



Eynsham Community Primary School Newsletter - Friday 5th September

Welcome

Meet the team!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year. I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday. We have had a fantastic first week back and it's been wonderful to see the children return with such a positive attitude. They have come back showing that they are ready, responsible, and eager to learn – a brilliant start to the year!

We're looking forward to welcoming those of you who can attend our parent information afternoon, where you can meet your child's teacher and find out more about what your child will be learning in class. If you're unable to attend, the session will be recorded and uploaded to your child's class page on the school website, so that you can catch up at your convenience.

You will also soon receive the curriculum overview, which outlines what your child will be learning across the year.

In addition, you should have received a list of key dates for the year, including planned trips and key events. Please note that on occasion, new events may be added. These dates will also be attached to our newsletters and on the school calendar on the school website.

We're also excited to share that we have started the application process for Head Boy and Head Girl. Interviews will be taking place on Tuesday, so if your Year 6 child is interested in applying for one of these roles, the weekend would be a great time to practise and prepare.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Yours sincerely

Mrs Ginny Bayliss and Mrs Nicola Edwards

Executive Headteacher and Head of School.

Meet the team - Senior Leadership Team



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Mrs Ginny Bayliss

I have been the Headteacher at Eynsham Primary School since 2018, and in 2021 I became an Executive Leader for the Trust. In this role, I provide support and advice for schools with SEND, as well as strategic support for Eynsham, Stanton Harcourt, and Standlake Primary Schools.

Before joining Eynsham, I held a variety of leadership roles both in Oxfordshire and in London, with over 20 years' experience as a SENCo. I absolutely love working at Eynsham—no two weeks are ever the same—and being part of the village community is truly rewarding.

I am extremely proud of what the school has achieved in the past seven years, particularly the establishment of the Early Intervention Hub. This not only supports children within our school but also benefits children and families across Oxfordshire.

There are so many events I look forward to throughout the year—the fetes, residentials, and trips—but my all-time favourite is the May Day Parade, when our children become celebrities for the day!

Outside of school, I am a parent to two teenagers, one of whom is currently studying A-levels at Bartholomew School. Up until recently, I was a keen runner and have completed two marathons. I now attempt to visit the gym on a regular basis, potter about in my garden and I also enjoy being part of my book group.

I am very much looking forward to the year ahead and working alongside such a fantastic team.

Mrs Nicola Edwards

My name is Nic Edwards, and I am proud to serve as the Head of School and Designated Safeguarding Lead here at Eynsham Community Primary School. With over 20 years of

teaching experience across all year groups and a variety of schools. I have also been a SENDCo and a moderator for the County Council. I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of such a vibrant and supportive community.

Our school is a truly special place where every child is known, valued, and encouraged to thrive. I am continually inspired by the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our pupils, and the strength of our wider school family. We are a community that pulls together – and that's something I'm very proud to be part of.

One of my favourite times of the year is Christmas – nothing quite beats the joy of the nativity performances and hearing our youngest children sing their hearts out. It's a reminder of the magic of childhood and the importance of the work we do together.

Outside of school, life is just as busy with my own two children. I also make sure to stay active – it helps me keep up with the pace of school life!

I look forward to working closely with you throughout the year as we continue to support every child to be their very best.

Miss Hayley Davis

Welcome back Eynsham Community. I hope you all had a fabulous summer. My name is Miss Davis, and I am the Assistant Head and SENDCo here at Eynsham Community Primary School. I am responsible for ensuring the provision for all children with any special educational needs or disabilities is provided to a high standard.

I began my teaching career over 20 years ago and have taught across both Key Stages, mainly and most loved in year 6. You will find me in my favourite habitat on Tuesdays and Fridays this year in Eagles, covering Mr Clack's release time. This will be my 8th year here at Eynsham, and I am so proud of everything we have achieved. The community feel is second to none and I love how much pride our children take in the school. It is always a pleasure to show our fabulous school off to any visitors!

Each year, I most look forward to sports day and watching all the children excited to celebrate the pride they have for their house colour and the teamwork and support which takes place is second to none. Let's not forget the highly anticipated teacher and parents race, which gets more and more competitive each year!

I live in Witney with my partner, my two children, Poppy aged 12 and Noah aged 11 and our lovely dog Nala. As a family, we are huge Oxford United fans- so you will find us in the home stands at every game.

Please do always reach out for any advice and support for your child's learning and welfare needs. We very much have an open door policy and I am always happy to help and support you in any way I can.

I hope you have a fantastic half term - COYY!

Mr Tom 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!

Mr Josh Clack

My name is Mr Clack and I have been teaching for 9 years. At Eynsham, I am the current Year 6 teacher and Assistant Headteacher, as well as the Maths Strategic Lead for the EPA, Upper KS2 Phase Lead, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Raising Standards Lead.

Personally, I think Eynsham is a fantastic place to teach. The children are so hard-working, dedicated and enthusiastic to their learning, and I am very honoured and proud to be part of such an amazing team, where all teachers and support staff work together to bring the very best out of each child.

Other than teaching my class, which is the favourite part of my job, I really enjoy attending the school trips and experiences Eynsham offers. The school council trip to the Houses of Parliament is a particular highlight, but I especially enjoy the overnight residentials such as Youlbury and Woodlands, as these are the experiences I clearly remember from my primary school days. When I'm not at school, I am either spending time on the golf course, working hard in the gym, or enjoying a dog walk with my wife.

Meet the teacher afternoon



**COME AND MEET
THE TEACHER
YEARS 1, 2, AND 4**

We would like to invite you to a class information and 'meet the teacher' session.

**MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER
2025**
Please make your way to your child's classroom at 2:30pm



<https://www.eynsham.oxon.sch.uk/>



**COME AND MEET
THE TEACHER
YEARS 5 & 6**

We would like to invite you to a class information and 'meet the teacher' session.

**TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER
2025**
Please make your way to your child's classroom at 2:30pm



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**COME AND MEET
THE TEACHER
YEAR 3**

We would like to invite you to a class information and 'meet the teacher' session.

**WEDNESDAY 10TH
SEPTEMBER 2025**
Please make your way to your child's classroom at 2:30pm

<https://www.eynsham.oxon.sch.uk/>

A BIG thank you!

We would like to say a big thank you to Michelle Lawrence, a staff member from Wickes Oxford, who organised for £100 worth of paint and brushes to be donated to the school as part of the Wickes Community Fund.

We have made use of the paint and decorated our Cygnets class over the Summer break.

If any parents work for companies that are willing to donate resources to the school, please let Mrs Podbery know by emailing schoolmanager@eynsham.oxon.sch.uk



Reminders for the school year



Uniform

We have a school uniform, which we encourage the children to wear. Children must bring a change of clothes for PE. These are brought in on a Monday and taken home on a Friday to be washed.

Our uniform requirements are on our school website, and branded items can be ordered from PMG School wear at

<http://www.pmg-schoolwear.co.uk>.

Jewellery

No children should wear jewellery other than stud earrings and watches and must not wear any nail varnish. Please ensure that your child is not wearing a Smartwatch in school.

Nut Free School

Please do not send your child to school with any food containing nuts. If your child has an allergy to nuts, please ensure you have alerted the school office and your child's teacher immediately.

Bikes and Scooters

We welcome children riding their bikes and scooters to school, but please ensure they have an appropriately fitted cycle helmet and are supervised by an adult if riding on the road. Parents are responsible for their child's safety outside the school gate. Children are to dismount before the school gate and walk their bikes, scooters onto the school site. They are then to be locked to the cycle racks provided. The school does not take any responsibility for lost items when on site.

Parking

We would politely ask that if it is necessary for you to park your vehicle on Beech Road during drop off and pick up times, that you park responsibly and are respectful to our neighbours. Please do not park across driveways and on 'Keep Clear' signs. Please also be mindful of your speed at all times.

SEND Coffee Morning



Eynsham Community Primary School
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/>

The poster features a teal background with a dark blue oval containing text. In the bottom left, there is a circular inset image of a hand holding a blue coffee cup with a latte art design. The school logo is in the top left corner.

Dates for your Diary

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Parent Notices

Absences and late arrivals

We would like to remind you of the procedure for reporting absences and late arrivals.

If your child is absent, you must notify the office by calling the school number, 01865 881924 or via the Arbor app under absences. If the school is not provided with a reason, **the absence will go down as unauthorised**. Please provide a reason for each day of absence.

Registration starts at 8:40am and closes at 8:50am. If your child arrives at school after this time, please report to the school office to sign them in. Do not let your child walk around on their own to their class. We would like to stress how important it is to do this due to health and safety reasons.

Photo consent



Please ensure you have given consent for photos and completed any other outstanding permissions via the Arbor app. To do this, go to your child's profile and scroll down to the **'Consents'** section.

It's important that we have this information recorded on your child's profile for safeguarding and school records.

Lunch boxes and snacks



As part of our commitment to promoting healthy eating habits among our students, we kindly remind you to encourage your children to have healthy snacks, such as a piece of fruit, to enjoy during break times. Additionally, when preparing their lunchboxes, please include a variety of nutritious choices to support their well-being.

School Grid



We would like to remind you that it is your responsibility to cancel any pre-booked meals for your child if they will not be in school to consume them, for example, if they are on a trip or off-site for a medical appointment. In the event of sickness, you have until 08:45 am to cancel or amend meal bookings. In an attempt to reduce waste, failure to cancel your child's meal will result in charges being incurred by Dolce via your child's school grid account. This also applies to children who receive Free School Meals, either under the Pupil Premium Grant or the Universal Free School Meals, however, in those cases the cost will be incurred by the school.

Awards



Headteacher Award:

Year 1-

Year 2- Shuli, Elsie

Year 3- Iris, Dylan

Year 4- Heidi, Peace

Year 5- Michael, Flynn

Year 6- Maggie, Edie

Reading Award:

Year 4- Bleu, Miranda

Year 6- Luke

Writing Award:

Year 6- William

Maths Award:

Year 4- Gabriel, Maverick

Year 6- Sherlock, Ben

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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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