



Eynsham Community Primary School
Newsletter - Friday 19th September

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's incredible to think we are now three weeks into the new term and September is nearly over! Time certainly flies when we're immersed in exciting learning experiences.

This week has been particularly exciting with some wonderful curriculum experiences bringing our pupils' learning to life. Year 3 transported themselves back in time with a Stone Age day, transforming their classrooms into a prehistoric landscape of discovery and imagination. Our pupils explored what life might have been like during this historical period, making their learning truly interactive and memorable.

Equally exciting was our Year 1 history exploration on Wednesday. Our school became a series of train stations, helping our youngest learners understand the rich local history of Eynsham's old railway line. Please see below for reports and photos of this day.

I'm also delighted to share some personal news with our school community. I'm pleased to announce that Mrs Heason is expecting a baby, due towards the end of February. Arrangements for covering her teaching days will be made closer to the time, ensuring continuity of education for our pupils.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ginny Bayliss and Mrs Nicola Edwards

Executive Headteacher and Head of School

Safeguarding

At the start of the academic year, during our INSET day, all staff took part in Safeguarding training. This included updates on *Keeping Children Safe in Education* and our school's Child Protection Policy. Staff also refreshed their training on how to record and report any safeguarding concerns.

At Eynsham, all safeguarding concerns are managed by our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs). The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Edwards, who is supported by a team of Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Safeguarding remains our highest priority, and we are committed to ensuring a safe and supportive environment for all our pupils.



Mrs Edwards
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Bayliss



Miss Davis



Mr Clack



Mr Williams

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child, it is your duty to report this to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). The team can be reached on 0345 050 7666.



Meet the team!

This week we will be meeting the Cygnets team.

My name is Viviana and I work as an Early Years Practitioner mainly in Cygnets but sometimes in Ducklings.

Before joining Eynsham Primary School, I worked in London and Witney in a private nursery for over 7 years.

Outside of school, I am a mother of two girls, who keep me busy and active. I enjoy swimming, gardening, doing physical activities, and spending time with my family. I also enjoy the company of my cat, two turtles, and three chickens.

I am excited about the new academic year, and I am looking forward to working with everyone. It is going to be a great year!

My name is Chloe and I am new to Eynsham Primary School. I have been working in childcare for 9 years. I like to spend my spare time with my family or travelling around the country watching ice hockey. I also enjoy baking cakes and cookies.

My name is Kylie and I am Cygnets Nursery Lead. I have been working in this job role since January 2023. Before joining Eynsham, I have had numerous years of experience in childcare.

Outside of school, I am a mum to two boys, with the oldest being in Year 9 at Bartholomew School and the youngest in Year 4 here at Eynsham. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with friends and family, going for walks and cinema trips.

My name is Claire and I am Cygnets Deputy Lead. I have been working in child care for over 20 years. I have two boys, aged 15 and 12, they both attend Bartholomew School.

We live on a farm where we have sheep, chickens, geese and ducks.

In my spare time I'm a football mum who spends my weekends cheering on my football mad boys. I also enjoy long walks and fishing.



1 - Viviana, Chloe, Kylie, Claire

Harvest Festival



For this year's Harvest Festival, we will be collecting donations for our local food bank.

We have spoken to the children in assembly about the importance of giving and how their contributions can make a real difference to those in need. As an added incentive, each child who brings in a donation will receive a house point.

Suggested donation items include:

- Tinned meat
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned vegetables
- Carton fruit juice
- Pasta sauces
- Tea bags
- Sugar
- Coffee
- Biscuits
- Rice

All donation can be left on the trolley near the main office or they can be handed over to you child's class teacher.

Year 1 Class News

The children in Year One are loving their new topic 'The Lost Railway'! This week in Humanities, the children were looking at sources about the Eynsham Railway Station. During our class discussion, we discovered that there were different stops on the way through to Eynsham Railway station-the line was called 'The Witney Railway'. We then became real-life train conductors and went on a trip to the different stations to find out what they were!

During our journey, we found Conductor Cook at Yarnton Station, Conductor Williams at Eynsham Station, Conductor Clack at Witney Station, and Conductor Freeman at South Leigh Station. Once we had discovered these, we switched from train conductors to historians and looked at sources to find out more information, and had a go at answering questions about them.

The children worked so hard!





Year 3 Stone Age Day

Our Stone Age Day was a huge success! Children arrived in fantastic costumes and explored prehistoric Britain through timelines, artefacts, and hands-on activities. They became hunter-gatherers, “hunted” animals with beanbags, and created cave paintings to tell stories - bringing history to life in the most fun and creative way. We’re now looking forward to seeing real Stone Age artefacts on our upcoming trip to the Pitt Rivers Museum!



Head Boy and Head Girl

Last week, we were delighted to receive a number of thoughtful and enthusiastic applications from our Year 6 pupils for the roles of Head Boy and Head Girl. All the children impressed us not only with the quality of their applications but also with the confidence and maturity they showed during their interviews with Mrs Edwards and Mr Williams

A huge well done to all the children who applied — it was a very tough decision!

We are thrilled to announce that Mason and Edith have been selected as our new Head Boy and Head Girl. Congratulations to them both — we know they will be excellent role models for our school community.



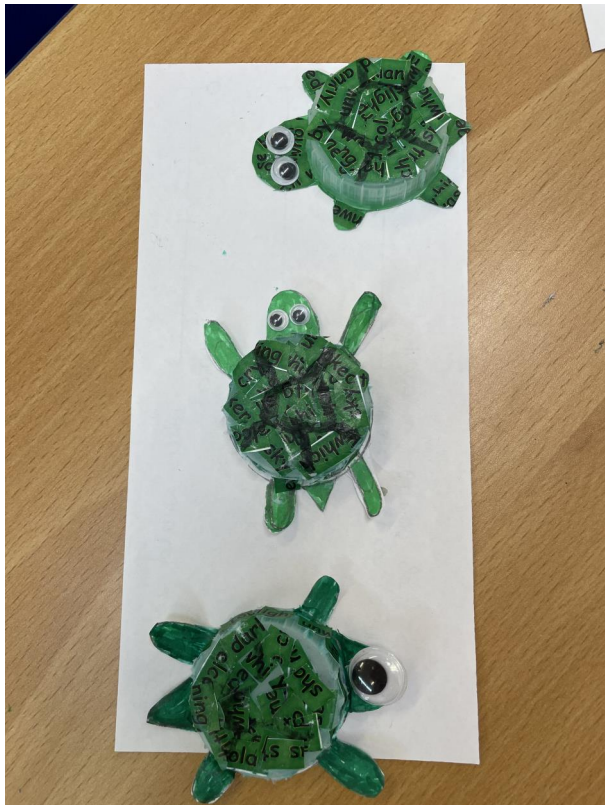
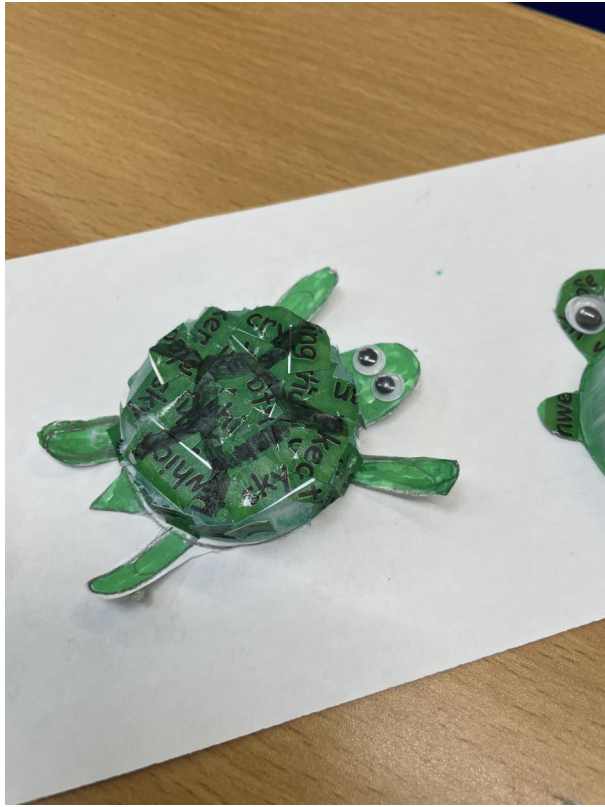
Eco News

This year, we are excited to be making our school more eco-friendly through a range of projects involving the whole school community. Each class will choose an Eco Warrior, who will join our Eco Committee to help oversee the projects we take on, the guests we invite, and the areas we decide to focus on as a school.

We're also excited to offer a new after-school Eco Club, free for children in Years 2–6. Each week, pupils get creative by transforming recycled materials into fun works of art. This week, we made colourful turtles using milk-bottle lids and paper rescued from Mrs Duan's recycling bin!

Alongside this, we will be working to make our marsh and garden area more welcoming for wildlife, with plans for bug hotels and planting to encourage more species. In the meantime, there is also a CAPZero kids' summer art competition run by the Low Carbon Hub. The deadline has now been extended to the end of September, so there's still time for children to get creative and take part! Find more information out here: [CAPZero kids' summer art competition - Low Carbon Hub](#)

We are also looking forward to getting involved in eco projects within our local community throughout the year. If you have any eco-friendly ideas, craft projects, or know of speakers who could inspire the children about caring for the environment, please get in touch with Mrs Duan.



PTA Disco

We hope all your children have their dancing shoes ready because we'd like to invite them to an Autumn disco on Friday 17th October.

Tickets cost £3.00 and include a drink and snack for every child.

To make sure everyone has fun, we have allocated time slots to different year groups:

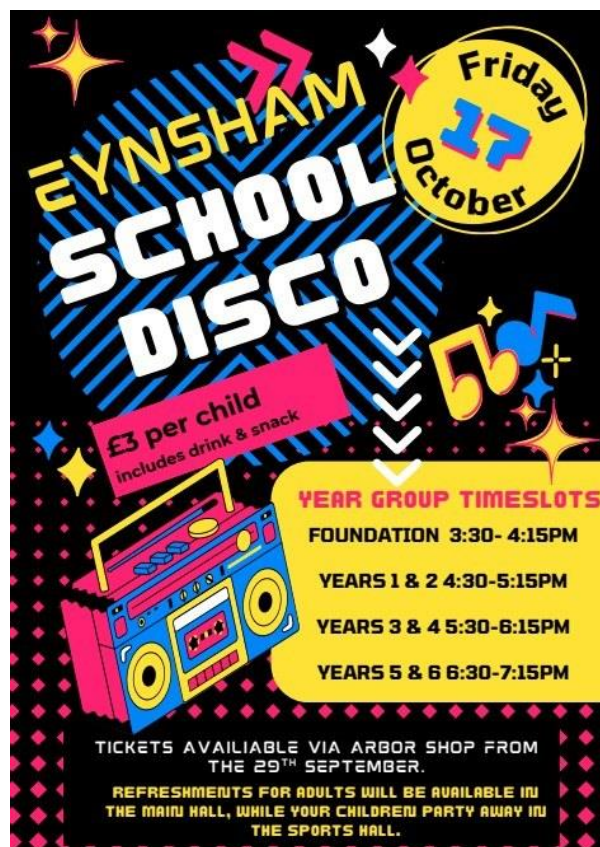
- Foundation - 3.30pm - 4.15pm to include musical games
- Years 1 / 2 - 4.30pm - 5.15pm to include musical games
- Years 3 / 4 - 5.30pm - 6.15pm
- Years 5 / 6 - 6.30pm - 7.15pm

Refreshments for adults will be available in the main hall, while your children party away in the sports hall.

Tickets will go on sale on the 29th September, via the shop in your child's Arbor account, or can be purchased on the night.

Thank you

Eynsham Community Primary School staff team and you PTA




Year 6 application for Secondary School

The applications for secondary schools are now open. The deadline is 31st October 2025. Click below to apply: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/year-7-applications>

Foundation Stage Open Morning

✨ Foundation Stage Open Morning – For Prospective Parents 2026 ✨

We are excited to invite prospective parents of children starting school in September 2026 to two **Foundation Stage** Open Mornings!

 **Date:** Wednesday 22nd October and Thursday 4th November at 9:00am.

Come and explore our welcoming learning environment, meet our dedicated team, and find out more about how we support children in their first steps into school life. It's a great opportunity to see our Foundation Stage in action and ask any questions you may have. No need to book—just drop in! We look forward to meeting you.

Parent Notices



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Got a local event, club, childcare, or business to share?

Send your advert or poster to:


 office.2209@eynsham.oxon.sh.uk

We'll include it in our school newsletter!




 Please note: the school cannot verify these listings. Parents/carers should do their own checks before attending or paying.

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SEND COFFEE MORNING



We would like to invite you to a SEND coffee morning, a friendly informal gathering to provide a supportive environment for our parents and carers of children with SEND.

This will be a great chance to connect with other parents and carers, share experiences and ask any questions to the school SENDCo, Miss Davis and our Early Intervention Hub SENDCo, Mrs Thomas. We look forward to welcoming you, refreshments will be provided.



WEDNESDAY
1ST OCTOBER 2025
PLEASE COME TO RECEPTION AT
9AM - 10AM
EVENT TAKING PLACE IN "THE HUB"
<https://www.eynsham.oxon.sch.uk/>

Dates for your diary

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Awards



Headteacher Award:

Year 6 - Joe, Eli, Sonia

Year 5- India, Lily, Millie, Maya

Year 4- Beau, Ted, George, Samuel

Year 3- Annabelle, Edie, Yusuf, Sapphire

Year 2- Toby, Riley, Hunter, Isla

Year 1- Logan

Reading Award:

Year 6 - Yashfa, Mia

Year 4- Artie, Zakariyaa, Emma

Year 3- Jonathan, George. Tom, Henry

Year 2- Lea, Nora, Ronnie

Year 1- Elizabeth

Writing Award:

Year 6- Luke

Year 5- Annika, Kacy

Year 4- To Sze, Owen, Amy, Georgina

Year 3- Flo, Diana, Orin, Eleanor

Year 2- Zelda,

Year 1- Daisy

Maths Award:

Year 6 - Cece, Felix

Year 5- Jude

Year 4- Wilfred, Isabella, Xian

Year 3- Nathan, Afonso, Toby, James

Year 2- Maxim, Arlia, Isaac, Anna

Year 1- Rupert

Bronze Award:

Year 6 - Cece, Lizzy, Sherlock

Year 5- Luke, Antonia, Lucas, Logan, Katia, Annika, Sammy, Isaac, Jacob, Millie, Amelie, Flynn, India, Alex, Hazel

Year 4- Amy, Heidi, James, Harvey, Aston, Sam, Beau, George, Xian, George, Zakariyaa, Elisabeth, Nancy, Bleu, Albert, Alexa, To Sze, Henry, Tino, Samuel, Peace, Harry, Skyla, Ted, Owen, Matthew, Elias

Year 3- James, Tashvi, Jonathan, Yusuf, Toby, Orin, Nick, Afonos, Robyn, Tayah

Year 2- Alexander, Betsy, Casper, Emmeline, Isla, Marnie, Minnie, Ned, Sam, Zelda, Edward, Lea, Shuli, Toby

Year 1- Nancy

Silver Award:

Year 4- Samuel

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