day experiences. In recent years, money raised through events like the sponsored walk has helped to purchase a school minibus, furnish the library, install lockers and bike sheds, upgrade school computers, and provide specialist equipment such as cameras for the Art and Photography department. Most recently, the PTA contributed to the installation of new canopies in the Year 7 area over the summer holidays.

We hope every student will take part in this exciting event and aim to gain as many sponsors as possible from family and friends. While students will be reminded not to ask strangers, we really appreciate your support in helping your child raise sponsorship for this much-loved whole-school event.

A sponsor form is attached - paper copies will also be given to pupils this week.

Donations can be made in cash or by cheque, but the quickest and easiest way is through our Just Giving page which can be found here: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/edgbarrowsponsoredwalk2026>

We would be grateful if you could declare the sum raised through Just Giving on the paper copy of the sponsor form.

We ask that all students return a signed copy of the sponsor form to their form tutor **no later than Tuesday 15th September**. We use the form as consent for participation and re-issue the form once the walk is complete – it allows us to make sure everyone has returned safely!

An event of this kind requires a lot of support and we would appreciate assistance from parents/carers. In particular, help is needed to register pupils in the Main Hall upon their return to school. If you are able to offer any support on Friday 18th September between 12:45-4:00pm, please let us know by emailing secretary@edgbarrowschool.co.uk.

Thank you, as always, for your support with this event – fingers crossed for good weather!

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Andrews', written in a cursive style.

Mr J Andrews
Assistant Headteacher