

Eynesbury Echo -4 April 2025 - End of Spring term

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

#love #honesty

Mrs Brown's bit...

The end of term is upon us and what a great couple of weeks to finish on.

Our Easter Church service on Wednesday was lovely. It was brilliant to see Eynesbury Church with the whole school and many parents filling the pews and enjoying a mix of hymns, the Easter story and traditions and of course time to reflect. The service was led so well by our Collective Worship leaders and JLT alongside Father Paul. Mrs Wainwright led us through the hymns too. Just great!

Many thanks to the PTA for the brilliant Easter Egg hunt that took place on Thursday. The children loved racing around the school grounds looking for clues! They came back clutching their papers and eagerly wanting their chocolate prize. Lots of families were involved and it was wonderful to see the Eynesbury community out in force!

Hellos and Goodbyes

We will be saying goodbye to Miss Adams at the end of Summer term. She will be leaving the teaching profession for pastures new with exciting opportunities afoot and a great career ahead of her. Sophie's knowledge and skills will be a loss to the teaching profession but we send her off with much love and best wishes. Mrs King is also taking retirement at the end of summer term. Mandy has been a teacher for many years but the time has come for her to hang up the whiteboard pen and start new adventures aplenty. As with Miss Adams, Mrs King's leadership, knowledge, skills and experience will be missed by us all but retirement beckons and great adventures are on the horizon for her.

We will be welcoming Miss Cox to the office team next term. She will shadow Mrs Thompson who is retiring early at the end of half term and will be fully in role after the May half term break.

The Easter break is upon and it is a time for us all to rest, relax and recharge in preparation for Summer term and lots of Summer fun! Wishing you all a wonderful Easter, many thanks for your continued support of our school. See you all on Wednesday 23rd April at 8.40am. As ever, stay safe and take care of each other



MAKE THE MOST OF
EVERY MINUTE
.....
OF YOUR DAY

This Week's Eynesbury's Eight!



- Our footballers played against Elton Primary School in the final of their tournament. Although they were defeated, they played their hearts out and made us all very proud.

- Our Year 5 and 6 cross country runners took part in the county championships. They ran against many other Cambridgeshire Schools. The Eynesbury Giants were just incredible!
- The Life Bus visit was well received. Many thanks to our PTA who helped subsidise the cost. The children had a brilliant time on board and so did the parents who also visited.
- We welcomed the GenR8 team and Open the Book leaders to our Collective Worship. It's always lovely to have these groups in school.
- Mrs Allen, Mrs Score and Mrs Addison are in training for the London Marathon in April. We wish them well over the Easter break as they start to make those final preparations. All three are running for different charities!
- Our Easter service was lovely, we have had lots of lovely feedback. Well done to our Collective Worship leaders and JLT for their hard work, not forgetting Mrs Wainwright who taught and led us in the singing! It was lovely!
- Spring has sprung in pre-school and Reception again this year. Lots of lovely Springtime activities have been taking place.
- The weather has been glorious this past week, the children have loved being out and about in the school grounds. Let's hope it continues into the Easter holidays for us all.

News from EYFS

Spring B has been a fun and varied half term in the EYFS and we have packed in lots of learning!

We celebrated World Book Day, with a stunning array of costumes. The children enjoyed a day devoted to reading for pleasure, and we are proud of how much our children enjoy and can talk about books. The topic this half term was 'I wonder about the world around me'.

In Reception we have been travelling around the world using our core book, Emma Jane and her aeroplane. We have visited countries that are relevant to the heritage of our class. We have been to Hungary, Poland, Romania and the Cook Islands. Spring is now here and we have explored our garden, observed signs of spring and been busy gardening too. We have created Spring art using tools and pastel colours. The children in the EYFS all took great care creating cards for Mothers' Day, and we have talked about the important adults in our lives. We discussed our families and ways we care for each other.

In Pre-school the children enjoyed planting sunflower seeds and have observed them over the previous 2 weeks to watch for changes. We also made hand print poems and answered questions about our mummy's. Keeping healthy has been an important part of Learning this

half term, and we have considered why it is important to clean our teeth, why soap is important when washing and what foods create a balanced diet. We have been using a variety of tools to develop and our self care skills, and building up strength squeezing toothpaste out. In Reception the home corner has been a dental surgery!

Our trip to the life bus helped Pre-school learn about what helps our bodies grow and what we need to stay healthy. We loved learning some songs about keeping healthy and danced to notice the changes in our heart beat.

Towards the end of term Pre-school started carrying our Easter activities such as clay Easter eggs, cards and wreaths. We also spoke about the Easter story during collective worship.

As the weather begins to improve, we have been able to take our learning outdoors much more. We have been spring cleaning the garden and the children are enjoying the resources.

News from Year 1

This half term, year 1 have been learning all about how to program using the bee bots! First we talked about what programming is, before becoming familiar with the different buttons on a bee bot. After this we practised programming them so that they were able to follow our instructions and reach different locations.

As part of our celebration linked to World Book Day, we met the author Sharon King- Chai and learnt about how she creates illustrations for her books. We also dressed up as our favourite book characters and had an amazing time comparing costumes in class! We also held a reading café in class where we got to read and experience different books while drinking hot chocolate - this was really fun!

Another highlight of our half term has been creating our own moving picture books in our DT lessons. We used inspiration from the story The Storm Whale, using templates to create our very own moving picture books. Within our history lessons, we have looked at different types of transport that are commonly used today. We then looked at pictures and watched videos to find out how these different types of transport have changed over time.

News from Year 2

We have managed to fit in so much, this half term!

From building and testing catapults, making our own class wormery and learning about life on the farm, our science lessons have been jam-packed with awesome learning!

Our writing has taken flight with Plop the Owl, as he learns about the dark, in English and our understanding of multiplication and division is now helping us with fractions, in Maths.

We have learnt about the remarkable life of Pocahontas, in our History lessons, including finding out that the events of her life were very different from the Disney film!

We are working hard on our listening skills and how to be a kind friend during breaktimes and lunchtimes.

News from Year 3

Dahl Class has had another half-term full of exciting learning!

In Geography, the children have been igniting their knowledge about villages, towns and cities, making important links with their previous learning in Year 2. They began by looking at and being wowed by, the world's ever-increasing population! Next, they researched what affects where people decide to live. They were able to use their knowledge of pre-historic Britain, hunter-gatherers and different types of settlements to support them with answering this question – great job everyone!

In English, the children finished writing a persuasive holiday brochure linked to Skara Brae. The unit ended with some fantastic independent writing persuading holiday makers to go to Stonehenge! I am definitely going! In addition, the children have also enjoyed writing a traditional tale -The Magic Paintbrush. They have all shown creative flare in their writing using similes, expanded noun phrases, subordination and direct speech.

In Science, the children have enjoyed investigating forces such as friction and magnetism. They loved experimenting with magnets and were excited to find out that only a few metals are magnetic! In addition to forces, the children have also begun to explore light and this topic will continue next term. Maths has been just as ace this half term too. The children finished their first unit on fractions and have started learning all about mass and capacity. They have continued to make links, explain their reasoning and try and convince me that they are correct. I have been convinced many times this half-term, well done!

Take care and I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break.

News from Year 4

We have been non-stop in year 4 this half term! From our 2-night residential to our spring assessments we have had a jam-packed few weeks. We have written adventure narratives based on a wordless picture book and created persuasive leaflets for Grafham Water Centre. We have worked extremely hard on our fractions learning, extending our knowledge from our prior learning. We are continuing our work on times tables – developing our speed and accuracy.

Our science topic has explored the classification and extinction of animals – using classification keys to name aliens and then creating our own with animals of our choice. Our

geography topic has covered migration and understand the reasons for people migrating. We have discussed the advantages and disadvantages for both the source and host country. We have explored 'who Jesus really was' in RE, exploring Jesus' different names, what we can learn from his parables and exploring the Easter Story. Our music topics has explored Samba music and the French calendar. Our Art topic focuses on painting, specifically exploring light and dark using tints and shades.

Our most exciting part of the term was our trip to Grafham Water. We all had a fantastic time and enjoyed lots of different activities that we had never tried before. Some of our favourites were mountain biking, power boating and sailing, crate stacking and the Grafham challenge!

News from Year 5

Although Spring B has been our shortest half term, we have continued to make progress within all areas of our learning! We have been fascinated to learn about how the country was ruled during Medieval times and how the rule of the country changed during this time. This has also supported our understanding of chronology through history linked to our year 4 learning- we completed our big write up of our history learning this week and it really demonstrated how clear our understanding of this topic is.

Within PD lessons, we have focussed on learning about diversity and communities across Britain and how Britain is made up of people from a variety of different countries, cultures and backgrounds. We have also thought carefully about what makes us diverse and different within Rowling class. We have enjoyed continuing our learning of French, applying previous knowledge effectively to develop our understanding of French- speaking countries, using this to write at length and in greater detail.

The highlight of the half term has centred around English and guided reading. We started by learning all about biographies and focussed on the life of David Attenborough. We learnt about his early life before learning how his career developed, as well as how he became the man that is so well-known and loved today. Following this, the class chose their own famous person of interest and independently researched about their life before writing their own biography about them. Within guided reading, pupils have focussed on a variety of shorter texts and text types, practising assessment techniques. Pupils have made particular progress in the domain of reading unknown vocabulary and considering what these words mean based on the context in what they are used.

Year 5 should be very proud of their academic achievements across this half term and deserve a well-earned rest before the final term of the year commences!

News from Year 6

This half term has been packed full of exciting learning and experiences. We have written formal/informal letters and a powerful narrative focusing on suspense. We have enjoyed the freedom of writing independently and are showing our talents as writers.

Our learning has also included: learning about the world's population and how this affects the planet; learning about how light travels, including reflection and refraction; learning about risk taking and the responsibility we have to stay safe; and we've been designing a multi-functional tool using the micro:bit.

In maths, we have been focusing on ensuring our understanding of angles is secure. We have had great fun learning to draw shapes accurately using a protractor and ruler and we were even allowed to draw angles on the table.

Alongside our learning, we have participated in some experience days. During Book week, we participated in a comic lesson where we created comic strips to make a class comic book and we enjoyed a visit from the author Sharon King-Chai. We also enjoyed bringing the topic of the Egyptians to life with our VR experience.

Next term, we look forward to many more exciting experiences and of course our SATs. Year 6 will be amazing 😊

A gallery of photos











News from the Governing Body



Our Governing Body have met in full this half term and also in our monitoring groups albeit the short length of Spring B.

RE, History and Geography leaders have shared their subjects with us. They talked in depth about the pupils' views of the curriculum, current practise and next steps. The Festival of Fieldwork plans were also shared. Eynesbury continues to offer our children great enrichment opportunities!

Much of the focus of our work has been the school budget and when we return we will support the leadership team in setting the new budget for the forthcoming year.

We wish you all a wonderful Easter break!

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.

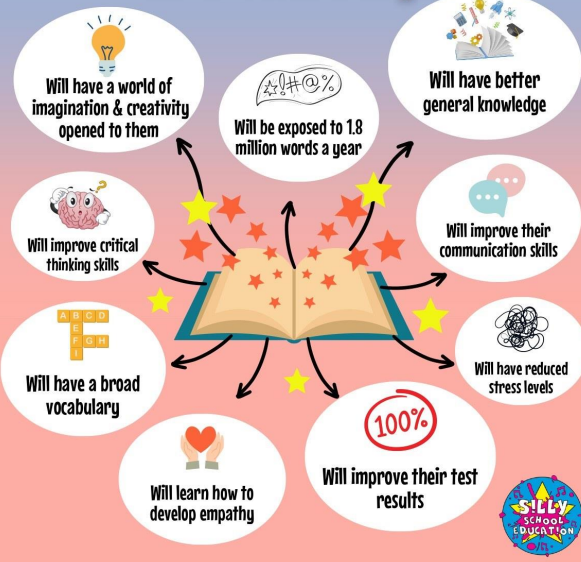
With your support of hearing your child read daily, we can create a generation of strong readers. Please can you also ensure your children brings their reading diary/log book to school daily. Thank you!



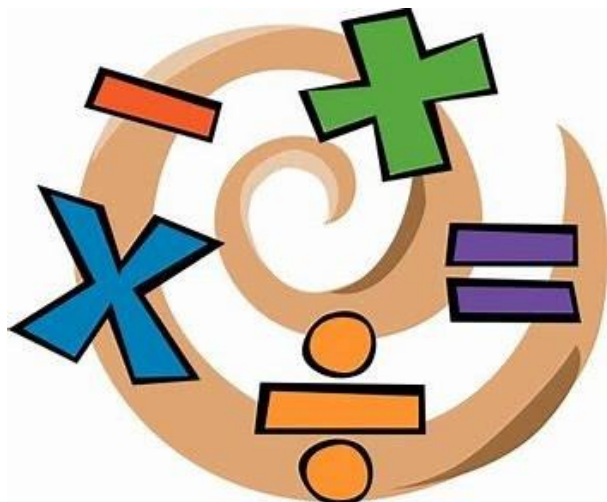
"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." -Dr Seuss

20 is plenty!

Children who read for 20 minutes a day...



Our mathematicians of the week are: Jude, Lucas and Elisha - great work in maths!



Our authors of the week are: Year 4 poets...published authors! This is incredible! Florence, Oliver and Tristan too!

Author of the Week

Who rose to the challenge this week? Our footballers and cross country teams! They rose to the challenge so well!

CHALLENGE

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

RESILIENCE SUPERHERO

Paisley - Year 3

Jack - Year 5

Jack - Year 6

Year 1 - DT creators - great work!

REFLECTIVENESS SUPERHERO

Archie - Year 2

RESOURCEFULNESS SUPERHERO

Year 4 poetry writers

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Theo - Year 3

Whole school attendance this week: 96%

Whole school attendance this term: 95.2%



Congratulations, our attendance award winners are Reception this week! Well done to you all!

Reception - 99.1%

Year 1 - 95.8%

Year 2 - 96.6%

Year 3 - 97.5%

Year 4 - 97.1%

Year 5 - 94.6%

Year 6 - 91.0%

Safeguarding at Eynesbury



Staff Safeguarding has focused on:

- Staff are more visible on the field and playground in hi-vis jackets
- Safeguard quiz

Pupil Safeguarding has focused on:

- Life Bus work - healthy body and healthy minds

Eynesbury PTA news



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/>



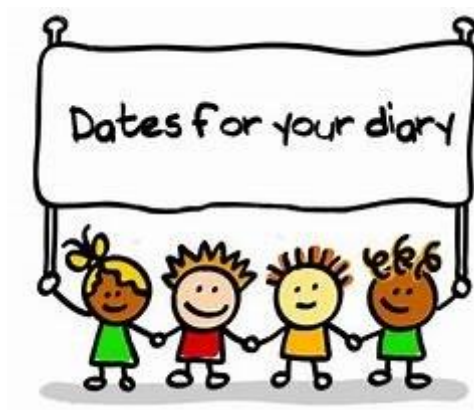
We value your support!

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)

April 2025 -

- Friday 4th April - school closes for the Easter holidays
- Tuesday 22nd April - School is closed to all pre-schoolers
- Wednesday 23rd April - School opens for Summer term Years R -6
- Wednesday 23rd April - Home visits day before Wednesday 23rd April
- Thursday 24th April - original children return
- Monday 28th April - settling in starts for new children for 2 weeks

- Monday 12th May- all children in for normal hours

YEARS R - 6 DIARY DATES



REGULAR DATES

Every Friday @9.00am – Celebrations in the school hall

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- Tuesday 22nd April - School is closed to all pupils
- Wednesday 23rd April - School opens for Summer term

May 2025 -

- **Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday Monday - school closed**
- **Monday 12th May - start of Y6 SATs**
- **Friday 16th May - Break the Rule Day**
- **Monday 19th May - House morning**
- **Wednesday 21st May - Eucharist service**
- **Friday 23rd May - School closed for staff training**

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			
September 2024				October 2024				November 2024				December 2024			
Mon	5	12	19	Mon	1	8	15	Mon	4	11	18	Mon	2	9	16
Tue	3	10	17	Tue	1	8	15	Tue	5	12	19	Tue	3	10	17
Wed	4	11	18	Wed	2	9	16	Wed	6	13	20	Wed	4	11	18
Thu	5	12	19	Thu	3	10	17	Thu	7	14	21	Thu	5	12	19
Fri	6	13	20	Fri	4	11	18	Fri	8	15	22	Fri	6	13	20
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Autumn term 2024 - 73 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!

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