

Eynesbury Echo -22 May 2025 - End of half term!

'Love to Learn, Learn to Love'
#courage #forgiveness #respect

#love #honesty

Mrs Brown's bit...

Hellos and goodbyes...

Schools everywhere will be getting ready to say goodbye to staff and welcome new members. We have quite a few changes for September. Huge congratulations to Mr Pritchard who will be leaving us to take up the role of Head of Campus at Hardwick and Cambourne School. Miss Jordan is also leaving us to travel the world with a first stop in Australia. Exciting times ahead for her as she leaves the teaching profession for a while. We wish all our staff leavers the very best as they move on to new adventures!

As a school we have been through the teaching staff recruitment process with all roles now in place for September. They are as follows:

Pre-School: Mrs Raffaelli and Miss Gilbert **Reception:** Mrs Cummings and Mrs Penny-Meech **Year 1:** Mrs Allen **Year 2:** Mrs Ginnetta and Ms Savage **Year 3:** Miss Blackburn **Year 4:** Mrs Dickenson **Year 5:** Mr Richardson **Year 6:** Mrs Foster **SENDCo:** Mrs Truman

Next half term will see transition to secondary school, transition within the school, new entrants, Geography visits galore and our annual sports morning. Lots to look forward to as we head towards the long summer break.

Wishing you all a great half term break. See you all on Tuesday 3rd June at 8.40am. As ever, stay safe and take care of each other



MAKE THE MOST OF
EVERY MINUTE
OF YOUR DAY

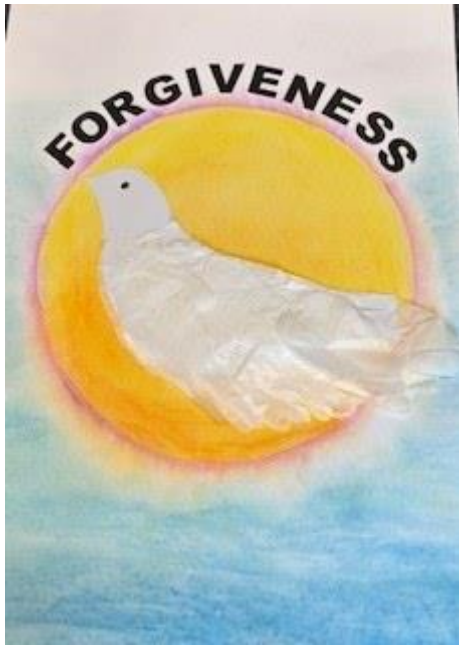
Our Eynesbury Eight!



- Mrs Thompson leaves us today with our very best wishes for her early retirement. Lots of travel is planned and family times! Thank you for everything Mrs Thompson.
- Huge thanks to our school council who were part of the interviewing process. Their probing questions were great!
- Our Year 6 pupils were simply magnificent during their SATs week, all working hard, showing of their best and proving they are great learners! Well done to all of you! We are very proud!
- We enjoyed our ' House Morning' on Monday with sporting activities and values work across the school with some PD work about 'Kindness Matters' too.
- Alison and Marion from the Methodist Church visited us in Collective Worship on Monday morning.

- Year 2 shared their Collective Worship with the whole school and their families. They were very well received.
- Our School Improvement Advisor visited school. We had a visit to Pre-School with continuous provision galore, joined in with Reception's 'Dough Disco', watched Year 1 counting in 2's as they travelled across the playground, learned about Ancient Greece in Year 3, joined in with French in Year 4, observed some planetary moments in Year 5, watched cricket skills in Year 6 and even had a sneak preview of Year 2's Collective Worship. What an eclectic mix of wonderful learning!
- We 'broke the rules' last Friday! Different coloured hair, pyjamas, teddy bears, painted nails. Great fun!







Sunny, hot weather reminders for Summer B

Just a couple of sunny weather reminders!

Hats, sunscreen applied in the morning and water bottles. We will also move the children into the shade after lunch break to cool them down!



News from EYFS

It has been a short but busy half term in the EYFS. The children have been spending time outside in the garden caring for the plants and seeds we have planted. They have been exploring the outside space and creating their own ideas. In particular they have enjoyed engineering with pipes and tubes, experimenting to see how far they can travel water.

We have also been learning about life cycles. In reception we have focussed on butterflies and have our own caterpillars that are growing quickly. In Pre-School the children are learning about frogs.

The reception children have continued to develop their communication skills, taking turns to share the mystery box and becoming monitors in the classroom. Pre-School have welcomed more new friends as they are settling in beautifully.

News from Year 1

It has been a short but fun packed half term with lots of different exciting learning. Phonics has been a big focus as we are on the countdown to our phonics screening checks after half term. The children have worked tremendously hard and all made a great amount of progress.

Art has been our favourite topic as we have been looking at colour mixing and explored this through paint, pastels and play doh as well as painting rainbow ice lollies and beautiful sunset beach pictures. In science we have been learning about our 5 senses where we have completed a number of experiments to explore how our senses work. Continuing learning about our bodies we have also learnt about healthy living in PD and what makes a balanced diet.

We have also had some fun days including going to the Methodist church to learn about the Easter story and house morning where we explored our core values through art work, drama and poems.

I look forward to a final fun and productive half term with this class and ready to smash their phonics screening.

News from Year 2

A short half term, but we have managed to squeeze a lot out of it! We have started our Forest School journey, creating dens, making mud pies, crafting necklaces and exploring the forest area. In science, we've planted pea plants to watch them grow and we've started to look at what classifies something as alive or never alive.

We have been working on our telling the time skills, using analogue clocks in Maths and we have been letter writing in English, to persuade our over-worked felt-tip pens to return!

We have our class assembly this week, which we have been busy working on and House Day was really exciting too. Have a great break and see you in June!

News from Year 3

It has been another learning filled, fun-packed start to the summer term in Dahl Class.

In English, the children have enjoyed writing a myth, Theseus and the Minotaur! They have used personification, adverbial phrases, similes, and much, much more! The writing has been ambitious and risky. To finish, we have created comic strip myths, which were a firm favourite.

In History, the children have been exploring Ancient Greece. They have loved learning all about the 12 Greek Gods/Pantheons and what they are responsible for, alongside how Ancient Greece has influenced our lives today. They have delved deeper into Greek

democracy, linking it to the present day. Some great debates have taken place regarding which system of government they would prefer to live under and why! The majority of the class went with democracy.

Science has been fun too. This half-term, we finished our topic on light and have now started our new topic on plants. The children are looking forward to studying leaves using leaf microscopy and making root viewers after the half-term break.

In maths, the children have been looking at mass and capacity. They have used scales with different intervals and looked at grams, kilograms, millilitres and litres. This unit has required the children to use their mathematical knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to solve complex problems. Lots of learning powers have been utilised in this unit and across the curriculum – great job!

Have a relaxing and fun-filled half-term everyone!

News from Year 4

It has been a short but busy half term in Year 4, with lots of preparation for our multiplication tables check. We have also introduced the concept of decimals, applied them to money and showed a lot of resilience for our time topic.

We've been working hard on our writing this half term – we've been using our persuasive skills to write adverts for Stroodles (a plastic straw alternative made from pasta) and True Gum (a plastic-free biodegradable chewing gum). We are working really hard to ensure our non-negotiables are present throughout every piece of writing. We are currently reading 'The Land of Roar' in Guided Reading which we have been LOVING!

Our science topic has introduced the concept of sound; we've explored what sound is and how sound travels through the different states of matter. Our geography topic covered natural resources and the children have enjoyed learning about the different uses for them across the world.

We have looked at electrical items in DT – exploring the idea of torches. Our RE has explored why the Bible is the best-selling book of all time and we have been learning all about healthy friendships in PD.

We are ready to enter our last half term as year 4, take our multiplication tables check and get ready for the transition up to year 5!

News from Year 5

Summer A has been another fantastic half term in year 5! It has been a half- term packed with learning and fun, we have also been really enjoying the warmer weather, spending more time using our outside spaces as part of our learning.

Within English, we have focussed on how to write balanced arguments. We learnt about the key features within balanced arguments, including how to deploy these effectively. We also conducted research independently and chose a pertinent topic to write our own balanced arguments about. Following our research, we wrote about the length of the school day and whether or not it should be extended- which created very passionate debates! During this time, we have also read 'The Boy in the Tower' which has really captured our imagination and taken us on a journey to a new world!

Our Geography learning has focussed on energy and sustainability- we have considered our roles as global citizens and what we do on a smaller scale to live sustainably. We have also learnt about cities and locations across the world which are run sustainably, using effective methods for energy use and being run in a self- sufficient way.

By far, the subject which has most engaged the pupils this year has been Science and our topic of space! All of the children have proven to be inquisitive learners and have been fascinated to learn about the planets, stars and moons that make up our wider solar system. This was followed up by researching an element of interest linking to space to then present to the rest of the class.

When thinking about cultural capital this half term, pupils have displayed their maturity when attending swimming lessons each week. Pupils have massively developed in confidence in relation to their swimming skills and knowledge of water safety, with more confident swimmers taking time to hone their skills each week. Well done to all of Rowling class for another fantastic half term, enjoy a restful break ahead of our final half term together in year 5!

News from Year 6

It may have been a short half term but it has been jammed packed full of learning. In English, we have focused on using stimulus to create a variety of independent pieces. We have written narratives and non-chronological reports. We have been applying our learning from Year 6 to make these effective texts.

In Maths we have been focusing on our problems solving skills, learning to solve mystery problems and work in a systematic way to find all of the possible answers. We have refreshed our understanding of percentages, coordinates, the mean and (of course) the dreaded fractions. We have finished the half term starting our 'Theme Park' project which we are all very excited about.

In our foundations subjects we have continued to find the core knowledge and the important parts. In History, we have learnt about the change of Civil Rights in America between the 1950's and the 1960's and how this inspired the creation of Black Lives Matter.

In DT we have designed and created our own play park thinking carefully about the equipment we would offer. We have created a design brief to help focus our creative minds on the purpose of the play equipment. We are still busy with the glue guns but they are looking fantastic.

This half term has also seen us learn about friendships in PD, where we learnt about the importance of friendships and how we can promote healthy relationships with others; evolution in science, where we learnt about Darwin's theory of Evolution; and the idea of being there in person in RE, looking closely at religious pilgrimage.

Of course, this half term also included our SATs week. The children have made me an incredibly proud teacher with their resilience and determination. Every child tried their best and this is all we ask of them. Well done Year 6, now let's enjoy our final term.

Reading...please support us!

Reading is the doorway to the world, our children will be able to access everything if they become fluent readers. As a school we are continuing to work hard to develop a great love of reading and a reading culture in our school.

With your support of hearing your child read daily, we can create a generation of strong readers. Please can you also ensure your children brings their reading diary/log book to school daily. Thank you!



"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." -Dr Seuss

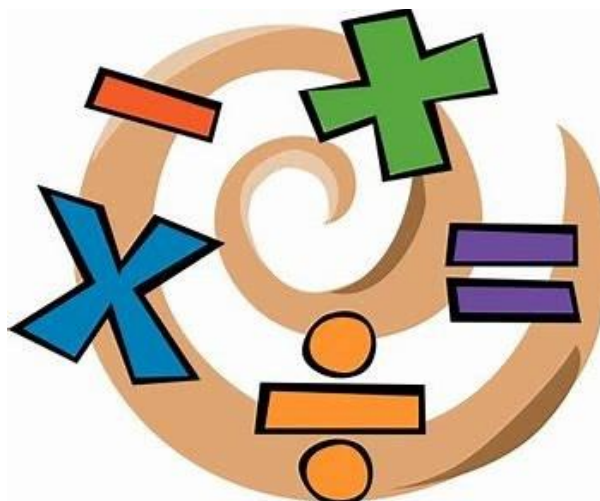
20 is plenty!

Children who read for 20 minutes a day...

The infographic features a central illustration of an open book with yellow stars radiating from it. Surrounding the book are ten circular callouts, each with an icon and a text box. The callouts are: 1. Top-left: Lightbulb icon, 'Will have a world of imagination & creativity opened to them'. 2. Top-center: Mathematical symbols icon, 'Will be exposed to 1.8 million words a year'. 3. Top-right: Open book icon, 'Will have better general knowledge'. 4. Middle-left: Brain icon, 'Will improve critical thinking skills'. 5. Middle-right: Speech bubbles icon, 'Will improve their communication skills'. 6. Bottom-left: ABCD and PQR blocks icon, 'Will have a broad vocabulary'. 7. Bottom-center: Heart icon, 'Will learn how to develop empathy'. 8. Bottom-right: 100% icon, 'Will improve their test results'. 9. Far bottom-right: Tangled lines icon, 'Will have reduced stress levels'. 10. Far bottom-right: 'SILLY SCHOOL EDUCATION' logo.

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Our mathematicians of the week are: Year 4 - great progress in their x table knowledge!



Our authors of the week are: Reception writers...silly sentences, Michelina in Reception and Year 6 writers...some really great pieces of work! Well done all of you!

Author of the Week

Who rose to the challenge this week? Our School Council who supported the interview process.



Our 5R Superheroes #respectfulness #resourcefulness #resilience #reflectiveness # reciprocity

RESILIENCE SUPERHERO

Anita - Year 5

Imogen - Year 3

Kerr class - Year 2

Murray - Year 1

REFLECTIVENESS SUPERHERO

Edie – Year 3

RESOURCEFULNESS SUPERHERO

Beau - Year 6

Theo - Year R

RECIPROCITY SUPERHERO

Keu -Year R

Jake - Year 4

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Pupil Safeguarding has focused on:

- Kindness Matters

Eynesbury PTA news - Summer Fayre 28th June - preparations and planning is underway! Hurrah!



Please see the diary section for new and exciting dates.

The PTA are encouraging us all to sign up to Easyfundraising! Easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand. Please continue to support our school by doing online shopping via easyfundraising so that we can continue to add to our fundraising efforts!

Please follow: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/qml24g/>





We value your support!

We ask that you listen to your child read daily, help them learn to spell correctly, calculate efficiently and 'making the most of every minute to be independent and ambitious' whilst they are in school!

We would also value your feedback on Parent View - [Welcome to Ofsted Parent View | Ofsted Parent View](#)





PRE -SCHOOL DIARY DATES



SHORT TERM DATES (new dates are in bold)

May 2025 -

- Friday 23rd May - School closed for staff training

June 2025 -

- Monday 2nd June - School closed for staff training
- Tuesday 3rd June - School opens for Summer B

July 2025 -

- Wednesday 23rd July - School closes for the Summer holidays

YEARS R - 6 DIARY DATES



REGULAR DATES

Every Friday @9.00am – Celebrations in the school hall

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- Tuesday 3rd June - School opens for Summer B
- Monday 9th June - start of Y1 phonic checks and Y4 Multiplication checks
- Wednesday 11 June - Eucharist (new date)
- Thursday 12th June - start of Festival of Fieldwork week

July 2025 -

- Wednesday 2nd July - Sports Day
- Thursday 3rd July - Maths Problem Solving Day
- Monday 7th July - Reports out to parents
- Wednesday 9th July - Open school
- Wednesday 23rd July - Y6 Leavers Celebrations and end of term

Term dates 2024 - 2025

Eynesbury Church of England Primary School Term dates 2024 - 2025																						
School Closed				School Open																		
School Holiday		Bank Holiday		Staff Training Day		Pupil Day																
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Autumn term 2024 - 74 school days, Spring term 2025 - 59 school days, Summer term 2025 - 58 school days: TOTAL 190 days
 The school will be closed for 5 training days in accordance with Teachers' Conditions of Service (25th October 2023, 6th January 2025, 22nd April 2025, and 23rd May 2025, 2nd June 2025) The school will be closed for 66 days for school holidays (including bank holidays). This does not include weekends.

Term dates 2025 to 2026

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OFFICE, SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY UPDATES!



Any family issues, upsets or concerns? IN THE FIRST INSTANCE PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S CLASSTEACHER – they will be able to signpost you to a Family Support Worker OR email sen@eynesbury.cambs.sch.uk . Any questions or concerns around SEND (Special Educational Needs or Disabilities)? Email: sen@eynesbury.cambs.sch.uk

****STOP PRESS****



Updated information

Please ensure your children's information is correct and all of your contact details are correct so that we can ensure our system is up to date. Thank you for your support!

Getting in touch



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