

EAST HUNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

6th September 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families

Welcome back to school! It's academic year 2024-2025 and we have so many brilliant and exciting things planned for our children and their families. We have listened to parent feedback and made some changes and improvements which we hope you will approve of.

The year has already started with a bang! Every day we have had an assembly which has focussed on things like our school values (Be Kind. Work Hard. Believe), our school rules (Be Ready. Be Respectful. Be Safe) and also the launch of our Proud Points and Community Class Cup (see page 5 for more information). In classes, we are focussing on building relationships, setting expectations and settling in so that the year runs smoothly.

Our House Points have been reset to 0, as we start another year, so we are all wondering which House will be the champions this year – will it be Whittlewood again?

Art and settling in

The children are also enjoying a special art project to start the year – why not ask them about the artist they are, or will be, learning about. Today, you should have received your child's curriculum map for the term. This details what your child will be learning. If you ever have any questions about the content of their curriculum or what they are learning, please ask as we are more than happy to share it with you.

Photos

On 10th September we have our individual school photos for all children who are in school that day including all SU classes and The Nest. (Mainstream Reception children will have their photos later in the year on 22nd October). We will also do sibling photos on this day for those who have a sibling in school. Again, if there is a sibling in Mainstream Reception their photos will be done on 22nd October.

On school photo day, ALL children should come to school in school uniform and if they are due to have PE, bring their PE kit in a bag to change into.

Welcomes!

Next week, we welcome our new children in reception which we are really looking forward to as we know just how important this step is in their educational journey.

We are also welcoming 12 new pupils to our brilliant Specialist Unit.

We also welcome:

- Mr Andrew Guilder, Miss Anna Parker and Mrs Cath Wardell to our teaching team.
- Gemma Green and Andrea De Bono to our mainstream support staff.
- Jill Seal to our Specialist Unit support staff.
- Victoria Jones and Laura Morgan to our mainstream Lunchtime Supervisor Team.

Reading

Finally, reading remains a huge priority for us. PLEASE read and share books with your child(ren) whenever you can. We also encourage children to bring in their own copy of the class novel – please ask your child or their teacher which book they are reading in class.

Thank you

Thank you in advance for your support and please know that my door, and email, is always open if you ever need to raise a concern, question or simply want to offer some feedback (it is nice to hear about the good things sometimes).

That's it from me for now, more information about the school year can be found further on in this newsletter, including our annual school dates.

Here's to a brilliant 2024-2025!

Ms Pennington

NEW PLAYGROUND MARKINGS

School Environment Improvements

Whilst the children have been on holiday, the school has remained open every day to again, complete another round of improvements. Have you spotted any of the changes?

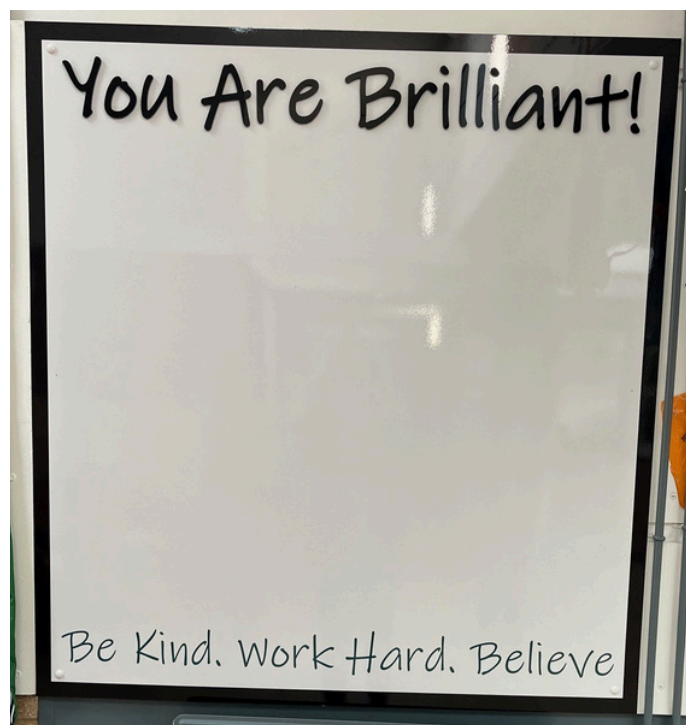


LIBRARY

A HUGE thank you to Mrs De Chastelain who gave up many days of her holidays (ably supported by Mrs Pretty) to sort all the books and organise them onto our new shelves and storage so that they would be ready for your children to read and access! How much better does this look now?



New Boards in our entrance hall to share our leaders and our brilliant moments



New flooring and decoration in the Year 5 and 6 corridor (including a uniquely designed skyscape of Northampton)



A new playground is being constructed for our Specialist Unit children - Watch this space!

New forest school hut



Other things you won't see that also went on – new water system in Years 3 & 4, new glazing, new LED lighting and new digital telephones throughout the school.

During the holidays, you may have seen an advert for a new Site Supervisor. John Kelly, has decided to return to his old job and I am incredibly grateful to Starnha who has come back to oversee this role until we find a replacement – thank you Starnha! Her returning has meant that all of these essential works could continue. I will let you know when we have a new Site Supervisor in post.

As we move into 2024-2025, I have even more planned for our children's environment as it is important that they learn and grow in a place of excellence, so watch this space!

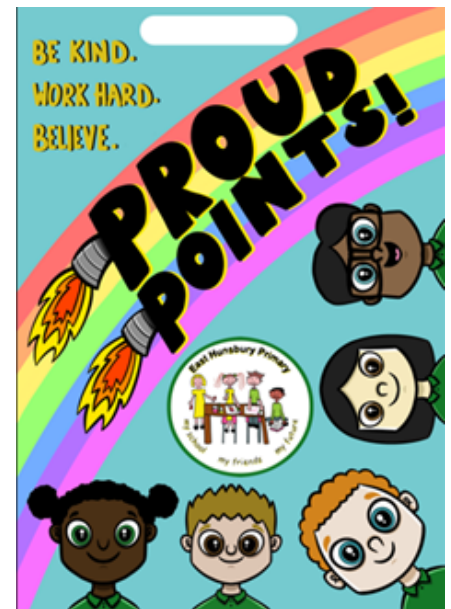
Celebrating Brilliance! Proud Points and Community Class Cup

We know that our children are brilliant and so many of them, day in and day out, try their very best so want them to know that we recognise, and are proud of them, for doing the right thing.

Therefore, we have introduced Proud Points. Proud Points will be awarded to children when they are caught simply, 'doing the right thing.' Listening when they should, walking around school properly, playing nicely at breaktimes and just 'doing the right thing.' As children collect the points, they can earn rewards e.g.

PROUD POINTS REWARDS

- 30** - certificate, golden ticket and class reward.
- 60** - bronze star, golden ticket and class reward.
- 90** - positive phone call, golden ticket and class reward.
- 120** - silver star, golden ticket and class reward.
- 150** - postcard home, golden ticket and class reward.
- 180** - gold star, golden ticket and Headteacher Surprise Reward.



Each child will be given a booklet (KS1 or KS2) or a bookmark (Reception) to collect their points on and, in the Summer term, two children will be selected from the Golden Ticket winners to be Headteacher for the day! I wonder who it will be?

What's the difference between a Proud Point and a House Point?

The Proud Points are for recognising the small, everyday things that many of our children do and our House points are for when children demonstrate our school values of: Be Kind. Work Hard. Believe. If you get 10 Proud Points, then you will receive a House Point. The children will be able to tell you all about it and we have included it into our updated Behaviour Policy which you can read [here](#).

A massive thank you to our very own Mr Neil Black who has designed all of our Proud Points resources! Thank you Neil – what a talent you have!

PROUD



Community Class Cup

We are also introducing our Community Class Cup. Biweekly, children and staff will get to nominate someone in their class for being brilliant. It can be for anything that they have spotted them doing and feel that they deserve to be recognised for. Nominations go into a 'hat' and, at the end of term, the teacher will select a child to receive the Community Class Cup which will be presented in a special celebration assembly. It is a very special class award that only 6 children will receive but many more will have their efforts noted through the nominations.

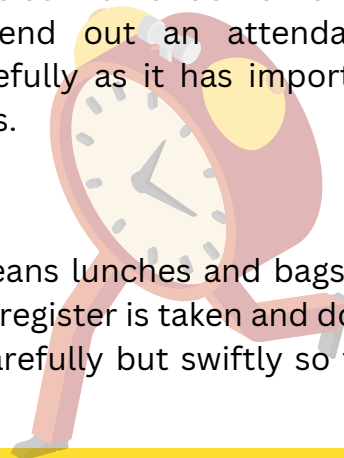
ATTENDANCE

Attendance is really important, and holidays during term time will not be authorised.

If your child is absent from school, please call the school office **before 9am** on **01604 677971** or email **absence@easthunsburyprimary.org**. Each term we will send out an attendance newsletter. Our first one comes out next week, please read it carefully as it has important information in it about Government changes to fines and prosecutions.

Lateness affects attendance and academics!

Children in mainstream must be in school, ready to learn (which means lunches and bags etc away in lockers and sat down in seats) by 08:45am as this is when the register is taken and doors closed. If your child walks to school, please remind them to walk carefully but swiftly so that they are not late.



Please see below some of the important weeks when statutory national testing will be taking place and children must be in school.

- Year 1 children – Phonics check - w/c 9th June 2025
- Year 4 children – Multiplication check - between 2nd June - 13th June 2025
- Year 6 children – Reading, Maths and SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) SATS Standardised Assessment Tests - 12th - 15th May 2025

PE DAYS

For several reasons, we are running a two week timetable in mainstream this year and you will see that one week your child will have PE on two separate days and on the other a double session on one day. Reception's timetable will remain the same every week. If your child is in the SU, their teacher will tell you via DoJo when they need to wear PE kit.

Your teacher will provide reminders of which days you'll need PE kit on as there may be extra days for things like dance or Forest School. If you are ever in doubt please dojo your class teacher.

Week commencing 9th September Years 1, 2 & 3 will start with Week A and Years 4, 5, 6 will start the term on Week B.

Reception Thursday	Year 1 Week A - Tuesday Week B - Tuesday & Friday	Year 2 Week A - Wednesday Week B - Wednesday & Thursday	Year 3 Week A - Monday Week B - Monday & Thursday
Year 4 Week A - Tuesday Week B - Tuesday & Friday	Year 5 Week A - Monday Week B - Monday & Thursday	Year 6 Week A - Wednesday Week B - Wednesday & Thursday	

UNIFORM

We take great pride in our uniform and more information about what we expect can be found here on the [website](#) and here in our [Uniform Policy](#). Please know that there is no expectation or requirement that children wear the logoed uniform. Tesco, Sainsburys and Asda all do some great clothing which is perfectly acceptable but we do ask that children tuck their school shirts in (not PE).

Main School uniform	PE Kit
Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore OR checked skirt/pinafore	Plain black jogging bottoms (logo or non-logo) or plain black leggings (non-logo)
Green or white polo shirt (logo or non-logo) Reception to Y5 only (yellow polo shirts can be worn until your child outgrows it)	Plain black shorts (non-logo) or black and white shorts with logo
Green E.H.P.S logo sweatshirt, cardigan or logo fleece jacket or plain bottle green sweatshirt/cardigan	Plain black skort (non-logo) or black and white skort with logo
In the summer term and up to October half term: Grey knee length shorts or green-check summer dresses.	Plain black t-shirt (non-logo) or black and white t-shirt with logo
White shirt/blouse and checked tie – Y6 only	Plain black trainers or white trainers (no bright laces, logos or soles).
Flat-heeled black shoes that are polishable (not trainers or fashion shoe e.g. vans, Nike, canvas etc.) Sensible, plain black ankle boots are also allowed. Socks - grey, white, black or navy with checked skirt/pinafore. Tights – grey/bottle green or navy with checked skirt/pinafore	Plain black socks
Jewellery: a pair of small gold or silver studs / sensible, non- electronic watch.	Plain black sweatshirt (non logo) or black and white top with school logo or green E.H.P.S logo sweatshirt/cardigan or plain bottle green sweatshirt/cardigan
Plain hair bands, clips and bobbles are allowed in school colours (bottle green, yellow or black). Children are not permitted to wear brightly coloured or fashion hair accessories.	Jewellery: all jewellery must be removed prior to the school day.
Coats: The school encourages children to spend as much time outdoors as possible, even in inclement weather conditions. Therefore, coats that are suitable to the weather conditions are required. There are no restrictions as to type of coat worn, however it is strongly advised that they are waterproof in nature.	



HOMWORK



We have changed homework a little considering parent feedback. Homework will be issued on a Monday to be returned on a Monday – allowing a full week for it to be completed and it will be communicated via Class Dojo on a Monday. Of course, homework isn't appropriate for all children for many reasons. Consequently, we will adapt homework accordingly and if you have any questions, please just see your child's class teacher.

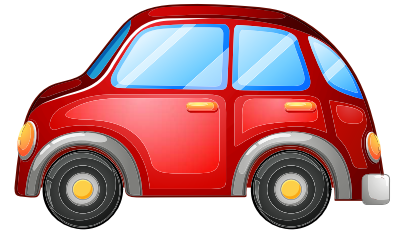
As always, homework is encouraged but optional. There is no consequence for not doing it as we do not want it to be a battle for home or school. However, we are here to help and support where we can as we know that a little bit extra learning can go a long way.

KIRFS means – Key Instant Recall Facts – really important maths facts children must know and learn.

Our Homework Policy can be found [here](#).

Example Homework Tasks – <i>please note that these might change slightly depending on what the children have learnt.</i>	
EYFS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>READING: At least 10 minutes reading every day</i> • Autumn 2 onwards KIRFs* half termly • Tricky Word wallet fortnightly • <i>Simple games and spellings when necessary</i>
Key Stage 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>READING: At least 15 minutes reading every day</i> • 1 x other piece of homework e.g. a 10-minute online maths activity e.g. Numbots, some words to learn, wider curriculum fact-finding or a short writing task. • KIRFs* half termly
Years 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>READING: At least 20 minutes reading every day</i> • 1 x page from the Collins workbook relating to a maths or English topic (this will be set alternately e.g. one week a page from the English book and then the next week a page from the maths book) • 1 x online activity e.g. grammar and punctuation Spag.com OR Maths activity on Maths.co.uk. – <i>this will be the opposite to the book work e.g. if the maths book has been sent home to do then an online reading or writing activity will be set.</i> • Times table practice on Times Tables Rockstars and/ or times table workbook pages • KIRFs* half termly
Years 5 & 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>At least 20 minutes reading every day</i> • 1 x page from the Collins workbook relating to a maths or English topic (this will be set alternately e.g. one week a page from the English book and then the next week a page from the maths book) • Online activities (approx. 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ e.g. Grammar and punctuation exercises from Spag.com ○ Maths activities on Maths.co.uk ○ SATs revision on Yearsix.co.uk • KIRFs* half termly

CAR PARK



Earlier this week, I sent out a letter about our carpark and parking – **please read it.**

A little reminder to follow the rules below and always park safely and responsibly, including on surrounding roads. Remember – this is for everyone's safety, especially the children's.

Car Park and Parking Rules

- You are only allowed to park in the carpark with an agreed parking pass or blue badge, registered to yourself (which **MUST** be displayed in the car window), between 8:20am-08:45am and 3:15pm-3:45pm.
- Do not park:
 - on the roundabout or up on the path/curb.
 - leave young children unattended in the car.
 - leave your car for long periods blocking a staff member in
- If you are dropping a child at a morning club, you must drop and go before 8:15am.
- Hostile behaviour towards anyone in our community, including staff, will not be tolerated, and will be reported. Be kind and respectful.
- Always park responsibly, considerately, and safely.
- WALK or park and walk whenever you can (even if you have a pass!) If your child would normally be ok and safe holding hands in a supermarket car park, please do not use our school car park.
- We have the right to ban you from our carpark, even with a parking pass, if you do not park and drive safely.

New PSHE+C Curriculum Being Launched

BE YOU. BE PROUD



I am thrilled to inform you that we have launched our very own, tailored: Be You. Be Proud curriculum as part of our Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship education. It has been written by Mrs Kelly Roberts and weaves in all the statutory teaching but also ensure that it meets the needs of our school community. It includes our values, mental fitness tools, emotional literacy and so much more – even how we work with our PCSO and other valuable external agencies.

If you would like more information about this, please do not hesitate to email Mrs Roberts who will be more than happy to provide you with further information.

OPEN DOOR

COME AND SPEAK TO US

As the year progresses, if you ever have any questions or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or phase leader (and me if you feel it necessary). We operate an open-door policy and are easily accessible via Class Dojo (although I would request you only send messages between 7.30am and 6pm as to protect my staff's time with their families).

Some helpful contacts:

- Rachael Stryjek – EYFS / reception Leader - stryjekr@easthunsburyprimary.org
- Mrs Kelly Roberts – Years 1 and 2 Leader and Nest - robertsk@easthunsburyprimary.org
- Mrs Sarah Heavens – Years 3 and 4 Leader - sarah.heavens@easthunsburyprimary.org
- Mrs Julia Fenton – Years 5 and 6 Leader - fentonj@easthunsburyprimary.org
- Mrs Lucy Boswell – Head of the Specialist Unit - boswelll@easthunsburyprimary.org
- Mrs Lindsey York – SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) - yorkl@easthunsburyprimary.org
- Krista Neville – Family Support Worker - nevillek@easthunsburyprimary.org
- Ms Kathryn Pennington – Headteacher - penningtonk@easthunsburyprimary.org

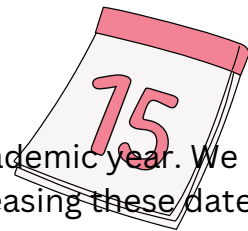
HELPFUL POLICIES

Please refer to these policies which are all on our website (with others you might find useful):



- [Behaviour](#)
- [Parent Code of Conduct](#)
- [Anti Bullying](#)
- [Homework](#)
- [Uniform](#)

ANNUAL DATES



Below you will find all of the dates we know so far for the whole of the academic year. We hope that these will support you in your family forward planning. As we are releasing these dates so far in advance, they may change but if they do we will colour any additions or amendments in red so that you can see them and communicate changes in advance. We do hope that you find this useful.

Just to bring to your attention (and dare I say it) our Christmas Fete is only 13 weeks away on Saturday 7th December. Please pop the date into your diaries as the excitement for our Christmas hampers builds... 😊

Date	Activity	Time
SEPTEMBER		
10.09.24	Individual & Sibling photographs (not Reception)	All Day
10.09 & 11.09.24	DHL Road Safety Workshops KS2	Afternoon
19.09.24	Flu Immunisations (whole school)	TBC
25.09.24	Walk In Wednesday Reading	8.30 - 9.00am
26.09.24	Year 3 Harvest Assembly	9.30 - 10.30am
OCTOBER		
03.10.24	Character Favourites Census Day	
10.10.24	Hello Yellow (wear Yellow for Young Minds - no charge)	All day
08.10.24	KS1 Reading Information Meeting	4.30pm - 5.30pm
11.10.24	Mufti Day for RED October	All day
19.10.24	Spooktacular	12.00pm - 2.30pm
22.10.24	Reception Individual & Sibling photographs	Morning
23 - 25.10.24	Yr 6 Residential	3 days
25.10.24	Year 4 & Orange Class Assembly	9.30 - 10.30am

NOVEMBER

06.11.24	Rags to Riches Collection	8.30am
06.11.24	Reception Phonics Information Meeting	9.00am - 11.00am
10.11.24	Remembrance Event - Grangewood Park	10.45 - 11.15
12 & 13.11.24	Parents' Evening (Mainstream)	3.50pm - 6.30pm
12.11.24	SU Parents' Evening	3.50pm - 6.50pm
12.11 - 15.11.24	Bookfair	After school
13.11.24	Positive Noticing Day	all day
14.11.24	Yr 2 to St Benedict's Church	Afternoon
27.11.24	Walk In Wednesday Christmas	8.30am - 9.00am
27.11.24	Simon Aston E-Safety Talk for Families	6.00pm - 7.00pm
30.11.24	Choir Singing at Hunsbury Festive Fair at Hunsbury Library	12.30 - 3.30pm

DECEMBER

07.12.24	Christmas Fete	10am - 1pm
13.12.24	Year 2 & Green Class Assembly	9.30 - 10.30am
18.12.24	Year 6 & Red Christmas Carols & Crafts	TBC
17.12.24	Year 1 Carols by Twinklelight	6.00pm - 7.00pm
17.12.24	Christmas Party Day (Christmas Jumpers and Lunch)	All Day

JANUARY

16.01.25	Yr 4 Multiplication Check information meeting	4.30pm - 5.30pm
16.01.25	Australia Day Census Day	
28.01.25	Yr 6 SATs Information meeting	4.30pm - 5.30pm
29.01.25	Walk In Wednesday Reading	8.30am - 9.00am

FEBRUARY

03.02 - 07.02.25	Childrens' Mental Health Week	
11 & 12.02.25	Year 6 Parents' Evening	3.50pm - 6.30pm
13.02.25	Year 1 Phonics Test Information Meeting	4.30pm - 5.30pm
14.02.25	Year 3 & Purple Class Assembly	9.30 - 10.30am

MARCH

5 & 6.03.25	Mainstream Parents' Evening (not Yr 6)	3.50pm - 6.30pm
05.03.25	SU Parents' Evening	3.50pm - 6.50pm
05.03 - 07.03.25	Bookfair	After school
12.03.25	Walk In Wednesday Easter Crafts	8.30am - 9.00am
17.03 - 21.03.25	Neurodiversity Week	

MARCH

21.03.25	Odd Socks Day for World Down Syndrome Day	
28.03.25	Year 1 Class Assembly	9.30am-10.30am

APRIL

02.04.25	Autism Awareness Day - Wear Blue (No Charge)	All Day
02.04.25	SU Show	10.00am-11.00am
22.04 & 23.04.25	Earth Days	All Day

MAY

07.05.25	Walk In Wednesday Reading	8.30am - 9.00am
12 - 15.05.25	Yr 6 SATS	Mornings
15.05.25	Endangered Species Census Day	
22.05.25	Year 4 Spring Assembly	9.15am - 10.00am
22.05.25	Reception Sports Day	10.15am - 11.45am
22.05.25	Year 6 Sports Day	1.30pm - 3.00pm
23.05.25	Year 5 and Yellow Class Assembly	9.30am - 10.30am

JUNE

02.06 - 13.06.25	Yr 4 Multiplication Check	
w/c 09.06.25	Yr 1 Phonics Check	
11.06.25	SU Sports Morning	9.30 - 11.30am
18.06.25	Walk In Wednesday Science	8.30am - 9.00am
26.06.25	Sports Day Year 1	9.30 - 11am
26.06.25	Sports Day Year 2	1.30 - 3pm
27.06.25	Sports Day Year 3	9.30 - 11.00am
27.06.25	Sports Day Year 4	1.30 - 3.00pm
28.06.25	Whole School Summer Fayre (Country dancing & Maypole by Years 2, 5, Purple & Yellow)	10.00 - 1.00pm
30.06 - 03.07.25	Yr 5 Bikeability	
30.06 - 04.07.25	Careers & Aspirations Week	

JULY

04.07.25	Reception & Blue Class Assembly	9.30 - 10.30am
04.07.25	Brilliance Exhibition	TBC
08.07.25	Music Gala	5.30pm - 7.00pm

JULY

09 - 11.07.25	Yr 3 Residential Everdon	
10.07.25	Sports Day Year 5	9.30 - 11.00am
15.07.25	Yr 6 Leavers' Performance	6.00pm - 7.30pm
16.07.25	Yr 6 Leavers' Performance for toddlers to attend	5.00pm - 6.30pm
17.07.25	SU Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly	9.30am-10.30am
21.07.25	Year 6 Leavers' Party	7.00pm - 9.00pm
22.07.25	Mainstream Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly	10.00 - 11.00am