



Eynsham Community Primary School
Newsletter - Friday 10th October

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week here at Eynsham. This week has seen Year 4 depart on their first residential at Hill End, where they had the opportunity to have practical workshops relating to their Invaders and Settlers topic. The children were amazing throughout the two days, and much fun was had by all. I'd like to extend a big thank you to all the staff who volunteered to go on the trip; without their willingness to go above and beyond, these trips would not be able to happen.

Today has been a special day focused on World Mental Health Day. This has been led and organised by Miss Paterson. We look forward to sharing photos and a report about this in the next newsletter.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting trips planned. Next week, our Foundation Stage will be going on their first trip out of school to Cogges Farm, Year 1 are off to Eynsham museum to look at the model village, which shows the old railway line, and in the last week of this half term, our Year 5 pupils will embark on their three-day residential to Youlbury.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing all the children in their disco outfits at the PTA disco next Friday!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Ginny Bayliss and Mrs Nicola Edwards

Executive Headteacher and Head of School

Meet the team!

This week we are meeting the Foundation team



1 - Mrs Sheils, Mrs Pollard, Mrs Whitehouse, Mrs Squires, Mrs Bowler

My name is Mrs Whitehouse, I am the class teacher for Kingfishers. This is my fourth year at Eynsham. I love getting to see the children grow in Early Years and getting to see their confidence build over the year. During my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family, especially going on adventures outside with our dog Sammy.

My name is Mrs Sheils, and I am a TA in Kingfishers Class. I am also a Forest School Leader. I enjoy discovering children's interests and enriching their development. I am very fond of wild, windy walks with my family and creating wonders with paint, cloth and natural materials. I am so proud of my marvellous three children and so thrilled to play and learn alongside the fantastic Kingfisher class.

I am Mrs Bowler, Head of Early Years and Robins Class teacher. I started at Eynsham Primary last year but have been teaching for many years across KS1 and KS2. I live locally and have two children, one of whom is at Bartholomew, and my eldest is currently doing an apprenticeship at Oxford University. I spend much of my free time on the football sidelines, supporting my son or shopping and relaxing with my daughter.

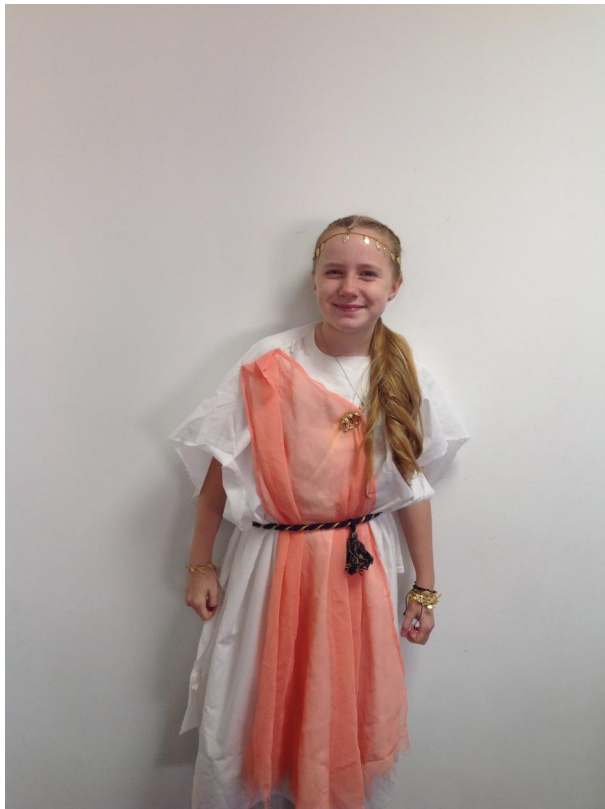
My name is Mrs Pollard; I am a teaching Assistant in Robins class. A few of you may know me as Sam from Cygnets Class, where I have worked for the past 5 years. I have 3 children of my own, 2 teenage girls, and a 9-year-old son, all with a mix of diverse needs that keep me very busy. I enjoy spending time with my family and going on long walks, exploring the countryside.

I am Mrs Squire. This is my 3rd year at Eynsham, I have worked in Early Years and Year 1 during that time. I have 5 children, 2 boys and 3 girls with additional SEND needs. We have a busy house along with my 2 sausage dogs. I love to spend my time with family, and my 2 grandchildren. I also love to go shopping and to the theatre.

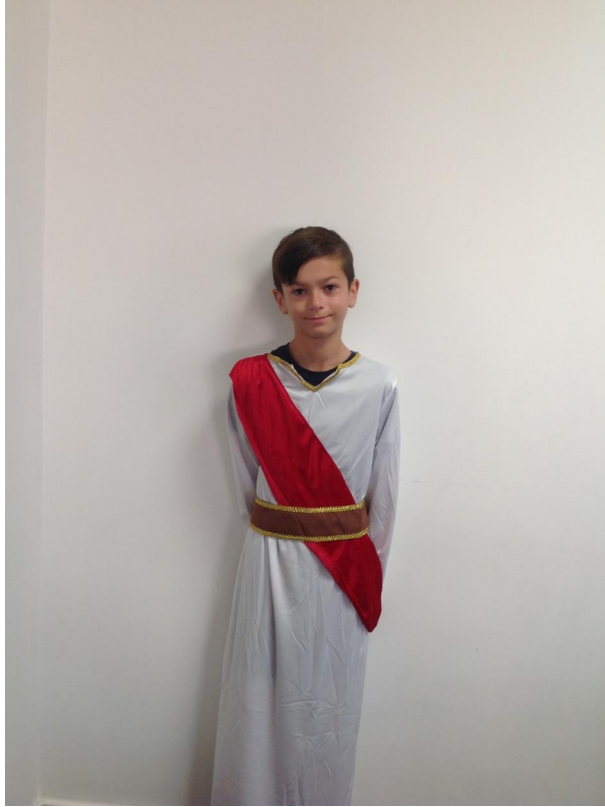
Year 6 Greek Day

Year 6 recently enjoyed an Ancient Greek experience day. Their activities included an Olympic event, looking at armour and weaponry, solving puzzles, taking part in a quiz, playing a game, and acting out Greek myths.











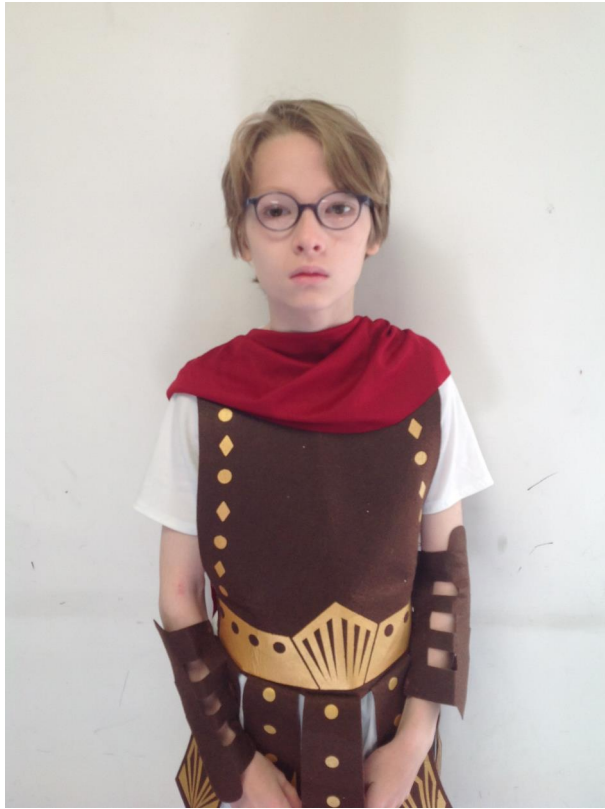


















Year 4 trip to Hill End



This week, Year 4 went on an overnight residential trip to Hill End!

The children's first day was spent either as a humble Anglo-Saxon or a vicious Viking. The Vikings were taught how to fight and defend, ready to challenge the Anglo-Saxons and take their precious village. In turn, the Anglo-Saxons discovered what daily life might have been like and took part in village jobs such as wheat grinding, foraging, and tanning. The Vikings later invaded the Anglo-Saxon village and took some of the villagers as prisoners. The Anglo-Saxons then had to offer sufficient gold for the prisoners to be released. Sadly, the Vikings

Art Ambassadors



We are very excited to announce our amazing Art Ambassadors for this year:

- Year 1: Isobel B and Amiata
- Year 2: Emmeline and Anna
- Year 3: Henry and Poppy
- Year 4: Albert and Junior
- Year 5: Phoebe and Flynn
- Year 6: Aryan and Sonia

These children will be responsible for judging art competitions, designing posters for school events, creating our tree decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival, and much more. The first project we are working on is to design a creativity certificate which will be given out in Friday assemblies

We are excited to show these off very soon!

Mrs Ledden-Fletcher and Miss Warrington (Art and Design Leads)

School Council



Our School Council plays an important role in pupil leadership at Eynsham. The councillors have been voted in by their classes and will represent their peers for this academic year. This year, one of our main projects will be to decide how we can spend some of the money raised to improve our playground.

Congratulations to our councillors for this year:

Penguins: Millie and Alexander

Puffins: Gracie and Oliver

Flamingos: Mason and Nora

Toucans: Amelia and Sam

Hummingbirds: Casper and Sapphire

Nightingales: Edie and Willow

Jackdaws: Rosa and Harry

Woodpeckers: Sam G and Nancy P

Hawks: Amirah and Katia

Red Kites: Stefan and Rachel

Eagles: Eli H and Beau

Kestrels: Luke and Mia



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SPOTLIGHT



We've had another fantastic week at Eynsham, with so many children showing exactly what it means to be Ready, Respectful and Responsible.

Year 4 were absolute stars on their residential at Hill End! Over two days, they demonstrated incredible teamwork, positivity and unbelievable resilience — a true reflection of our school values in action.

A special mention to Izzy in Jackdaws, who listened beautifully, followed instructions carefully, and gave her all in every single activity. Back at school, she also showed wonderful kindness and care towards a classmate who was feeling sad — what a role model!

In Woodpeckers, Isabelle impressed everyone with her kindness and nurturing attitude, supporting another child who found some activities a bit tricky.

In Hawks, Flynn is an amazing table partner — always patient, supportive, and ready to help those around him. His calm and caring attitude makes him a fantastic role model in class.

And in Foundation, Leela has wowed her teachers all week by being ready to learn and respectful during carpet sessions every day. Her fantastic listening and focus make her a superstar learner!

Well done to all of our shining examples this week — you make our school proud!

Reception open morning



**EYNSHAM
COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**IS YOUR CHILD STARTING
RECEPTION IN
SEPTEMBER 2026?**

**COME ALONG TO OUR OPEN MORNINGS TO
FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR SCHOOL.**

OPEN MORNING DATES:
Wednesday 22nd October 2025
Thursday 4th December 2025
Please arrive at 9am

"Eynsham Community
Primary School is a place
where pupils truly thrive"
OFSTED 2025

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Parent Notices

Spelling Stay and Learn - for parents of children in Years 2 to 6

We are excited to invite you into school on Wednesday 26th November at 1:30pm for a special opportunity to find out more about how we teach spelling in Years 2 to 6.

During the session, you will

- Learn about our approach to spelling and how you can support your child at home.
- Join your child in their classroom to take part in a spelling lesson together.

It's a great chance to see spelling teaching in action and to experience first hand how we make learning engaging and effective for our pupils. We understand this may be difficult for some families, so we will record the session and make it available on our class pages for those who are unable to attend in person.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Phonics Evening for parents of children in Foundation Stage and Year 1

We are excited to invite you to a special Phonics Evening where you'll have the chance to find out how phonics is taught in school and discover practical ways to support your child's reading and writing at home.



To help everyone get the most out of the session, we kindly ask that no children attend, so that parents and carers can fully focus on the information being shared.

We understand this may be difficult for some families, so we will record the session and make it available on our class pages for those who are unable to attend in person.

We hope you can join us for this relaxed and valuable evening.

[Dates for your diary](#)

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Little Red Hen



**LITTLE RED HEN
STAY AND PLAY**

Hosted by Eynsham Community Primary
School

Friday 14th November '25
1:30pm - 2:30pm

For families with
children aged
0-4 years
£3 per family

Book a place by emailing
office.2209@eynsham.oxon.sch.uk

A Friendly Reminder About Parking

We'd like to gently remind all parents and carers to please park legally and courteously when dropping off or collecting children. We have visitors arriving throughout the day, right up until the gates open, so we kindly ask that you leave some space near the school for them to park safely.

Your consideration really helps us keep the area around the school safe and welcoming for everyone — thank you for your continued support and cooperation!

Awards



Headteacher Award:

Year 1- Amiata, Hari

Year 2- Samuel

Year 3- Eleanor

Year 4- Woodpeckers Class

Year 5- Alex, Lucia

Year 6- Priscilia

Reading Award:

Year 1- Henry, Oliver

Writing Award:

Year 1- Juliet

Maths Award:

Year 1- Finley, Kamari

Bronze Award:

Year 1- George, Ava, Silas, Mikey, Benji, Margo, Billy, Libby

Year 3- George, Leah

Year 6- James, Sam, Eddie, Yashfa, James

Silver Award:

Year 1- Albie, Rosie, Rupert, Elizabeth, Tommy, Idris

Year 2- Betsy, Casper, Isla

Year 3- Milo, Eleanor, Nathan, Annabelle, Iris, Ayah

Year 5- Logan, Jude, Nika, Kylie, Luke, Michael

Year 6- Reggie, Cece, Priscilia, Sherlock, Danny

Gold Award:

Year 5- Hazel

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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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