



Eynsham Community Primary School
Newsletter - Friday 21st November
2025

Welcome

Dear Parent's and Carers,

What a wonderful week it has been here at school! Our Year 2 children had a fantastic time on their trip to the Tower of London, exploring history first-hand and returning full of stories. Year 5 also stepped back in time during their visit to Didcot Railway Centre, where pupils – and staff! – dressed as World War II evacuees and learned all about life during the war. It was a truly memorable experience for everyone involved.

Last week we enjoyed welcoming so many of you into school for Parents' Evening. Thank you for taking the time to meet with teachers and hear about the children's achievements.

Today continues to be busy, with Year 3 heading off to the Natural History Museum and Year 4 enjoying a Viking Day in school. In addition, this week has been Road Safety Week, and the children have taken part in important learning about how to keep themselves safe on the roads.

Looking ahead, next week is set to be another busy one, with our Stay and Play sessions, Stay and Learns, and the Reception and Year 1 Phonics Evening. We hope many of you will be able to join us.

With the weather turning much colder and icy in the mornings, please do take extra care on your journeys to school. Warm coats, hats and gloves are very much needed now, and we'll continue to remind the children to stay safe on frosty playground surfaces.

This half term, we are delighted to welcome several new members to our team. Miss Green has joined the Ducklings class, Miss Thornton will mainly be working in Year 5 and supporting Year 4 on Thursdays, and Mrs Wall has become part of our office team. Please join me in offering them all a warm welcome to our school community.

Not to forget our magical Christmas Fair, with a special visit from Santa himself! A huge thank you for all the wonderful donations sent in for Non-School Uniform Day on Thursday – your generosity is greatly appreciated and helps us prepare for our Christmas Fair, which will take place on Friday 28th November. We're very much looking forward to seeing you there!

Thank you once again for your continued support. We can't wait to share these fantastic experiences with you and the children.

Mrs Bayliss

Executive Headteacher

Mrs Edwards

Head of School

Meet the team!

This week we will be meeting The Year 3 Team!

Hello, I'm Mrs Heason. I teach in Year 3 (Nightingales) on Tuesdays and in Year 4 (Jackdaws) on Wednesdays. I joined Eynsham in 2021, starting in Year 1, before going on maternity leave in 2023 with my first baby, George, who is now two years old. When I'm not at school, I spend most of my time looking after George, walking our dog Milo, and going to toddler groups. I love being outdoors - going for walks, running, swimming, and cycling - although I'm doing a little less of that at the moment as I'm expecting my second baby boy in February 2026. I love being a teacher and have wanted to be one ever since I was a child. I feel very lucky to be able to work part time now, as it allows me to continue doing what I love in the classroom while also spending precious time at home with George.

I'm Mr Williams, I've been teaching for **7 years**, all of them here at Eynsham! During that time, I've had the joy of working with children across both key stages, helping them grow in confidence and skills. At school, I'm responsible for **English, behaviour and pupil premium**, and I love the variety and challenge these bring. I'm especially proud of how our school community supports one another. Eynsham is such a safe and exciting place for children to learn, and seeing pupils achieve things they never thought possible is always a highlight for me. I always look forward to **Sports Days** – the buzz of friendly competition, the teamwork, and the excitement from pupils (and parents!) makes it one of the most memorable times of the school year. Outside of school, I enjoy playing **football**, a good game of **Aunt Sally**, and generally keeping active. Most of all, I love spending time with my one-year-old daughter, **Ariya**, who keeps me on my toes and entertained when I'm not in the classroom!

My name is Mrs Howell, and I have been working at Eynsham Primary School for over twelve years. I began my journey as a teaching assistant and worked my way up to becoming a teacher. My job is incredibly rewarding, I love watching children grow, especially during those "I get it!" moments when their faces light up with pride. Being able to nurture their learning and development is what makes my role so special. In my spare time, I enjoy being with my own two children and spending time with my family. I also love going on long dog walks with my dog.

My name is Mrs Holland. This is my first year at Eynsham Primary School. I am a mum of 3 children, a girl aged 12 and twins (one boy and one girl aged 10) . I enjoy watching my children at their after school activities. Such as dancing, cheerleading, martial arts and football. In what spare time I have, I enjoy watching films and relaxing with my family.

Hello, I'm Mrs Jeffrey. I've worked at Eynsham Primary for 4 years, working as a TA in various year groups. This year I have taken on the role of SEND assistant, I am really enjoying supporting and getting to know lots of your children as I develop in my new role. I have 2 children, a son in year 8 and a son in year 5. I love spending time with my family and spend my weekends cheering on my boys football teams.

Hi my name is Miss Price , I have worked here at Eynsham primary for 3 years now and love helping all the children grow! I have two children, a son who is nearly 13 and a daughter who is nearly 20! My son plays for Witney Vikings so at the weekends I enjoy going to watch him! I enjoy time with my family and friends at the weekends and love a good Netflix series.



Remembrance Day

This year, as well as marking Remembrance Day with a two minute silence on the playground on 11th November, each class also learnt about the significance of poppies and how they help us remember people affected by war.

- **Years 1 and 2** learnt about **red poppies** and how they are used to remember soldiers who have fought in different wars.
- **Years 3 and 4** learnt about **red and purple poppies**, with purple poppies representing the animals lost in war.

- **Years 5 and 6** learnt about **red, purple, and white poppies**—white symbolising peace—as well as **black roses**, which are used to remember Black communities affected by war.

The children created their own poppies and used them to make wreaths, which were then displayed in their classrooms.

Miss H Cook, Year 2 Flamingos Class Teacher, Key Stage 1 Phase Lead History Lead







Year 2 Trip to The Tower of London

This week, Year 2 travelled to London on an exciting adventure! It was fantastic to see some of the places we have been learning about as part of our Great Fire of London topic such as the Tower of London, Tower Bridge and the River Thames. During our time at the Tower, we enjoyed a workshop with Jane (Samuel Pepes' maid who had travelled back in time to meet us), made friends with the ravens and even got to see the beautiful Crown Jewels.













Eco Club Update

This week in Eco Club, our young environmentalists explored and compared a range of online eco-themed games. The children rated each one based on enjoyment and how well it taught them about caring for the planet. The top favourites were EcoKids and Busy Things-Tree World. One child commented, *“EcoKids is great because it’s fun but you’re learning about the planet at the same time.”*

Just a reminder: if you know anyone who would be interested in running a sustainability workshop or leading an eco-themed assembly for the children, please don’t hesitate to contact Mrs Duan. Thank you for supporting our eco journey!

Year 5 Trip to Didcot

Year 5 had a brilliant time at Didcot this week on their WW2 evacuee day. The children dressed up and stepped into the shoes of wartime evacuees, even spending time in an air-raid shelter to get a feel for what it might have been like during bombings. They also enjoyed a train ride—driven by Mr Hunter—which helped them imagine the journeys many children made when they were evacuated. Throughout the day, they learned about the different jobs children were expected to do during the war and what school life would have been like in the 1940s. It was a great day out and a fantastic way to bring their history topic to life.











Music Update

Robins and Kingfishers have been enjoying sessions in the Sports Hall moving and responding to music and creating their own dances. In one of our lessons, we moved like Fireworks, using scarves and ribbons to improve our gross motor skills. The children used a range of our percussion instruments to make the sounds of fireworks. It was a colourful display and the children worked so well together, listening and co-operating with each other.





P.E Sporting Events

This term has been an exciting and active one for PE at Eynsham School, with a range of sporting events giving our pupils the chance to shine, compete, and represent the school with pride.

Our West Oxfordshire Football Tournament has now commenced, and we are thrilled to share that the Girls' U11 team won their opening match. The girls showed fantastic teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship—an excellent start to the competition.

Both our Girls' and Boys' U11 football teams also had the opportunity to take part in a tournament hosted by Oxford City. The pupils played brilliantly across all matches,

demonstrating resilience, skill, and great team spirit throughout the day. It was a wonderful experience, and all players made Eynsham School proud.

In addition to football, five children travelled to a Boccia tournament, where they took part in a series of fun and competitive games. Boccia is a fantastic sport for developing accuracy, strategy, and teamwork, and our pupils embraced the challenge with enthusiasm. Lots of fun was had, and every child returned feeling proud of their achievements.

Across all events, our pupils represented Eynsham School brilliantly, showing respect, courage, and positivity. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and look forward to even more sporting success as the year continues.





Cygnets Update

Cygnets have been exploring a wide range of sensory activities recently, including painting, gluing, and various types of messy play. Each week we are learning and focusing on a different nursery rhyme. So far this term, we have explored *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star* and *Hey Diddle Diddle*.





Road Safety Week

This week we have been marking Road Safety week at school. This week helps us to recap and learn how we can be safe whilst using the roads around us. Each year group has had a different focus, for example, year 2s have had a go at safely crossing a road outside school and year 4s have created an information poster for younger children on how to cross a road safely. Other year groups have learnt about different kinds of road crossings and year 6 completed their Bikeability last term to ensure they are safe on roads when on their bikes. Next time you are out and about, it would be great to ask your child/children what they have learnt about crossing roads safely!

Thursday 20th November 2025

Road Safety Week

I know that Road Safety is important. //

I know how to explain how to cross a road safely. //

HOW TO CROSS THE ROAD

Always remember

LOOK - Look both sides before crossing.

LISTEN - Listen before you cross the road.

STOP - you need to stop before crossing.

THINK - Think about where you want to go.



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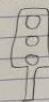
How to Cross The Road safely

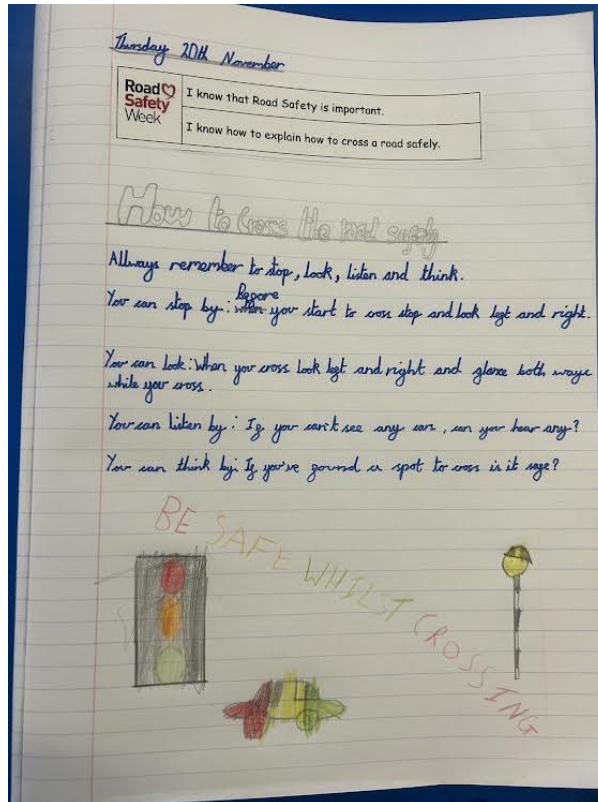
STOP when you hear something approaching you.

LOOK if you want to get squashed because you don't know if there is a car or not.

WALK because it is safer all you will trip and die by a car.

THINK before you walk into the road.





Application process for Reception entry to Infant & Primary School

Is your child 3 or 4 years old?

Primary school place – you must apply now

If your child was born on or between **1 September 2020** and **31 August 2021**, you need to apply for a primary school place now.

You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school.

Deadline for applications is **15 January 2025**.

Apply online at

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions
– it's quick, easy and secure.

You can get free access to the internet at many of our libraries and children's centres – ask for details at your local facility.

Deadline for applications is 15 January 2025

For help and information:
Web: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions
Email: admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk
Tel: **0345 241 2487**

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The application process for reception entry to infant and primary school, is open and parents and carers of children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 should prepare to apply for a school place.

If parents or carers have any questions, all the information you need plus a link to the online application form can be found here: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

The School Admissions Team can be contacted direct on 0345 241 2487 or at admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Applications for Reception can be submitted from 4 November; and the deadline for receipt of completed school applications for Reception is 15 January 2026.

Wellbeing Award for Schools



We are really pleased to share with you that we are working to achieve a school improvement award on Wellbeing.

In order to evaluate our current provision, we need your input as parents. Your views are important in helping us understand what we are doing well and how we can do even better.

Please follow the link below to complete the survey, it should only take a couple of minutes. All responses and suggestions will be carefully considered and used to plan a range of school improvements.

If you have any queries about this survey, please contact Miss Paterson, who is our Wellbeing lead.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Evaluation submissions are valid between: 11/11/2025 - 19/12/2025. Your submission will not be accepted outside of these dates

[Click here](#)

Or copy and paste the following

<https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/69139b8d59612>

Spotlight Behaviour

This week, rather than highlighting individual behaviour, we are delighted to celebrate *all* of our children for their outstanding conduct during their recent trips.

Parent helpers shared wonderful feedback about how brilliantly the children behaved at the Tower of London, and staff at Didcot Railway remarked that our Year 5 pupils were the **best-behaved group they have had this term.**

We are incredibly proud of the way our children represented the school—well done, everyone!

Awards



Silver Award:

Year 1 - Ava T, Billy M, Charlie H

Year 2 - Amelia, Macey

Year 5 - Eleanor M, Ben LR, Susanna H,

Gold Award:

Year 1 - Nancy J, Elizabeth T,

Year 2 - Betsy, Isla, Maxim, Minnie, Toby, Robyn

Year 4 - Scarlett, To Sze, Bleu, Amy, Albert, Elisabeth, Jude,

Year 5 - Flynn, Holly, Antonia, Lucas, Sammy, Alex

Year 6 - Priscilia, Cece, Bethany

Platinum Award (150 points):

Year 4 - Beau, Xian, Zach

Superstar Sports Award:

Year 4 - Elisabeth

Year 6 - Luca, Sonia, Zach, Sherick, Yashfa, Priscilia, Felix

Maths Award:

Year 1 - Mikey P, Finley L

Year 3 - George T

Year 4 - Lola W

Year 5 - Antonia, Ethan

Year 6 - Sam

Reading Award:

Year 1 - Hari P, Tory C

Year 4 - Isabelle

Year 6 - Zach, Muhammed-Abdullah

Writing Award:

Year 1 - Clara W, William B-M

Year 5 - Amirah

Headteacher Award:

Year 1 - Eleanor E, Idris W-W, Tory C

Year 2 - Toucan Class, Flamingo Class for how brilliant they all were on our trip to London!

Year 4 - Alexa, Lola G

Year 5 - Whole of Hawks and Red Kites for a fab trip to Didcot

Year 6 - Maggie, Tshiamo

Attendance

At the 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 the 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.

Class	%
Robins	97.4%
Kingfishers	95.0%
Penguins	94.6%
Puffins	90.5%
Flamingos	95.0%
Toucans	98.0%
Hummingbirds	95.3%
Nightingales	92.8%
Jackdaws	93.1%
Woodpeckers	97.5%
Hawks	97.9%
Red Kites	98.1%
Eagles	95.5%
Kestrels	97.0%

Parent Notices

Dates for your diary

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Phonics Evening



Nursery Events



Christmas Fair, Friday 28th November 2025, 4-6pm



After School Events

West Oxford Taekwon-Do Club

Founded in Botley in September 2011 and pride there selves in offering inclusive family friendly martial arts training.

They can offer: 1. Martial arts demonstrations for assemblies.2. Martial arts sessions as a part of enrichment or alternative curriculum days.3. One off anti-bullying and self-defence training (staff or students).

Chris Hall , Instructor, 07815899698, <http://www.wotkd.co.uk/>

Road Safety Reminder

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As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping our children safe, we'd like to remind all parents and carers of a few important road safety points:

- No parking or dropping off on the yellow zig-zag lines outside school – these areas must be kept clear at all times to ensure visibility and safety for children crossing.
- Children riding bikes or scooters on pavements should always be supervised by an adult, please dismount in plenty of time before reaching the school gate.
- Please do not park across residents' driveways. We want to maintain good relationships with our neighbours and ensure everyone has access to their property.

Thank you for helping us keep the school community safe and considerate for everyone!

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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