

Eynesbury Echo -14 February 2025 - End of half term news!

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

#love #honesty

Mrs Brown's bit...time to reflect!

It's the climb...

We have continued to have a keen focus on challenging our learners to be the very best that they can be, to reflect on their learning and broaden their thinking! It sounds easy but sometimes facing new challenges takes a great deal of confidence, resilience and resourcefulness!

Year 4 reminded us of this in their collective worship. We were reminded by Mya 'it's important to remember that its perfectly fine to dream big', they sang 'The Climb' to us all and told us all to 'DREAM BIG!' It really was special for all of us with such an important message.

This half term has felt short but so much has been packed in! Next half term is as busy as we hopefully head towards warmer Spring days and Easter. Visits are booked in, sporting events, house days and Easter treats. Please take a read at the classes news too from this half term. Our children have worked hard and we can all be very proud of them.

At the end of February we say goodbye to Mrs Barrett - Hardy who leaves our pre-school team. We all wish her well as she moves on to new adventures and thank her for the time she has been at our school.

The staff team wish you all a happy half term and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 24th February at 8:40am! Stay well everyone and look after each other!



MAKE THE MOST OF
EVERY MINUTE
OF YOUR DAY

This Week's Eynesbury's Eight!



- Mrs Foster planned the most amazing History day. On Tuesday they're was plenty of learning, fun, dressing up and VR headsets to bring alive the Ancient Egyptian theme. Thank you Mrs Foster!
- Year 6 have created the most wonderful waistcoats. They worked in groups, hand sewing the waistcoats and even used the sewing machine! They added applique and the results are phenomenal. The Great British Sewing Bee has arrived at Eynesbury!
- Year 3 are visiting Flag Fen today and learning all about life in the Stone Age. What a great way to end the half term!
- Year 5 have been doing some incredible 'big art' this week linked to their theme of world issues and how they affect us all. The hall was full of engaged children, working in groups, painting, constructing and reflecting on the world around them! It was brilliant!
- We have worn red and pink to celebrate the value of love, care and kindness at our school, today, St Valentines day!

- The PTA gave us all much fun and dancing at the discos! Even the staff team threw a few moves on the dance floor!
- Mrs Bowman our School Improvement Advisor visited us. She went on a learning walk with members of the leadership team and celebrated the good practise in our school. Mrs Jones, our Chair of Governors came for feedback from her and left with plenty of smiles!
- Mrs Truman held her first coffee morning as lead professional for SEND. Thank you for joining us!

News from EYFS

It has been a cold and chilly half term in the EYFS with our explorations and investigations of winter and cold places!

Carle class have been learning about Winter and exploring the changes that happen over time with the change in season. We enjoyed several walks where the children identified the ice and frost in the garden. The children noticed when holding the ice that it would start to melt because their hands were warm.

We also enjoyed taking part in the RSPB big bird watch. The children loved putting seeds out for the birds and having their own tick sheet which they used to look for different birds.

We also explored Chinese New Year and the children learnt that it is the year of the Snake. We made Chinese lanterns and role played in our home corner pretending it was a Chinese restaurant. The children practiced their fine motor skills by using the chopsticks and tweezers to try and collect the noodles.

Inkpen have also been busy learning about Winter and the features of the season. We explored other cold places on earth, the North and South Poles. The children identified the learning they wanted to undertake and the facts they wanted to find. They have learnt about Polar animals and caught up with a penguin we adopted in Antarctica. We froze items into ice and tried different ways to melt it. Our art was inspired by icy landscapes and snow. The children were able to create Blue Hues and Icy patterns using a variety of media.

Inkpen celebrated Chinese New Year. They used their DT skills to make colourful and varied decorations. They investigated the transformation of noodles. We all shared the Chinese New Year story, and learnt about some of the traditions of this festival. We acted out and story sequenced with puppets.

In PSED and Literacy we read the book Ruby's Worry, finding out ways to help each other with our worries. We talked about the importance of being a good friend, and in Mental Health Awareness week we began to learn how to keep ourselves healthy.

News from Year 1

Year 1 have absolutely blossomed as writers this half term; their composition, presentation and overall enthusiasm has improved so much and it is lovely to see their work improve. This half term we finished off our work on Pinocchio and now we are writing about The Storm Whale which has been a huge hit with the children. We also began learning our phase 5 alternative graphemes which has been a challenge but year 1 have shown great perseverance.

Art has to be our favourite topic this half term, looking at 3D sculptures and shaping paper in a variety of ways to make our beautiful tree sculptures. We have also really enjoyed science where we have learnt about animals and even made their teeth out of playdough and music where we have used the glockenspiels for the first time. How exciting!

We have taken a big step in maths and used everything we learnt in Autumn with numbers to ten and used that knowledge to apply it with numbers to 20. Year 1 have also been super problem solvers within their maths too.

We have spent our last week of this half term having Egyptian day, Valentine's Day activities and we have also travelled around the world to Australia and spent a day looking at what life is like there. The half term has flown by and I can't believe we are half way through the year. We look forward to more fun and learning next half term.

News from Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy half term with lots of great learning taking place.

Our maths learning is taking shape...literally! We have been learning about shapes, properties of shapes and symmetry. Lots of new words for us to learn and use. We have kept out number work going too, equal groups, repeated addition and multiplication. On problem solving day we were able to show off what we know and how to complete investigations too.

Complex sentences, explanations, adverbs, text structure! All wrapped up in our English work about Hibernation. Did you know that hibernating animals slow their heart rate down so it looks like they are snoozing! We wrote all about it!

Across the curriculum we have looked at properties of materials, special stories in RE and the country of Sri Lanka. PE with Mr Goddard has been a treat! We have lots to remember and lots to think about.

We are looking forward to next half term, hopefully the weather will be a little bit warmer for us all to enjoy! Wishing you all a very happy half term from Kerr class!

News from Year 3

This half term, Dahl Class have travelled back in time to the Stone Age and it has been fantastic! They have fully immersed themselves in the three eras Palaeolithic, Neolithic and the Mesolithic and completed some fabulous pieces of independent writing highlighting key differences between the three. The children have also enjoyed a trip to Flag Fen Archaeology Site bringing this topic to life. The children also had the opportunity to handle **real** prehistoric tools and artefacts from Oxford archaeology – their little minds were blown!

In English, the 'prehistory' theme has continued. The children began by writing a narrative called 'Stone Age Boy.' They produced some outstanding independent writes changing the ending – just great! The children have begun to write a holiday brochure linked to Skara Brae. They are loving this unit and it will continue after the half term break.

Art has also been linked to prehistory. The children have been exploring prehistoric art, recreating the style of cave artists using charcoal and natural pigments. They have created their own cave walls, positive and negative handprints and have made their own paints using flour, water and a range of spices.

In Science, the children have continued their topic on rocks and soils. They have enjoyed examining different types of fossils and making their own fossil from salt dough. They have also enjoyed experimenting to find out which soil is the most permeable.

Maths has been fun this half term too. The children finished their second unit of multiplication and division and have now moved on to length and perimeter. They are making lots of links 'If I know...then I know...,' problem solving and reasoning and using manipulatives when needed.

As a class, we are looking forward to next half term and all the exciting learning opportunities ahead!

Well done, Dahl Class – Have a great half term!

News from Year 4

We have had a brilliant half term in Year 4. We started with taking part in our Level One Bikeability course. We loved writing a persuasive letter to an author. We have definitely developed our persuading skills! We learnt the formal methods of multiplication and division and started our fractions topic which carries into next half term building on our prior knowledge from previous years whilst always working on our times tables.

We have thoroughly enjoyed science this term and learning about the states of matter. We explored each individually investigating viscosity, rates of evaporation and how to categorise solids, liquids and gases.

Our RE has explored how we can express our beliefs. We explored how different religions can express their beliefs through diet, clothing and taking part in religious celebrations. Our French topic explores the French calendar and we have learnt how to say the days of the week and the months of the year. Our DT topic, structures, has allowed us to design and create pavilions using lollipop sticks.

We are very excited for next half term, when we will attend our Year 4 residential at Grafham Water Centre.

News from Year 5

This half term we have been exploring what it means to be a world citizen and have been focussing on the skill of reflecting on what makes us special and what we can do in the future to improve the lives of those less fortunate than us.

Our geography lessons have involved researching and learning about what slums are and where they are typically found. The children have shown incredible maturity when considering the challenges faced by the residents of such locations across the world. Within English, we have persuasive letters to influential people to inform them of the real-life issue of child labour and the impact that this can have on millions of children, we are now learning about David Attenborough and will be using our new knowledge about him to write biographies. We are learning spelling strategies to help improve our spellings and also learning about the features that make a year 5 writer. Understanding how commas and hyphens can clarify the meaning of a sentence, ensuring we understand whether there is a man eating shark or a man-eating shark. We have conducted many experiments in science as we explored changes in materials. We have learnt about the difference between a reversible and irreversible change; classified substances by testing their PH value and investigated the effects of mixing vinegar and bicarbonate of soda.

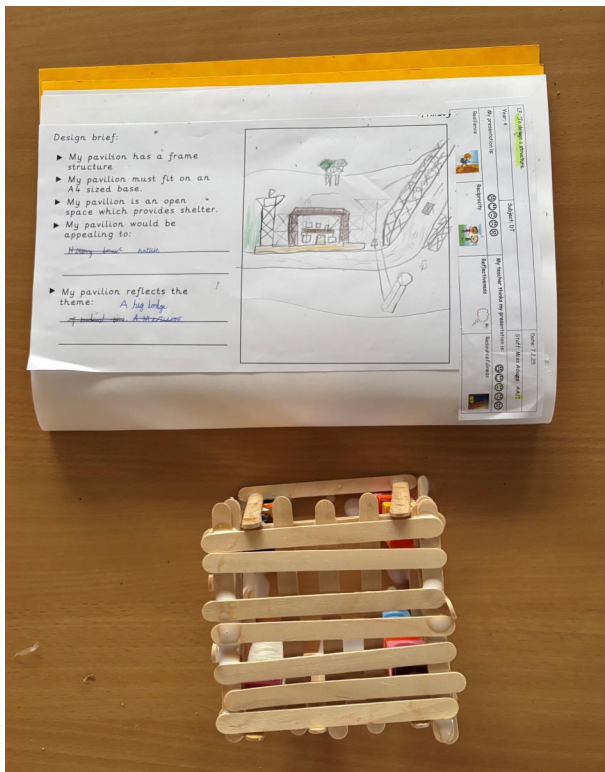
The end of this half term marks the half-way point of the journey through year 5. All of the children should be incredibly proud of their progress and achievements throughout this half term! Every child has further developed their knowledge, becoming more resilient and independent in applying their understanding to new challenges and learning opportunities. Well done Year 5!

News from Year 6

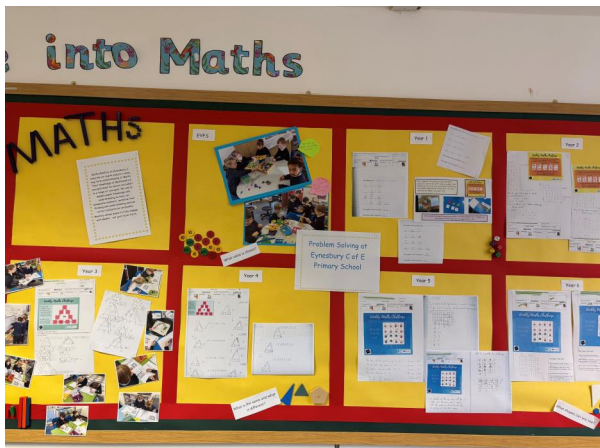
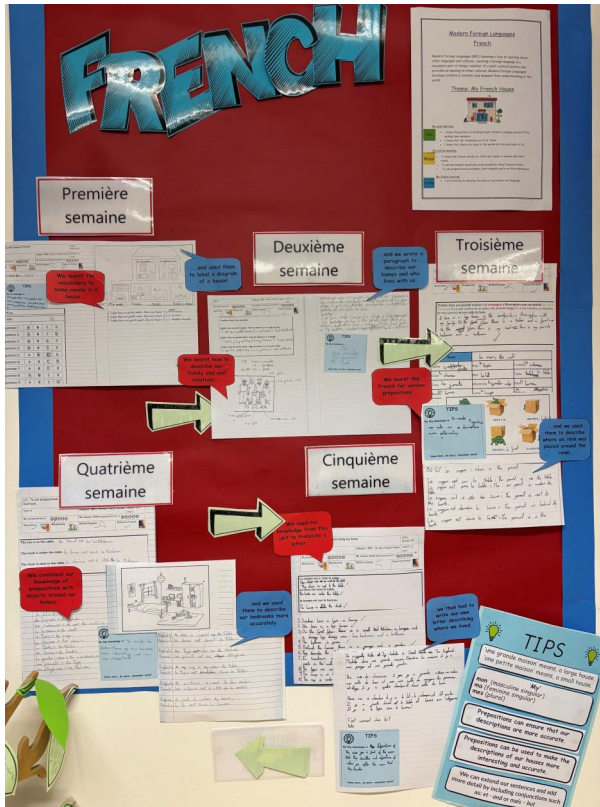
It's been a fun half term full of learning in Year 6. We have started our English unit based on the Michael Morpurgo book 'War horse'. So far, the children have written a Rondeau poem, a character description and a free verse poem called 'A Horse's Plea'.

In maths we have conquered percentages this half term. This unit had needed lots of resilience but we are now feeling more confident. We have continued to develop our













School Uniform Giveaway



Just a reminder that on **Friday 21st February between 2 and 4pm**, the **Methodist Church in Berkley Street** will be giving away brand new free school uniform from Tesco! Just turn up!

Governor News



This term, the Governing Body have met once as a full board and also in our monitoring groups.

Our strategic plan was agreed in January and is available to view on the school website. It aligns closely with the school improvement plan.

The Teaching and Learning Monitoring group have focused on different areas of the curriculum with presentations from our Art, DT and Computing leads. Our Resources Monitoring group have turned their attention to the end of this financial year and the forthcoming new financial year which of course includes the budget setting process.

Mrs Jones, our Chair of Governors receives regular feedback from our school improvement partners and shares their areas of strength and development with the full board. The feedback from our advisors continues to be very strong and something for us all to be proud

of. Our monitoring work is also being used by the Local Authority as a source of good practise for other Cambridgeshire Governors.

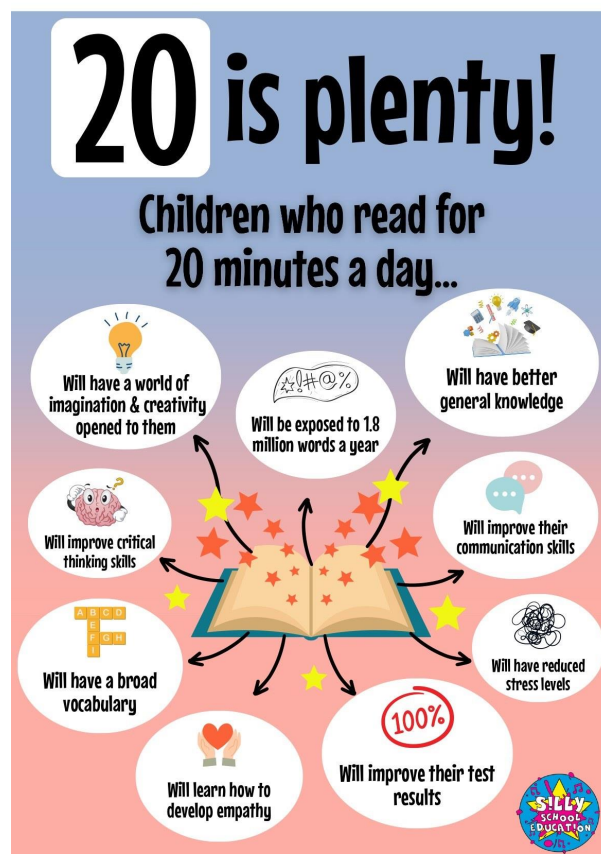
Reading...please support us!

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.

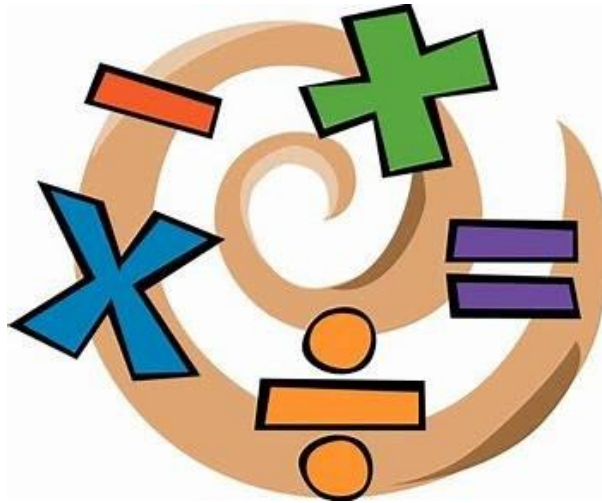
With your support of hearing your child read daily, we can create a generation of strong readers. Please can you also ensure your children brings their reading diary/log book to school daily. Thank you!



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



Our mathematicians of the week are: Rebekah, Jake, Beck, Evelyn for superb problem solving and reasoning.



Our authors of the week are: Hazel - creative poetry writing!

Author of the Week

Who rose to the challenge this week? Sophia - choosing the challenge and succeeding well and Year 5 big art work!



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

RESILIENCE SUPERHERO

Alice - Year R

Filoteia - Year 4

RECIPROCITY SUPERHERO

Benjamin - Year 6

RESOURCEFULNESS SUPERHERO

Acer - Year R

William - Year 2

Zim - Year 5

RESPECTFULNESS SUPERHERO

Rowan - Year 4

Maria - Year 5

Amelia - Year 1

REFLECTIVENESS SUPERHERO

Arlo - Year 1

Hallie - Year 3

Amber - Year 6

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Year 6 - Waistcoat wizards!

Matilda - Year 5 - incredible big artwork about discrimination. I was super impressed!

Whole school attendance this week: 96.7%



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

Reception - 99.6%

Year 1 - 95.6%

Year 2 - 98.2%

Year 3 - 98.1%

Year 4 - 96.7%

Year 5 - 94.8%

Year 6 - 94.0%

Safeguarding at Eynesbury



Staff Safeguarding has focused on:

- Signs of physical abuse
- Lead Domestic Abuse training has been refreshed for the Designated Safeguard Lead
- Safeguard audit by the Designated Safeguard Leads

Pupil Safeguarding has focused on:

- Keeping Safe Online - Safer Internet Day

Smartwatches in school - a reminder from last week.



Please could these remain at home due to the safeguarding implications eg: photos/messages/text capabilities. Thank you for your support.

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)

February 2025 -

- Friday 14th February - School closes for half term
- Monday 24th February - School re-opens for Spring B

March 2025 -

- Thursday 26th March to Thursday 28th March - Life Bus visit

April 2025 -

- **Friday 4th April - school closes for the Easter holidays**

YEARS R - 6 DIARY DATES



REGULAR DATES

Every Friday @9.00am – Celebrations in the school hall

SHORT TERM DATES

February 2025 -

- Friday 14th February - Flag Fen visit for Year 3
- Friday 14th February - School closes for half term
- Monday 24th February - School re-opens for Spring B
- Wednesday 26th February - Parent Consultations (2)

March 2025 -

- Monday 3rd March - House day
- Thursday 6th March - World Book Day and Author visit
- Wednesday 12th March - Year 3 Collective Worship for Parents and Carers
- Thursday 19th March to Friday 21st March - Grafham Residential for Year 4
- Thursday 26th March to Thursday 28th March - Life Bus visit

April 2025 -

- ***Wednesday 2nd April @2pm - Easter Church service - please note day/ date change***
- ***Thursday 3rd April - after school - Easter Egg Hunt***
- ***Friday 4th April - School closes for the Easter holidays***

Term dates 2024 - 2025

| Eynesbury Church of England Primary School Term dates 2024 - 2025 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| School Closed | | | | School Open | | | | | | | | | | | |
| School Holiday | | | | Bank Holiday | | | | Staff Training Day | | | | Pupil Day | | | |
| September 2024 | | | | October 2024 | | | | November 2024 | | | | December 2024 | | | |
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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

| Eynesbury Church of England Primary School Term dates 2025 - 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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