

EAST HUNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

29th November 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families

Another week has passed and the nights are certainly drawing in but our learning and fun continues. As the weather is certainly chiller now, please ensure your children come to school in warm clothing which is all named (our lost property is growing!).

This week our school Christmas tree arrived! A huge thank you to Ian at Acorn (MK) Nurseries for organising the tree and delivery of it. It will be decorated in time for our Christmas Fair.

Assembly

This week's assembly was a class assembly in which the children discussed our school value of 'Work Hard' – they explored the words resilience and dedication. They also reflected on What Works Well (WWW) in our school and Even Better If (EBI) – Even better If we did these things... Pupil voice is really important to the senior leadership team as hearing what the children believe is going well and the improvements that we could make helps us decide on our next steps.

House Event

On Tuesday, it was our House Event where the children got together to make Christmas decorations for our trees which will be displayed in St Benedict's Church this weekend 30th Nov/1st Dec between 11am and 3pm. The Specialist Unit House Captains decorated the trees on Thursday. This year our decorations were... BOOKMARKS! We love reading so much we thought that this was really fitting.

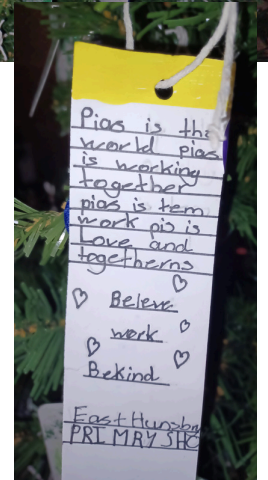
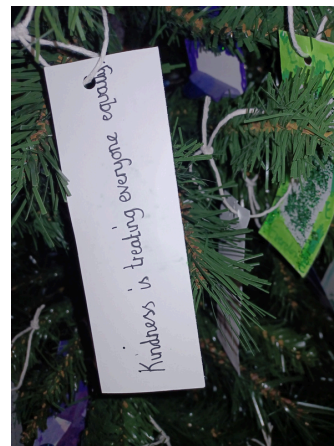
Children finished one of these sentences:

Peace is...

Kindness is...

Respect is...

which fits in with the spirit of Christmas time but also our school values and rules. Maybe this is something you would like to do at home.



Walk in Wednesday

This Wednesday was our second Walk in Wednesday and once again it was wonderful to see the corridors full of families. This time we focussed on Christmas crafting. Please know that we always make sure all children are included, whether a family member is there or not.

Monitoring visit

Also, on Wednesday we welcomed Mark Rapps from our Central Trust team who came in to school to help monitor and evaluate, 'How we do it here...' It is such a beneficial opportunity for us to welcome external eyes to always reflect on how we could do it better. He toured all of the classes and worked with the Senior Leadership Team and left very pleased with what he saw.

E-Safety Information Evening – keeping children safe online.

On Wednesday, we were due to hold our biannual E-Safety information session for parents and carers. Unfortunately, we had to cancel this session for reasons beyond our control.

As you are aware, our children are growing up in an ever-changing digital world and it is imperative that, as their guardians, we know how to keep them safe online. Sadly, we find that as children get older and have access to more devices which allow them online they experience issues – whether that is accessing inappropriate content, being on a device too late or too much or witnessing/experiencing unkindness. Whilst we wait to rearrange the session, if you would like to know more or require support in this area, please see Carol Lampard, our E-Safety and Computing lead.

Finally, thank you everyone who came in mufti today and brought something for our legendary Christmas hampers – the raffle will be drawn on December 7th at our Christmas Fair.

Have a super weekend,

Ms Pennington

P.S. If you are a parent/carer in Year 4, please make sure you attend our multiplication evening on Monday (see your child's class teacher for more information).

Ms Pennington





BOOK NOW



Christmas
LUNCH

If your child would like school Christmas lunch, please order on School Grid by 9am on Friday 6th December.



West Northamptonshire Council

Apply for a school place

Is your child's 4th birthday on or before 31 August 2025?

It's time to apply for a Reception place

Application Deadline: 15 January 2025

www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions

SCHOOL TRANSITION INFORMATION

Reception Places September 2025

For children who turn 4 from 1st September 2024 - 31st August 2025

Online Applications close • 15th January 2025 - Midnight

National Offer Day • 16th April 2025

[Click here to book](#) a tour at East Hunsbury Primary School.

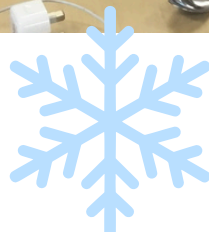
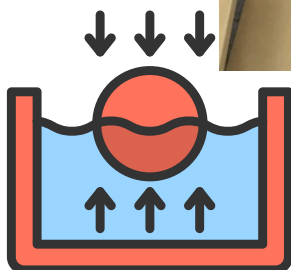
SU NEWS - YELLOW CLASS

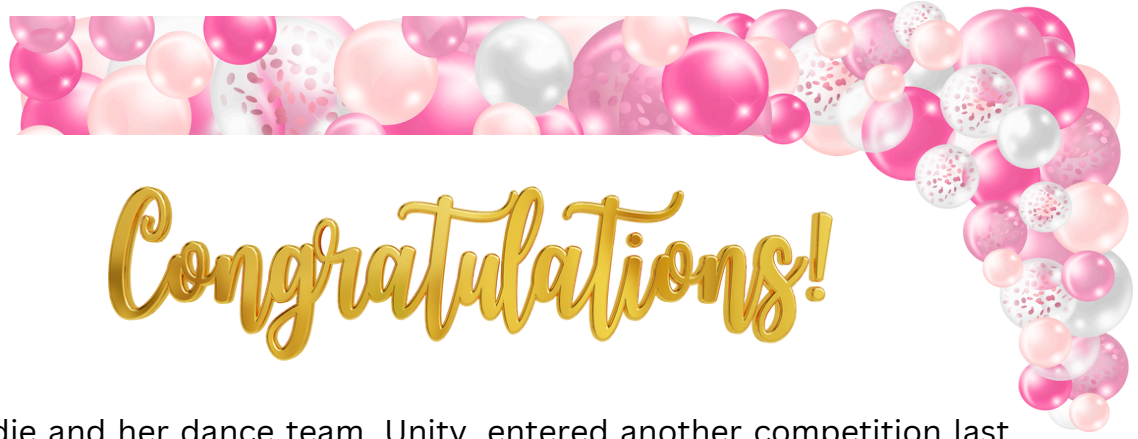
What a cold few weeks we've had, but how wonderful was the snow? Yellow class rushed outside, wrapped up, to explore what was left. Last term, in science, we learnt all about melting - so we understood why the snow disappeared so quickly. This term, in science, we are focusing on the properties of materials. So far, we have sorted objects in yellow class into wood, plastic, fabric and metal. We then tested some items to see if they would bend or stretch. Most recently, we predicted if objects would float or sink and then investigated. We discovered that a lot of objects around yellow class float! Not many sink.

Inclusion has continued to be fabulous, with many friendships blossoming. Some of our children have joined year 5 for DT - we are making bridges! We also look forward to our PE sessions and communication sessions.

We have enjoyed creating art whilst learning about Bonfire Night. We have created amazing firework pictures and used real sticks and blown paint to create wonderful fires.

Cat - Yellow Class Teacher





Congratulations!

Edie and her dance team, Unity, entered another competition last weekend and THEY WON! Even though she was beginning to feel poorly she managed to get all the way through her performance and they took first place, winning their first trophy! She has worked very hard and everyone is so proud of her!



Thank you to everyone who donated money to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We raised £289.38



Join our team





- Assistant Site Supervisor**
15 hrs per week
3pm - 6pm
Monday to Friday
Closing date 9am on 16th December
- Finance Assistant**
32 hrs per week
Hrs to be negotiated
Closing date 9am on 6th December
- Specialist Unit TA**
33.75 per week
8.30am - 3.45pm
Monday to Friday
Closing date 9am on 5th December
- Admin Assistant**
15 hrs per week
8am - 11am
Monday to Friday
Closing date 9am on 16th December
- 1:1 TA Mainstream**
15 hrs per week
9.30am - 12.30pm
Monday to Friday
Closing date 9am on 6th December
Temporary contract

If you would like a tour of the school, please call the office on 01604 677970

We are expanding our team. Would you like to join us?

Click the link to visit our website and [download an application pack.](#)

EHPS HOUSE POINTS TOTALISER

	 Whittlewood	 Harlestone	 Everdon	 Salcey
This week	144	147	133	141
Grand total	1779	1487	1711	1544



WE ARE



SEED FREE

SCHOOL

This includes chocolate spreads which contain nuts and sushi which has sesame seeds

Who works at East Hunsbury Primary School?

Meet the Team

Hello! My name is Mrs Rossiter and I am in my second year at EHPS working as a Teaching Assistant within a Reception class.

Before starting at EHPS – I had 22 years of experience within childcare, in a variety of educational settings, with my last position being that of Manager of a pre-school.



I enjoy my position of Teaching Assistant as it enables me to have an active role in shaping the foundation of children's learning and making a positive impact on their lives.

I am currently working towards becoming a Forest School Leader and enjoy supporting the Hunsbury Hedgehogs at EHPS.

During my spare time, I enjoy spending time with family especially if this involves an outdoor activity, such as exploring a woodland or a countryside walk. I also enjoy a trip to the theatre or watching a good comedy or feel-good film and love a game of scrabble against my husband!

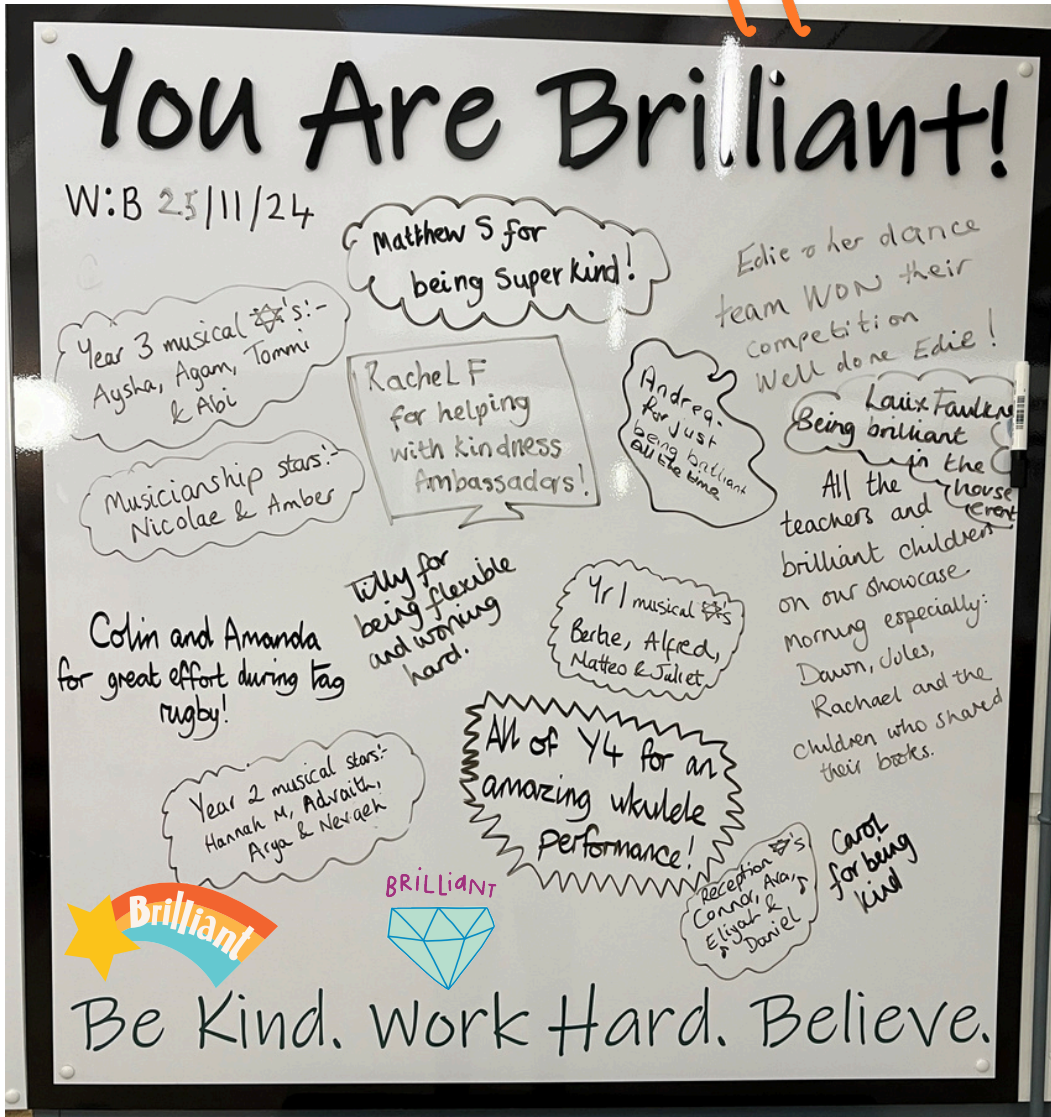
A fundraising poster for a 'Quiet Shaded Area' at East Hunsbury Primary School. The poster features a photograph of a covered outdoor seating area with wooden benches and tables. The text on the poster includes: 'Please help us to raise funds for our Quiet Shaded Area', 'SUPPORTED BY CHANGE MAKERS', and a QR code with the text 'Scan me'. The school's logo is in the top right corner.

Changemakers

Project Playground

**THE CHANGEMAKERS
NEED TO RAISE
£2,500 BY
CHRISTMAS. PLEASE
SCAN THE QR TO
MAKE A DONATION.**

Who's been brilliant this week



Christmas Present Pick

Could you help us make this Christmas special for families in need by donating to The Spring Charity's Present Pick? Your generosity will bring smiles to children and families who might otherwise go without during the festive season. They need new, unwrapped gifts for children of all ages.

Please bring them to the school office anytime before 9am on 9th December



[Click here for more information about The Spring Charity](#)



East Hunsbury Primary School

What's coming up this

Christmas?

NOVEMBER

27

Walk in Wednesday
Christmas theme
8.30 - 9am

NOVEMBER

29

Mufti for Christmas
Hampers

NOVEMBER

30

Hunsbury Library
Festive Fair
11 - 4pm. EHPS Choir
singing 2 - 2.30pm

DECEMBER

4

The Nest to
Riverside Hub

DECEMBER

7

Christmas Fair
School Hall
10am - 1pm

DECEMBER

10

Reception & Blue
to West Lodge
Rural Centre
All day

DECEMBER

12

Nest/SU
Silent Disco
All day

DECEMBER

16

Reception Nativity
10 - 11am
2 - 3pm

DECEMBER

17

Whole school Christmas Party
Day with disco. Christmas
jumpers and party clothes can
be worn. Donations will not be
requested.

DECEMBER

17

Yr 1 Carols by
Twinklelight
6 - 7pm

DECEMBER

17

Christmas Lunch

Book on School Grid by
9am on 6th December

DECEMBER

18

Yr 6 Carols & Crafts
with parents

2.30pm - 3.30pm

DECEMBER

20

Super Special Secret
Performance 9am

Whole School

Attendance News

Whole school average attendance this week was

94.98%

We are aiming to be at **96% +** every week.

	Weekly Attendance	Year Group	Weekly Attendance
Reception	94.68%	1	94.03%
2	95.13%	3	97.69%
4	91.37%	5	93.83%
6	98.16%		

Walk in Wednesday dates

29.01.25	Walk in Wednesday 3 - Reading	08:30-9:00	Classroom
12.03.25	Walk in Wednesday 4 - Easter Crafts	08:30-9:00	Classroom
07.05.25	Walk in Wednesday 5 - Reading	08:30-9:00	Classroom
18.06.25	Walk in Wednesday 6 - Science	08:30-9:00	Classroom

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E-Safety & Wellbeing



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SNAPCHAT

97 DAYS **AGE RESTRICTION 13+**

WhatsApp is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent 'disappears' 24 hours after it's been viewed, however, users are known to take screenshots of use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called 'My AI'.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**
My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.
- PREDATORS AND SCAMS**
Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages by, for example, telling a user they have naked photos of them and will post them unless they're paid. Snapchat's own research found that 65% of managers had experienced this – on this app or others. This likely isn't helped by 'Snapkicker' – a feature which highlights your exact position in real time. This is likely to help friends keep tabs of each other, but could be used for more sinister reasons.
- MY EYES ONLY**
Snapchat has a hidden photo vault called 'My Eyes Only'. Users can upload sensitive photos and videos from parents and carers in this folder, which is protected by a PIN. You can check for this by clicking on the icon which looks like two playing cards. This takes you to the 'Memories' folder which stores photos, stories and the My Eyes Only folder.
- SCREEN TIME ADDICTION**
Snapchat prioritises user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight', which show tailored content to each user. However, this could also be seen as an attempt to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore, constant notifications can lure people into using the app.
- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**
Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messenger' feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sending continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.
- ONLINE PRESSURES**
Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to enhance or omit the 'beauty' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy in younger users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which will get displayed even if a device is in its out-of-date mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- UTILISE PARENTAL CONTROLS**
Snapchat's Family Center lets you view the details of the child's account, their friends list and who they've spoken to in the last week – and report any concerns. You must invite a child to the Family Center for them to join. To keep the child's location hidden and report to them, there are options to turn on 'Show Mode' and 'Hide Live Location', and ensure they know not to share their location with anyone.
- BLOCK AND REPORT**
If a stranger does connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending explicit images to them, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are reasons to block why they're reporting that user – such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or inappropriate/sexual content.
- FAMILIARISE YOURSELF**
Before you allow a child to download Snapchat, download it yourself and familiarise yourself with the app. Snapchat has produced a 'parental' guide to the app to help you understand how it works and any protections they have in place. A link for this can be found in the resources below.
- ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS**
Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you maintain an open dialogue. For example, discuss My AI's responses to questions and how reliable they are. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're turned into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately, talk openly and non-judgmentally about sending, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular challenges on the platform can have harmful consequences.

What are the risks?

- 1 Screen time addiction
- 2 Inappropriate content
- 3 My eyes only folder
- 4 Predators & scams

[Click here for more information](#)

10 Top Tips

- 1 Trust your instincts
- 2 Set sturdy passwords
- 3 Beware of suspicious emails
- 4 Check it's the real deal

[Click here for more information](#)

Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

- ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE**
Before inputting sensitive information (like your details) into a website, first check that the site's secure. The key thing to look for is a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with https:// – the 's' indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without that, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.
- TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS**
If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offers unbelievable discounts don't look professional or you're served with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly unattractive. If an offer serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy, then see how by checking out the seller's reviews, reputable retailers instead.
- REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS**
Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your most bank statement for any unusual transactions. Criminals move that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online. They're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or price you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.
- BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS**
Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the sheer volume of agencies as cover for stealing personal information. Even if you're not buying anything, you should always be wary of any unsolicited emails requesting you to do something unusual or that are promising personal details in exchange for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.
- CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL**
It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – and then offer 'discounts' to lure you in. In reality, these simply restored the cost to normal levels. Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these 'reductions' truly equate to a saving.
- MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS**
Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to online firms as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-game and in-app microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.
- TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA**
Social media influencers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These influencers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting malicious links that aren't quite as convincing as their usual details. Other scammers, meanwhile, use social media to lure users out of their hand-earned cash.
- SET STURDY PASSWORDS**
A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect your online cyber-identity. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password across all of them – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.
- DITCH THE DEBIT CARD**
Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a far chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should you choose to use a debit card instead, however, you could end up paying for your purchases in full – and it can be difficult to recover your money.
- RESIST THE INFLUENCE**
Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of them will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and for publicists that aren't quite as convincing as their usual details. Other scammers, meanwhile, use social media to lure users out of their hand-earned cash.

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION](#)

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Activity	Time
NOVEMBER		
30.11.24	Choir Singing at Hunsbury Festive Fair at Hunsbury Library	2.00 - 2.30pm
DECEMBER		
02.12.24	Yr 4 Multiplication Check information meeting	4.30pm - 5.30pm
04.12.24	The Nest to Riverside Hub	
06.12.24	Deadline to book Christmas Lunch on School Grid	9am
07.12.24	Christmas Fete	10am - 1pm
10.12.24	Reception and Blue to West Lodge Farm	All day
13.12.24	Year 2 & Green Class Assembly	9.30 - 10.30am
16.12.24	Reception Nativity	10.00 - 11.00am 2.00 - 3.00pm
17.12.24	Year 1 Carols by Twinklelight	6.00pm - 7.00pm
17.12.24	Christmas Party Day (Christmas Jumpers and Lunch)	All Day
18.12.24	Year 6 & Red Christmas Carols & Crafts	2.30 - 3.30pm
JANUARY		
16.01.25	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
29.01.25	Yr 3 trip to Oxford Museum of Natural History	All day

FEBRUARY

03.02 - 07.02.25	Childrens' Mental Health Week	
07.02.25	FEHPS Family Bingo Night	5.30pm - 7.30pm
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	
21.03.25	Chocolate Mufti	All day
21.03.25	Odd Socks Day for World Down Syndrome Day	
28.03.25	Year 1 Class Assembly	9.30am-10.30am
29.03.25	Easter Cafe	11.00am-1.00pm

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
16.06.25	Class photographs	All day
18.06.25	Walk In Wednesday Science	8.30am - 9.00am
25.06.25	Yr 4 to National Gallery	All day
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
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

EHPS Christmas Fayre
Sat 7th December
10am - 1pm

**External stalls - Name the teddy -
Raffle - Chocolate Tombola - Games -
Refreshments - and much much more**

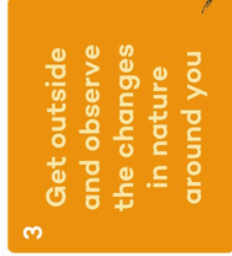
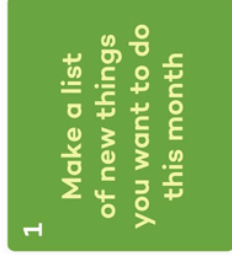
Special performance by EHPS choir
Come and join the festive fun!
FREE ENTRY

EHPS Penvale Road, Northampton NN4 0QW - 01604 677970

New Ways November 2024



MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY



4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community

5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel

6 Try out a new way of being physically active

7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire

8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week

9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"

10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea

11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way

12 Find out something new about someone you care about

13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax

14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about

15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."

16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective

17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself

18 Connect with someone from a different generation

19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site

20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before

21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them

22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them

23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love

24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently

25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way

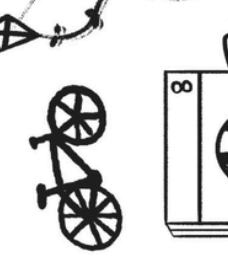
26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show

27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it

28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card

29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen

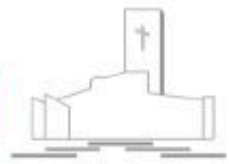
30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

S  Benedict's Church
NORTHAMPTON



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

SAT 30TH NOV 11AM-3PM

★ INCLUDES ★



ENTRIES FROM
FAMILY, SCHOOL
OR BUSINESS

**BEST DRESSED
CHRISTMAS TREE
COMPETITION**

REAL, ARTIFICIAL
OR HOMEMADE

