

# EAST HUNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## **Newsletter**

7th February 2025

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families

What a brilliant and healthy week we have had!

A quick reminder that learning starts at 08:45am – this means that your child needs to be in school and ready – not arriving!

#### **Assemblies**

The week started with an exciting assembly led by our Northampton Mayor - Paul! He talked to the children about his role and also about how he became Mayor. This linked wonderfully to our teaching of British Values – especially democracy. The children learnt that his main duty is to serve the people of Northampton and he is also a Postman, which he has done for many years.

Our Parliamentarians were even treated to a special Mayor Bear Pin Badge.



#### **Children's Mental Health Week**

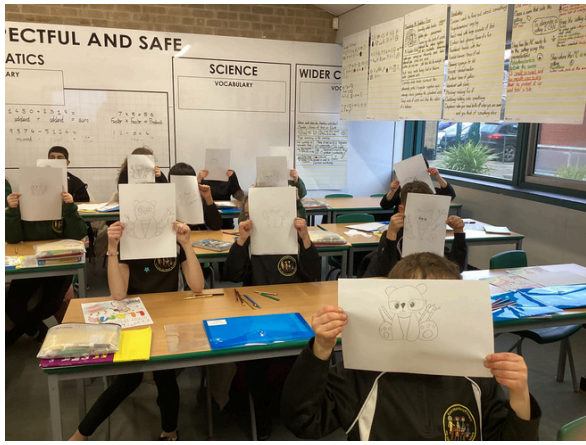
This week is Children's Mental Health Week, so on Tuesday, Mrs Roberts, our PSHE+C (Personal Social Health Education & Citizenship) leader, led an assembly about how we can keep mentally fit. She also included information about Healthy Eating and how important this is to our mental wellbeing.

In our classroom community time, we joined schools across the country taking part in Place2B's Know Yourself, Grow Yourself lessons, inspired by Disney's Inside Out 2. If you would like to get involved at home, or are looking for ways to support your child with their Mental Health you can find some great resources on their [website](#).

During the week, the children learnt about their mental fitness toolkit and the week ended with a teacher swap! Each teacher swapped classes at the end of the day to teach children about a way in which they look after their mental health. It was a wonderful chance for children to learn about how we, as adults, take our mental health seriously and think about ways that they can also take care of their mental health.

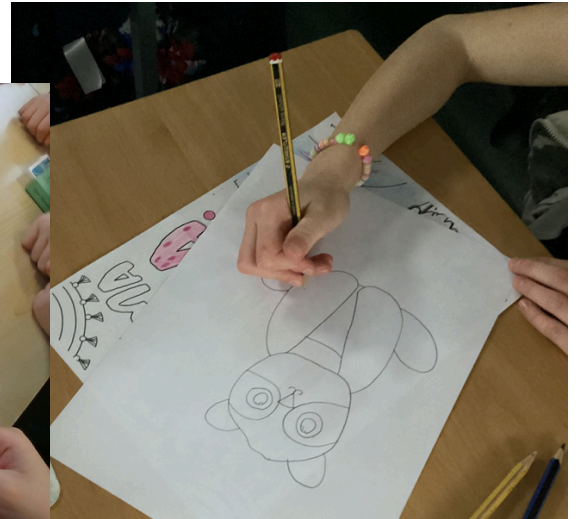
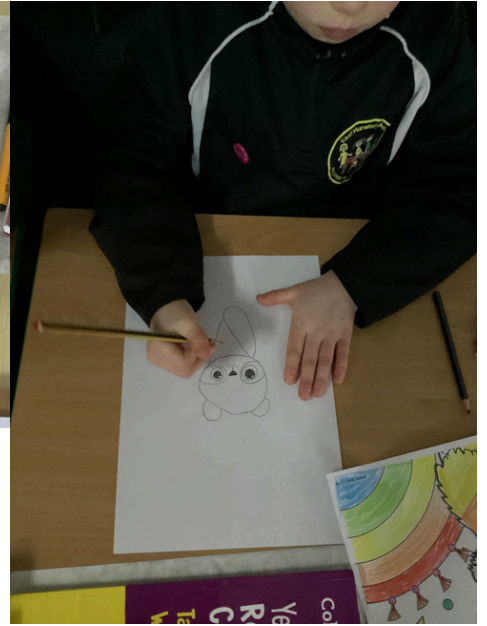
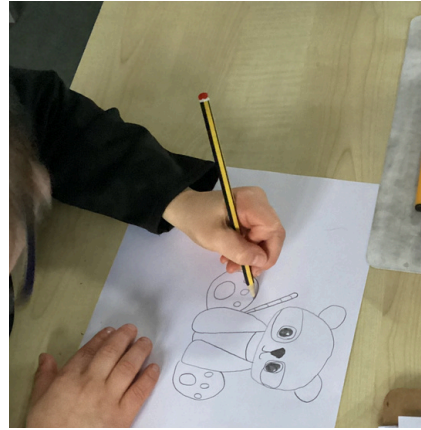
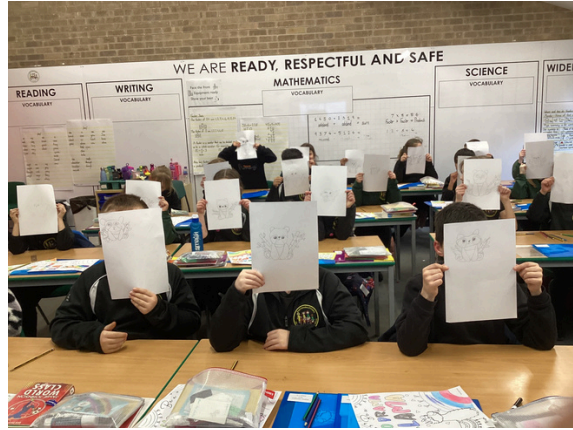






When Miss McIntyre went to year 4...

The children in year 4 had lots of fun completing a 'draw along with me.'



Year 5 & 6 Teacher Swap





## Smile Mile

This week also saw the start of our Smile Mile event! A brilliant event that is merging our Change Makers, Houses and Mental Health week into 1!

Every child in the school is taking part in our Smile Mile to help raise vital funds for our Change Maker initiative but also learn about the positive effects of exercise on our mental health.



Thank you to everyone who helped to sponsor a child to take part and I look forward to sharing with you, the winning house next week!

## Chatter Matters

Today we held our Chatter Matters group. The group is for any parent/carer whose child is neurodivergent, has a diagnosis or is on a pathway towards diagnosis. Our meetings are informal and offer a chance to chat to others. Sometimes we have speakers who may offer advice and support. Please contact [Esther Atkinson](#) by email or call school and leave her a message, if you would like to attend our Chatter Matters group. Our next dates are 21st March, 9th May, 4th July from 2pm – 3.20pm.

**FEHPS bingo – 7th February, in the school hall from 5:30pm - 7:30pm - TODAY!**

It's the FEHPS family Bingo night tonight! There will be lots of prizes and laughter to be had! Every penny we raise goes straight back into improving the education and resources that your child receives so please, come along and get ready to dot and dab the night away!

*Ms Pennington*

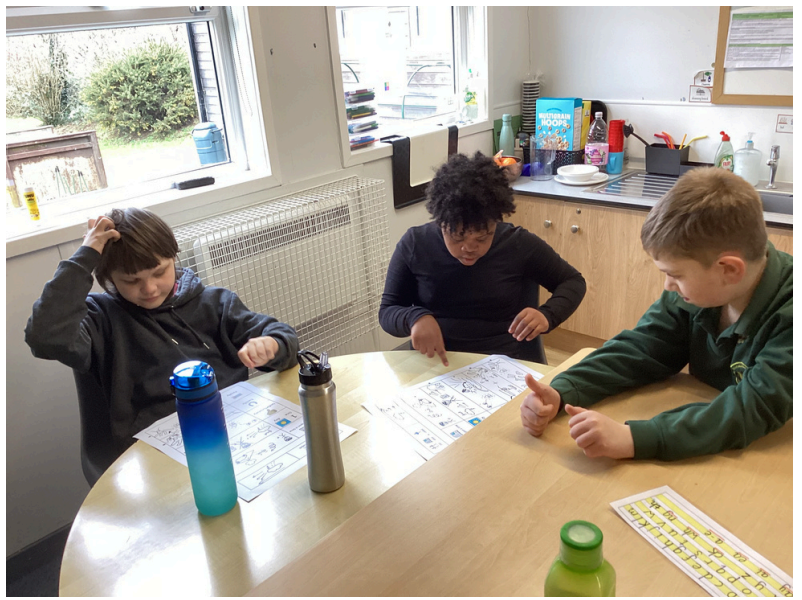


## SU NEWS - RED CLASS

Red Class have been working hard this term, building skills of independence, social communication and interaction and our curriculum skills. Our highlight of course has to be Swimming! All the children have enjoyed our weekly trip to The Mounts Baths for swimming and we are so proud that everyone has accessed the pool, some for the first time, and all are now able to float and kick in the water. Some of the more experienced swimmers are now swimming laps, building up their stamina and retrieving toys from under the water!

We have also been working with Year 6 in Art. Mr Clarke has been teaching us all about working with clay, sculpting facial features, and carving patterns and textures and next week we hope to complete this by applying our new skills to create a mask inspired by African art and cultures. The children have worked together, communicating and using tools safely to create some beautiful work and I cannot wait to see the final pieces. Stay tuned!





**RED CLASS**





## Reading Ambassadors Unite!

This week we had a wonderful visit from our colleagues at Langlands Community School in Milton Keynes, who brought along all of their Reading Ambassadors to meet ours.

The children shared book recommendations, learnt how to inspire others to read, and also got tips on their library setup.

It was a brilliant networking experience with a fellow NPAT school. We were so lucky to have had such a fantastic visit and can't wait to do a return visit soon.





# EHPS HOUSE POINTS TOTALISER

	Whittlewood	Harlestone	Everdon	Salcey
This week	231	225	247	233
Grand total	3067	2711	3012	2812

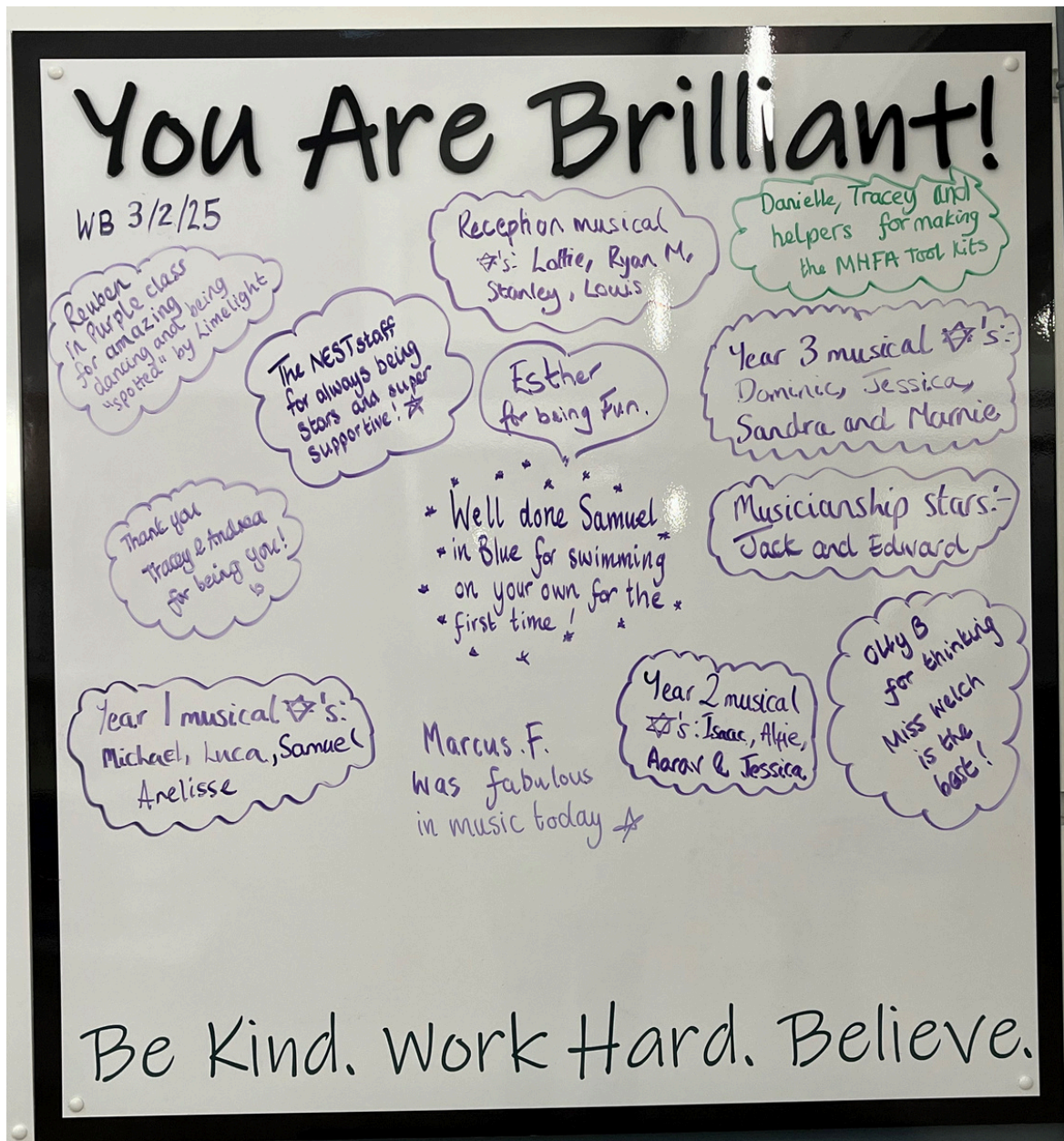


As part of Children's Mental Health Week, a child decided to bring in sweets and affirmation cards for all of Reception! Daniel, thank you for spreading kindness to everyone. The children had a huge smiles on their faces and were extremely grateful!





# Who's been brilliant this week



Please do not let your children/toddlers play on the Forest School equipment or the all weather pitch before or after school.





# EHPS - SMILE MILE EVENT



11 LAPS OF THE PLAYGROUND TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE PLAYGROUND.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CLASS DOJO FOR INFORMATION ABOUT WHEN YOUR CHILD'S EVENT WILL BE.

£2 OR MORE 'SPONSORSHIP' IF YOUR CHILD WISHES TO EARN 2 HOUSE POINTS.

EVERY CHILD WHO COMPLETES THE SMILE MILE WILL EARN ANOTHER HOUSE POINT.

THE WINNING HOUSE OVERALL WILL BE AWARDED 100 POINTS!!!!

LET US SMILE AS WE WALK A MILE!!!!





# Warm Winter Coat



Is your child is in receipt of benefits-related Free School Meals? If so, you may be eligible for a £30 voucher from West Northants Council towards the purchase of a new coat. Applications will remain open until 28th February 2025 or until all available funding has been exhausted.

[Click here for more information and to apply](#)

## LIMELIGHT THEATRE COMPANY

### FEBRUARY HALF TERM WORKSHOPS

Our incredible half-term workshops are back and we are so excited to share them with you.

They will run from Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February.

Each day has a different theme and all activities on that day will be based around the theme.

Times are 8.30am - 4.30pm each day

Cost per day is £25 per child.

To book your child please send us a message on 07796672138 or [limelighttheatre@aol.com](mailto:limelighttheatre@aol.com)  
A £15 deposit per child per day is needed to secure their spot.

All workshops held at Limelight Theatre School NN5 7QA

#### Themes

Monday - Moana 1 & 2

Tuesday - Wicked

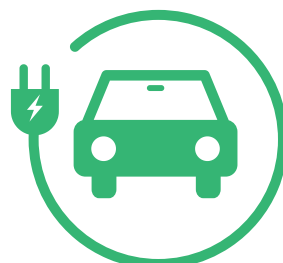
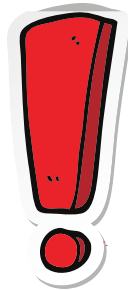
Wednesday - Pop star/Dance star

Thursday - Lion king/ Mufasa

Friday - Definitely Disney



## BEWARE



Please ensure that you and your children always use the pedestrian walkways to access the school building. **Do not walk across the car park.** It might be quicker but it isn't safer.

Looking before your cross the road is becoming ever more important as more and more electric cars use our car park. **Their engines are almost silent and we are seeing more children walking out in front of them because they aren't looking first.**



# Attendance News

Whole school average attendance this week was

**95.51%**

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

	Weekly Attendance	Year Group	Weekly Attendance
Reception	95.56%	1	96.47%
2	93.75%	3	96.26%
4	95.91%	5	97.67%
6	93.22%		



## How to report your child's absence

Call: 01604 677971 Email: [absence@easthunsburyprimary.org](mailto:absence@easthunsburyprimary.org)

## Walk in Wednesday dates

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

**BE KIND**

**WORK HARD**

**BELIEVE**

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# E-Safety & Wellbeing



## Contents

### Online Safety Newsletter Feb 2025

#### Messaging others

There are many ways in which our children can communicate online, for example via messaging apps, social media apps and online games such as FIFA and Fortnite. We need to understand how and who our children are communicating with to keep them safe online.

Ensure your child knows to talk to a trusted adult should they need to. However, remind them that it is not appropriate to contact teachers online, they should only use official school communication methods.

#### What are the risks?

- Bullying and inappropriate chat.
- Contact from strangers.
- Sharing personal information including images.
- Sextortion - this is a form of extortion where somebody threatens to share a nude/sexual image of you.

#### Squid Game – rated 15+

Season 2 of Netflix's Squid Game is now available and has been **rated 15** by the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC). You can find out why Squid Game has been rated 15 by visiting the BBFC: <https://www.bbfc.co.uk/release/squid-game-g29sbgvldgvbjpwvc01mzm3ndg>.

Due to its popularity, Squid Game related content can be found on numerous other platforms such as YouTube, TikTok and Roblox, so your child may come across this show without even viewing it on Netflix. Content may range from trailers of the show or content that other people create such as memes and games.

#### What can I do?

- **Parental Controls** - Set up appropriate parental controls on your broadband, devices and on individual apps to reduce access to content that is not appropriate for their age.
- **Talk** - Chat to your child about age ratings and why this means certain programmes are not suitable for them to watch.
- **Individual Profiles** - Set up child profiles on any streaming services to ensure your child is only viewing content appropriate to them.
- **Reporting** - Make sure your child knows how to report and block on all platforms that they use.
- **Explore** - Watch and explore things online together so you can see what your child is doing and how to support them.



### Squid Game



### Snapchat



### Messaging others



### Managing your child's device

[Click here for more information](#)

## What are the risks?



### False friendships



### Fake celebrity endorsements



### Fake freebies



### Clickbait phishing scams

[Click here for more information](#)

**What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS**

"Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It is often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

- CLICKBAIT PHISHING SCAMS**  
A message often saying "Have you seen this video of yourself?" or "you might be sent an attention-grabbing invitation about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of "bait" is produced by scammers to draw us to click on an identity, where malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scams rely on our curiosity and our "need-to-know" instinct.
- SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS**  
Some scammers appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something - such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a premier show - at a reduced price. Each page often includes a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry as we don't want to miss out. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.
- YOU'RE A WINNER!**  
This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, competitions or lotteries. It could be a message saying we've won a prize draw or competition. We'll need to sign, leave bank details, and sometimes, we might claim that a package or refund is waiting. All these techniques are used to prompt us to share our personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.
- FALSE FRIENDSHIPS**  
Scammers often pretend to be someone they're to gain their victims' trust. They might attempt to establish any children they connect with that they're a child of another age with shared interests, warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), secrecy, inappropriate levels of intimacy, ghosting, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.
- PANIC MODE**  
To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a virus has been installed on their device, or any number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution. If the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information, scammers can impersonate a friend or relative, convincing that they're a trusted and loved help.
- FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS**  
Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, quotes and even videos that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up to newsletters, download applications or invest in cryptocurrency. Many scammers also make the impersonation of popular celebrities' social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.

**Advice for Parents & Educators**

- STAY INFORMED**  
Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber-security. See what scams are reported in the news and make sure to keep devices and on-line profiles protected with up-to-date security software. Encourage children to always check what they're doing online and use parental control resources to learn what risks certain sites and apps pose to their younger users.
- TALK TOGETHER**  
Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams and how they best work. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child claims to be hacked or in trouble, don't pass judgement. Staying the victim may deter young people from asking you for help. Remember! Adults are expected just as often, if not more.
- ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM**  
Most scammers rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts - whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, find answers, make friends, gain being on or to get something we've wanted. Encourage children to investigate that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult - especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.
- BE PROACTIVE**  
Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams, fake information and fake news. Highlight what to look for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child would be expected to ask for help. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline), they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline).

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

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Activity	Time
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
11.02.25	Yr 6 to The Deco	All day
11 & 12.02.25	Year 6 Parents' Evening	3.50pm - 6.30pm
14.02.25	Year 3 & Purple Class Assembly	9.30 - 10.30am
<b>MARCH</b>		
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	
20.03.25	Yr 4 to Hazard Alley	All day
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
<b>31.03.25</b>	<b>Yr 1 Muddy Education</b>	<b>All day</b>
<b>APRIL</b>		
02.04.25	Autism Awareness Day - Wear Blue (No Charge)	All Day
02.04.25	SU Show	10.00am-11.00am



03.04.25	iRock Concert	2.45 - 3.15pm
22.04 & 23.04.25	Earth Days	All Day
<b>MAY</b>		
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
<b>JUNE</b>		
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
11.06.25	Yr 6 Steam UoN	
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	
<b>JULY</b>		
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



# FREESTYLE

— SPORTS & ARTS —

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## FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CAMPS 2025

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## Families, Fun & Fellowship

St Benedict's church (NN4 9UG)

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February

3.30 – 5.00 pm



Free event

FUN

For all the family

## Family Fun

We are holding an event to have fun, making things, and celebrate God's love together.

Crafts, story and food, for families with primary aged children plus brothers and sisters.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information please our website or contact: [admin@stbens.uk](mailto:admin@stbens.uk) or [vicar@stbens.uk](mailto:vicar@stbens.uk)

[stbenedictschurchnorthampton.uk](http://stbenedictschurchnorthampton.uk)

Free event

Join us for

# Breakfast Club

this Spring!

Monday to Thursday  
9am-10am  
Parish Council Activity Room  
Hunsbury Library

From 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Feb

**FREE breakfast for everyone**  
(children to be accompanied)

Join us for a selection of breakfast items, including cereal, pastries, and fruit

**Don't miss out!** Start your spring mornings right at the Family Breakfast Club. See you there!



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# Friendly February 2025

MONDAY



3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone

10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them

17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life

24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them



TUESDAY



4 Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)

11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself

25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why

WEDNESDAY



5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour

12 Focus on being kind rather than being right

19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing

26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones

THURSDAY



6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day

20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun

27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

FRIDAY



7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you

21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them

28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today

SATURDAY

1 Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them

8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message

22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today

SUNDAY

2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently

9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help

23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

