

EAST HUNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

14th February 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families

Happy Valentine's Day everyone! That's it... we've reached the end of Spring 1 and are looking forward to all of the exciting things that we have planned in Spring 2 but first... a half-term holiday.

Assembly

Monday was our termly celebration assembly! A highlight at our school. A huge well done to all of our children who achieved a golden ticket, certificate, badge or phone call home! Our proud points are now firmly embedded in our school life (like our house points) and it is lovely to see how hard the children are working for them. A special well done to this terms' Community Champions – children who have been recognised by their peers and selected by their adults for consistently showing our school values and rules! We are very proud of them.



RFL/RS - Betty B
RAM – Chloe F
1ES/1CL - Evelyn F
2DW - Darcey T
2HD – Jesse B
3AP - Laura M
3CW – Warid A
4CH – Erynn H
4AG – Lily E

5JF – Olivia C
5KR - Sara C
6EN/CL – Isaiah G
6BC - Eden P
Blue/ Green/ Purple –
Kendra
Orange/Yellow/Red -
Laila-Rose



Year 3 and Purple Class Assembly

Today we were treated to an extra special assembly by Year 3 and Purple Class. They sang, danced and performed amazingly. It is so wonderful to see all of their hard work come to fruition. Another brilliant year group assembly with very few dry eyes. Thank you to Katie and Lottie, from Limelight Theatre, for supporting us with our dancing.

Year 6 - Young Citizen Scheme

On Tuesday, Year 6 had a fantastic opportunity to visit the Deco Theatre and participate in an event run by the Young Citizen Scheme. The aim of this event was to heighten awareness of personal safety and promote community awareness and responsibility.

As part of the trip, children participated in six workshops and watch a drama performance which will cover:

- Fire and water safety
- Road and rail safety
- Substance misuse
- Hate crime
- Crime prevention
- Healthy relationships



It was a really successful trip and complemented our PSHE curriculum brilliantly. The children's behaviour was also exemplary and they were a credit to their families and our school.



House Event

After a wonderful half term, it was brilliant to end with a House Event – our annual book and biscuit! Throughout the afternoon, children from the different houses joined together to share books and biscuits with each other. There was laughter and the joy of story was evident. Thank you to our House Leaders, Captains and Sarah Halsall who made the event happen so smoothly. Our House Events really support our sense of community and belonging.



Saints Shirt Presentation

On Saturday Daisy and Jansen went to Franklins Gardens where we had a very special shirt presented to us to mark the close partnership and work we do with the Saints. Thank you to Mrs Linnell for organising and overseeing such a memorable and important event.



Fundraising!

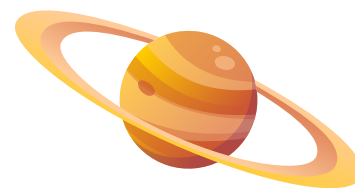
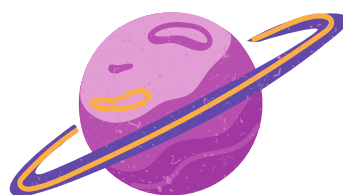
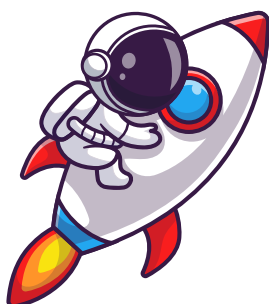
Our FEHPS BINGO event raised a staggering £680 - thank you to all of our families for supporting these important events – every penny donated will support your child's education in some way.

So, that's it for Spring 1... see you on Tuesday 25th February (we have a training day on the 24th). Have a lovely break and I look forward to hearing all of the holiday stories when the children return.

Ms Pennington

SU NEWS - BLUE CLASS

This term Blue Class have been learning about Space. We have worked hard to increase our vocabulary using signs and symbols and everyone was very excited about being an astronaut and pretending to blast off in a rocket!



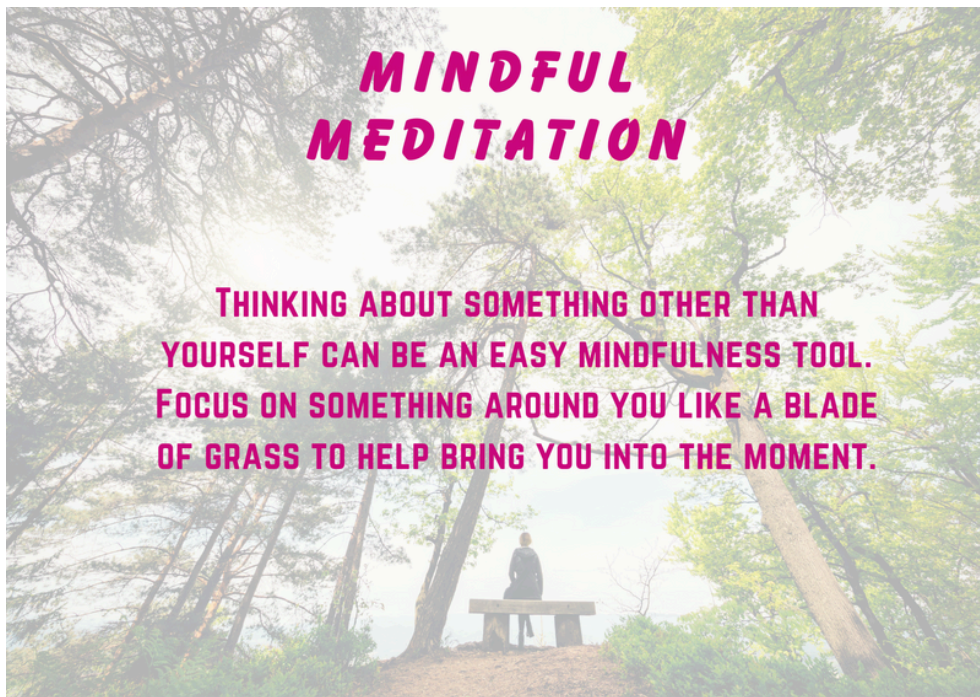
Our favourite story has been, Whatever Next by Jill Murphy and the children have been very engaged with props and resources to retell the story. Our classroom is full of beautiful Space inspired artwork, including constellations, moonscapes and 2D shape name rockets.



Next half term we will be looking more closely at planet Earth and focusing on all the different environments and which animals live there.

EHPS HOUSE POINTS TOTALISER

	Whittlewood	Harlestone	Everdon	Salcey
This week	202	181	186	193
Grand total	3269	2892	3198	3005



AUTHOR ENCOUNTER

Wow! What an amazing experience for Mr Horsler and Mr Guilder! Our Year 4 teachers journeyed to London this week and met the brilliant SF Said, author of "Varjak Paw". They even got signed copies! Plus, they attended a super writing workshop with SF Said and Pie Corbett that they look forward to sharing with their classes in the Summer. Year 4 will be reading "Varjak Paw" after half term, so if you own a copy, please bring it in after the break.



Who's been brilliant this week

You Are Brilliant!

WB 10/2/25

Rec music ⭐'s:
Theor, Betty, Nola & Nellie

Year 6 musical ⭐'s:-
Amelia I, Olivia, Juan & Olga

Year 5 musical ⭐'s:
Milan, Lexi, Ela-Mui & Sofia

Blake in 3A for amazing improvements in his writing ⭐

Well done Year 3 on working so hard when publishing your work! We are very proud!

LORI J YEAR 2 SMILE MILE

Kim going above and beyond for helping Yr 4 Reward. Well done Edie for your confidence & bravery at your dance show

Well done to Daisy and Jansen for representing EHPS brilliantly at the Saints on Saturday.

Tobias, for telling a friend "your writing is amazing: is super kind!!"

Well done Reception for being brilliant during smile mile!

To the kind person who untangled my telephone wire. Ms P.

Well done 1Es for doing your smile mile!

Year 6 for brilliant behaviour on their school trip.

ICL Well done for completing your Smile Mile!

Red class for such an amazing final swim lesson! Mrs York

Be Kind. Work Hard. Believe.



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



February Issue



This newsletter focuses on all the amazing events, clubs and groups that families, children and young people can access across the county that are free or affordable to attend.

[CLICK HERE FOR WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S NEWSLETTER](#)

Get your wellies and gardening gloves ready for East Hunsbury's two day Planting Fest!

We are excited to share the details of a special half-term event that is taking place on 20th & 21st February.

The East Hunsbury Planting Festival is an opportunity for the community to come along and join in planting trees, bulbs and seeds in two open green spaces: Penvale Park and Blacky More Park.

The RAIN Project and Woodland Dwellings team will provide direction on what is being planted and where, with tools available - though feel free to bring your own.

Day One: Thursday 20th February

- 10:00 Penvale Park – Butterfly bund seeding
- 11:00 Penvale Park – Naturalised bulb planting
- 12:00 – Community orchard maintenance
- 13:00 Library – Create a RAIN garden

Day Two: Friday 21st February

- 10:00 Blacky More Park – Cherry tree planting
- 10:00 Blacky More Park – Daffodil planting
- 12:00 Blacky More Park – FREE pizza for helpers on Friday

HALF TERM 2 DAY PLANTING FESTIVAL

East Hunsbury Planting Festival

HELP SEED OUR BUTTERFLY BUNDS | HELP WITH TREE & BULB PLANTING | JOIN IN THE COMMUNITY ORCHARD MAINTENANCE | HELP WITH CHERRY TREES PLANTING | FREE PIZZA FOR HELPERS ON FRIDAY

Thursday 20th & Friday 21st February in East Hunsbury
Wear wellies and gloves, things could get very muddy!

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RAIN@westnorthants.gov.uk rainnorthants.co.uk

RAIN Resilience and Innovation Northants | West Northamptonshire Council | East Hunsbury Parish Council | Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

The RAIN project is funded by Delta as part of the £200 million Flood and Coastal Innovation Programme, which is managed by the Environment Agency. The programme will drive innovation in flood and coastal resilience and adaptation to a changing climate.



Congratulations!

Last weekend Edie (Yr 2 SU) performed in 2 sold out shows at Derngate with her dance school. Not only did she perform beautifully but she did so without ear defenders for the first time. We're so immensely proud of her and her bravery, she's worked so hard.



A Happy Valentines Day heart from Noreen in Y2

Join us for **Breakfast Club** this Spring!

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

From 17th - 20th 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!

FREESTYLE
SPORTS & ARTS

20 YEARS OF HOLIDAY CAMPS ACROSS NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CAMPS 2025

@ CAROLINE CHISHOLM SCHOOL
CHILDREN FROM ALL SCHOOLS ARE WELCOME

CAMPS AVAILABLE:
FOOTBALL, GYMNASTICS & DANCE

BOOK NOW
BOOK NOW AT WWW.FREESTYLEGROUP.CO.UK

From £25 PER DAY
Registration: 8:45am-9:00am
Dismissal: 4:00pm
Half days available via email

Families, Fun & Fellowship

St Benedict's church (NN4 9UG)

Sunday 16th 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 or vicar@stbens.uk

stbenedictschurchnorthampton.uk

Free event



Funded by East Hunsbury Parish Council with generous donations from Tesco Mereway



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
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

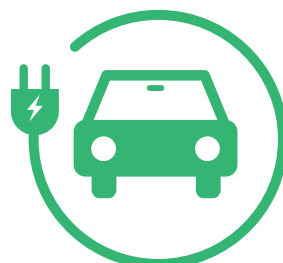
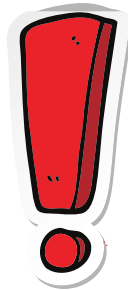
Wednesday - Pop star/Dance star

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

95.62%

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

	Weekly Attendance	Year Group	Weekly Attendance
Reception	95.56%	1	98.24%
2	94.87%	3	96.12%
4	94.85%	5	96.83%
6	93.22%		



How to report your child's absence

Call: 01604 677971 Email: 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

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E-Safety & Wellbeing



Protection from online scams

Online Safety Newsletter

Safer Internet Day

Established by the UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC), Safer Internet Day is celebrated around the world. This year, on Tuesday 11th February 2025, it will be celebrated with the theme:

'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'

How can I get involved?

UKSIC Resources

As usual, the UKSIC have created some fantastic resources, which includes top tips, help and advice and quizzes to help you start a conversation with your child. Find out more here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/tips-for-parents-and-carers>

Your free Self-Help Tool Centre from Get Safe Online

Get Safe Online have several free tools that you can use to help protect you and your family. The tools include checking a website, how to spot a phishing email, how to check your social media footprint as well as a fun tool to see if you can spot what has been generated by AI.

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/selfhelpcentre/>

Free Cyber Action Plan from the NCSC

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) have a wealth of advice and tips on how to protect you and your family online, including a short questionnaire to assess how you can improve your cyber security. Once completed, they will provide you with a personalised plan:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/information-for/you-your-family>

How to deal with online scams: a parent guide from Parent Zone

Parent Zone have published an article outlining how to deal with online scams. The article includes how to report scams, further support, and preventive measures you can put in place:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/how-deal-online-scams-parent-guide>

Interactive online scams guide from Internet Matters

Internet Matters have produced an interactive guide to help you understand scams. They also provide further links to additional resources. Find out more here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/tackling-online-scams-guide/>

Resources from London Grid for Learning (LGfL)

LGfL have produced this video titled "Life Online - What Grownups Just Don't Get!"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lde52EtjIQ>

In addition, they have a selection of resources available here:

<https://parentsafelgf.net/home>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date released 1.2.25.

What are the risks?



East of access



Peer pressure



Skewed perspectives



Contact and conduct risks

[Click here for more information](#)



Cyber Action plan



UKSIC Resources



Parent guide to online scams



London Grid for Learning

[Click here for more information](#)

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ONLINE RELATIONSHIPS & DATING APPS

Dating apps are used to help people find new relationships – whether casual or more long term – matching users based on age, interests, gender and more. Some may consider dating apps harmless to under-18s because they aren't able to use them, but effective age verification measures are quite scarce, and it's been known for young people to end up on apps of this type.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- EASE OF ACCESS**
The relatively lax age verification process of many dating apps makes them incredibly accessible to children who have already been using them. This carries the obvious risk of helping them fall for a dating scam perpetrated by adults – who may not even be aware of the young person's true age. This is concerning when we consider the "hook-up culture" common on these apps – with many people using them to arrange casual sexual encounters.
- CONTACT AND CONDUCT RISKS**
Once someone is active on a dating app, their social media profiles can be linked to the app and might be accessed by others. This can lead to random users "sliding into their DM's" (sending a direct message) without consent. Complete strangers could start bombarding a young person's inbox with pictures, messages and sexual comments.
- SCAMS AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**
Some young people may feel they've formed a real bond with someone through online dating, but there's always a risk that it's not genuine. Scammers on these apps often build romantic connections with their victims – then once they feel they have their victim's trust, they begin asking for money under false pretences (such as suggesting they need to pay for and requesting a "loan" to cover a train ticket).
- UNVERIFIED ACCOUNTS**
As with all online interactions, you may not be talking to whom you think you are. Without proper verification, users of dating apps can often only view a certain number of profiles at a time. A 16-year-old may have selected young people to talk their age limit to 18 years and over – putting them in a space and more "anonymous" context to bypass the usual restrictions. Unfortunately, this can lead to matches with someone much older.
- PEER PRESSURE**
The pressure to be in a relationship can be huge, and many young people use online dating apps as a clever "excuse" to meet others. Some users find it difficult to meet people organically due to their timidity, and may not have the time or money to go out and socialise. It's also common for young people to set up accounts for their single friends in the hope of finding a match for someone they know.
- SKewed PERSPECTIVES**
Dating apps can provide an unrealistic view of what makes someone attractive. With such vast options, some users can become both picky and extremely harsh about others' profiles. Unfortunately, as you see on these apps are pictures (often no insight into who the person is), and some young people struggle with the fear of being judged. Even when someone does start dating, there's a persistent fear that their partner is only one swipe away from a potentially better match.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- TALK ABOUT DATING APPS**
Let young people know that they can talk to you about anything, even something as private as their dating life. At school, the relationships, sex and health curriculum can deal with conversations around healthy relationships, consent and online safety. Emphasise the message that you want to help them make healthy, safe and informed choices. If they feel embarrassed talking to you, make sure they have a trusted adult who can help them.
- ENCOURAGE DATA PROTECTION**
Empower young people to protect their data and personal information. Explain why including things like their school, age and surname in their profile could potentially be dangerous. Make sure they know how to give and personal details, and that there's no reason for other users to ask for them. If they feel uneasy about a situation online, they need to speak to someone that they can trust.
- VERIFICATION STAMPS**
Explain that someone using a dating app should only communicate with those who have gone through a verification process. Online dating apps use a variety of methods to verify a user's identity, including scanning official documents (such as a driver's licence or passport). Verification can also involve users taking a selfie to ensure that the photos on their profile match it.
- REPORT AND BLOCK**
Remind young people that they can always report or block (or ban) anyone who makes them feel uncomfortable on any platform. Ask if they know how to do this and offer to help them figure it out if they're unsure. Every app should have advice on how to report or block another user, so be sure young people are familiar with the settings.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Activity	Time
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	
20.03.25	Yr 4 to Hazard Alley	All day
20.03.25	Yr 1 Phonics Test Information Meeting	3.30pm - 4.00pm
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
31.03.25	Yr 1 Muddy Education	All day
APRIL		
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

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
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	
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

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 feel inclined to criticise