



Eynsham Community Primary School
Newsletter - Friday 4th April

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the spring term, we have ended with a very busy and exciting fortnight and have had many wonderful experiences to celebrate!

Educational Trips:

Our students have been out and about, exploring and learning beyond the classroom:

- *Year 4 had a fantastic visit to the **British History Museum**, diving into the fascinating world of the Egyptians.*
 - *Year 3 enjoyed an immersive experience at the **Living Rainforest**, discovering exotic plants and animals.*
 - *Year 1 had an unforgettable adventure at the **Cotswold Wildlife Park**, meeting a variety of animals up close.*
 - *Year 6 explored the historic beauty of **Westminster Abbey**, deepening their understanding of British heritage and have an introduction to their new topic of Tudors which will begin after Easter.*
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Please see below for photos and reports from each trip.

Years 4 and 5 dazzled us all with their incredible performance of The Wizard of Oz—their hard work and enthusiasm truly shone through! A big thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to help the children put on such an amazing show, and thank you to all the parents and carers for providing such fabulous costumes.

Our annual Eynsham's Got Talent show proved once again that our students are bursting with creativity and confidence! Well done to all who took part. A big thank you to the house captains who helped organise this event.

We have said a sad farewell to Miss Tingle and Mrs Rump today. We wish them well in their new jobs. After Easter, we will be welcoming Mr Jack Hunter as a TA in Years 5/6, and we will be welcoming Mrs Townley back into Cygnets.

It has been a wonderful term full of learning, adventure, and talent. I hope that everyone has a restful and enjoyable break! We look forward to seeing you for a new term on Tuesday 22nd April.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ginny Bayliss and Mrs Nicola Edwards

Executive Headteacher and Head Teacher

Year 1 visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park

Last week, year 1 had a fantastic trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park as part of our topic on Africa. The children enjoyed seeing all the different animals at the park from the roaring lions to slippery penguins. They also loved learning about the different African animals they had during their African animal talk.







Year 3 Living Rainforest Trip

On Wednesday, 26th March, Year 3 visited the Living Rainforest in Newbury, where we had an exciting and educational day exploring a rainforest in real life. We saw a wide variety of animals, including vibrant toucans, playful monkeys, colourful frogs, and slithering snakes. The tropical plants and animals we encountered helped us understand the incredible biodiversity of the Amazon Rainforest. We also experienced the high humidity of the rainforest, which made it feel just like the Amazon! The warmth and moisture in the air helped us understand how the rainforest's unique environment supports such a wide range of plants and animals.

The visit was directly linked to our topic on the Amazon Rainforest, as we learned about the importance of rainforests to the planet and the animals that live there. We observed how animals adapt to their environment and discussed the unique features of the rainforest that help them survive. The trip provided us with a deeper understanding of the incredible diversity of life in the Amazon and the need to protect these vital ecosystems.





Year 4 trip to the British Museum

Year 4 had a fantastic trip to the British Museum this week. They were very patient on the long journey and it was definitely worth it, as we got to see some of the amazing Ancient Egyptian artifacts at the museum.

We saw some of the things we have learnt about in class: such as farming equipment used during Shemu season, spells from the Book of the Dead (which would have protected someone in the journey to the afterlife) and even a mummified body!

It was great to see real hieroglyphics and how historians used the Rosetta Stone to first learn how to translate these symbols into a language.





Year 6 trip to Westminster Abbey

Year 6 had a thoroughly enjoyable day in London, visiting Westminster Abbey. We started the day with a Coronation workshop, looking at the ceremony and taking part in our own re-enactment. It was a really special moment, and every child took part in some way.

Following the workshop, we had a guided tour of the Abbey and explored the history of this special place of worship. Many kings and queens have been buried here, and we explored the memorials of famous people including Isaac Newton, Stephen Hawkins and Lewis Carroll. The children were able to see the Coronation chair, sit in the choir stalls and light candles of remembrance.

After a picnic lunch in the garden, with the chimes of Big Ben, we visited the Queen's Jubilee Galleries and saw replica crown jewels and artifacts from different periods of history. It was a fantastic experience for all and the children represented our school with exemplary behaviour.









Eynsham's Got Talent









Eynsham's Got Talent Shines Brighter Than Ever!

WOW! What an unforgettable showcase of talent! Eynsham is bursting with creativity, and on Wednesday, it proved just that as nine incredible groups took to the stage for our annual **Eynsham's Got Talent!**

From sensational singers to hilarious comedians, dazzling dancers to mesmerizing cello performances, our talented students wowed the audience at every turn. A huge **well done** to everyone who took part, from those who bravely auditioned to our fantastic finalists who performed in front of the entire school and proud parents.

And as if the evening couldn't get any better—**Ant and Dec made a surprise appearance to host the show!** (Well... sort of!) Their energy and humour added even more sparkle to an already magical night

.A massive round of applause to all our performers—you truly made this year's **EGT** one to remember!

Attendance

At EPA Trust, we are committed to ensuring every child receives the best possible education. One of the most important factors in a child's success at school is their attendance. Regular attendance is key to academic achievement, personal development, and future opportunities.

Why attendance matters

Academic Success – Studies show that pupils with high attendance achieve better results and make faster progress.

Social and Emotional Development – Attending school consistently helps students build friendships, confidence, and resilience.

Future Prospects – Good attendance habits set the foundation for future education, training, and employment.



Our Attendance Goals

At EPA Trust, we aim for at least 96% attendance across all our schools.

Every school in our Trust is dedicated to working with families to remove barriers to attendance and ensure every child reaches their full potential.

How You Can Support Good Attendance

Establish a Routine – Set a consistent bedtime and morning schedule to ensure a smooth start to the day.

Avoid Unnecessary Absences – Where possible, book medical appointments outside school hours and avoid term-time holidays.

Communicate With Us – If your child is unwell or facing challenges, keep in touch with their school so we can offer support.

Working Together

We understand that challenges can arise, and our schools are here to help.

If you have concerns about your child's attendance, please reach out to their school so we can work together to find solutions.

Thank you for your ongoing support in making attendance a priority. Every day in school counts, and together, we can ensure that all our students thrive!

SEND Newsletter

SEND Easter Holiday Activities



What's On

Join our Easter Activities for exciting outings, making friends, and trying something new!



Our holiday activities are for young people who are:

- **8-18 years old** at the time of the activity*, and
- have a diagnosis of **Autism** without a learning disability*, and
- are sufficiently independent to participate in a community setting, with a **staff ratio of 1:4** (one staff member to 4 children), and
- can play as part of a **small team with other young people**
- and live in **Oxfordshire** (or access statutory services in Oxfordshire e.g. education, healthcare) *

* These requirements are in accordance with our funding terms. If you are uncertain about your child's eligibility, please do contact us.



We are REALLY good at supporting young people to do "the social stuff", have fun, make friends and try something new!

What's on:



Wild Animal Extravaganza

Mon 7 April, 10am - 3pm

Amazing Animals, Green Lane, Heythrop, OX7 5TU

A rare and special experience, Amazing Animals is one of Europe's largest private collection of animals including, TIGERS, LIONS, WOLVES, SNAKES, PENGUINS, SLOTHS, and many more! Come and see what happens behind the scenes of animal training for TV and film. You will see demonstrations of animal training and gain insights into animal behaviour.

NOTE: We cannot guarantee which animals will be available on the day, as some may be out on film sets.

Ages 8-18

£35 per child



Axe throwing, Archery, Airsoft & Laser Maze

Tues 8 April, 10am - 3:45pm

Ridgeway Axe Throwing, Carrimers Farm, Aston Tirrold, OX11 9DP

Yep that's right.... we are throwing axes! A fun packed session throwing axes and knives at a target under the expert direction of instructors, plus archery, moving through a Laser maze (like Mission Impossible!), and Airsoft shooting! There aren't many places you can legally do this kinda stuff! A real "Do Not Try This At Home" experience!

Please note: There will be LOUD noises! We will send you a risk form that will need to be completed and handed in on the day.

Seniors
Ages 13-18

£30 per child



Lego Masters & Gaming

Weds 9 April, 10am - 4pm

The Junction, 42 Lydalls Road, Didcot, OX11 7NN

The day will include Lego, gaming, and board/card games. Master Builders Club is the perfect place for LEGO fans, and those who are new to LEGO, to explore Lego and enjoy building. There will be a large assortment of bricks, minifigures, parts, and accessories to explore and use. Join us to let your imagination run wild!

We will also be gaming. You're welcome to bring your own games console, games and controllers and board games - to play and share with others! Multi-player games only! There will also be Uno, Dobble, Cards Against Humanity and playing cards. This is a great day to relax, play games and make friends.

Juniors
Ages 8-12

£25 per child



Gaming and Pizza Making **Seniors**
Ages 13-18
Thurs 10 April, 10am - 4pm
Wolvercote Young People's Club, St Peter's Rd, Oxford OX2 8AU
A day of gaming, watching a film, chilling, and decorating (and of course eating) pizzas. Please bring your own game console, games and controllers if you can - to play and share with others! Multi-player games only! This is a great day to relax, play games and make friends.
£25 per child If you haven't attended our activities before this is a really relaxed day to try.



Outdoor Laser Tag **Ages 8-18**
Fri 11 April 9:45am - 12:15pm
LaserGaming Oxford, Lockwood Farm, Culham No1 site, Station Road, Culham, OX14 3DA
Back by popular demand! Come and play laser tag in an awesome outdoor setting. If you have never tried Laser Tag before - this is the perfect opportunity to try something new!
£30 per child NOTE: A headband is provided and must be worn (it holds the laser sensor). This is an outdoor activity in woodland, so please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.



Go Wild in the Woods **Juniors**
Ages 8-12
Mon 14 April, 10am - 3pm
Hill End Outdoor Education Centre, Eynsham Road, Cumnor, Oxford OX2 9NJ
This amazing outdoors day includes fire lighting, den building, bug and snake hunting, pond dipping, using tools, and outdoor challenges and team games. If you like being outdoors - this is great for you!
£25 per child NOTE: This is an outdoor activity with no indoor space or shelter. It is essential your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and brings a waterproof coat, a change of clothes and suitable footwear.



Go-Karting, Bowling & Pizza **Seniors**
Ages 13-18
Tues 15 April, 10:15am - 1:45pm
Rogue Racing, The Point, Gatehouse Way, Aylesbury, HP19 8DB
Go-kart racing on an indoor race track. The track has a safe & enjoyable environment and is suitable for novice and experienced karters. You will be provided with race overalls to protect clothing, crash helmets, and neck braces (optional for +15 years), but bring your own gloves.
£30 per child After the racing we will have a few games of bowling followed by pizza. At the end of the day there will be time to play in the games arcade, please bring extra money if you would like to play these games.



Chocolatey Easter Fun & Gaming **Juniors**
Ages 8-12
Weds 16 April, 10am - 4pm
Wolvercote Young People's Club, St Peter's Rd, Oxford OX2 8AU
Join us for a chocolatic day of Easter fun! We will be running an Easter Egg hunt, making chocolate nests, making crafts, and gaming! Please bring your own game console, games and controllers if you can - to play and share with others! Multi-player games only! Includes Uno, Dobble, and Cards Against Humanity.
£20 per child This is a great day to have fun, play games and make friends.



Rockets and Volcanos **Juniors**
Ages 8-12
Thurs 17 April, 10am - 4pm
Wolvercote Young People's Club, St Peter's Rd, Oxford OX2 8AU
Do you love things that go whizz and boom? Join us for a day of handmade rockets and volcanic fun! We'll be doing science experiments to build the coolest things. We'll also have a range of games and crafts available including Uno, Dobble, Cards Against Humanity, and playing cards.
£20 per child Please note there will be loud noises!



Takeaway, Gaming & Chill **Seniors**
Ages 13-18
Thurs 17 April, 6pm - 9:30pm
St Clements Centre, Cross St, Oxford OX4 1DA
An evening to buy a takeaway (or bring a packed meal) and chillout gaming, socialising and snacking. We will meet at the community centre then walk to a choice of nearby takeaway shops such as KFC, Subway or Sainsburys supermarket where you can purchase your takeaway dinner/snacks.
£15 per child Please bring your own game console, games and controllers if you can - to play with others. Multi-player games only! We will provide a Wii and popular games including Uno, Dobble, Cards Against Humanity, and playing cards.
Please note if you are buying food/drink you need to bring cash/card to pay for your own purchases.

What you need to know

- Children should be **dropped off and collected** from the **stated venues**. We are not providing transport.
- Most activities are separated by age - juniors (8 - 12 years) and seniors (13 - 18 years). **Age restrictions are stated - participants must be the correct age at the time of the event.** Applications for the incorrect age group will be declined.
- If your child turns 13 during the holiday please **only** book activities that include 13-18s.

If you have any queries or need help to complete the Application Form, please email: activities@afso.org.uk

How to Book

To book your Easter Activity places please complete the [online Application Form here](#):

Online Application Form

- When booking, please ensure you can **drop off and collect** your child **at the stated venue** on time.
- The stated arrival times are when Registration will begin. If you arrive early, please supervise your child and wait for registration to begin. Our staff become responsible for young people after registration.
- Applications will only be accepted after we have received both a **fully completed** Application Form **and** payment.
- Applications with information missing will be returned and the booking will not be considered unless a fully completed form is submitted.
- Final confirmation of places will be sent **AFTER the closing date via a confirmation letter sent by email**. If you have not been allocated all your requested spaces we will arrange to refund you.
- If you have queries or special arrangements regarding payment, please let us know as soon as possible.
- **IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT MEDICATION**. If **whilst attending** our activities your child will need any medication which may require action/intervention/storage by our staff, e.g. Diabetes, medication for ADHD, epilepsy, please **BOOK EARLY** and let us know ASAP so we can organise staff training. **If our staff are not able to receive training in good time, the child's attendance will not be permitted.**

The closing date for bookings is **Sunday 23 March 2025**.

Funding for Easter Half term Holiday Activities

Inclusion Support Scheme (Short Breaks) for Disabled Children and Young People

Funding may be available from Oxfordshire County Council to possibly help pay fees for those on **low income or benefits**. We are able to make an application from the **Inclusion Support Scheme (Short Breaks) for Disabled Children** on your behalf. We need to make this application before 24 March so please let us know by completing the section in the Application Form.

You will initially only need to **pay us what you can afford but at least 10% of the total cost** and we will apply for the remainder.

If for any reason the application for funding is unsuccessful, we will advise you and you can then choose to pay the outstanding amount or cancel the place(s). The maximum you can apply for is an average of 2 places per week per child.

More information is given here www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortbreaks

To check your eligibility and more information please contact Pauline Mackinnon at Oxfordshire Family Information Service on 01865 323332 or Email: fs.enquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk

There may be funding available for transport - for more information, please contact the Oxfordshire Travel Hotline on 0845 310 1111 or www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/community-transport

Contact

For further information, please email us at activities@afso.org.uk

Autism Family Support Oxfordshire

At Autism Family Support Oxfordshire we use understanding, expertise, and a lot of fun and care to support the development and wellbeing of children and young adults on the autism spectrum, and their families.

Phone: 01235 754700

Website: www.afso.org.uk

Awards

Headteacher Award:

Year 6 - Dory, Isaac, Daisy, Aggie

Year 5- Hawks Class, Red Kites Class

Year 4- Woodpeckers Class, Arthur, Amirah, Harrison

Year 3- Nightingales Class, Peace, Harry, Isabelle

Year 2- Dew, Lara, Louie, Finley

Year 1- Penguins Class, Sam, Emmeline, George

Reading Award:

Year 6 - Julia, Kitson, Sammy, Nia, Lily

Year 5- Ella

Year 4- Hazel

Year 3- Amy, Jude,

Year 2- Taylor, Ayah

Year 1- Lea, Emmeline

Writing Award:

Year 6- Teagan, Dory

Year 5- Rayan, Maggie

Year 4- Antonia, Brandon

Year 3- Jude, Lillie-Rose, Seb

Year 2- Louie, Edie, Antoni, Lyra

Year 1- Nora, Emil

Maths Award:

Year 6 - Aggie, Erin, Omar, Immy, Christian, Seb

Year 4- Jacob, Lucas, Kacy

Year 3- Skyla, Isabelle, Laila

Year 2- Jonathan, Shankey

Year 1- Riley, Alexander

Well Done Award:

Year 6- Seb, Phoebe, Immy, Max, Aggie, Immy, Hannah

Year 5- Reggie, Rayan

Year 4- Woodpeckers Class

Year 3- Roman, Elisabeth, Lowen, Xian, To Sze

Bronze Award:

Year 5- Rosse

Silver Award:

Year 1- Riley

Gold Award:

Year 5- William, Isla,

Year 4- Jase

Year 3- Seb

Year 1- Chester Arlia

Platinum Award:

Year 5- Aranya, Weronika, Beau

Year 4- Hazel, Lola, Nika

Year 3- Lowen, Peter

Year 2- Rosie

Year 1- Amelia, Lottie, Robyn, Nora, Elsie, Jacob

Diamond Award:

Year 5- Maggie

Year 4- Jacob

Year 3- Rosa, Tino

Year 2- Orin, Annabelle, George, Milo, Bradley

Year 1- Capser, Marnie

Contact

If you would like to get in touch with a member of staff here at school, please see the contact details below

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