



NEWSLETTER

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Diary:

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - **School Closed** - Half -Term Break
Monday 3rd June - **School Closed** - Staff Training Day
Tuesday 4th June - **Children Return to School**
Wednesday 12th June - **Reception Beach Trip**
Thursday 20th June - **Sports Day and Family Picnic** (more information to follow)
Tuesday 25th June - **Kangaroo and Joey Class** - Fire Station Visit
Friday 28th June - **Year 1 Trip to Hertfordshire Zoo** (Paradise Wildlife Park)
Thursday 4th July - **School Closed** - Polling Day
Monday 8th July - **Nursery Teddy Bears Picnic**
Wednesday 10th July - **Art Exhibition and Pre-loved uniform sale** (more information to follow)
Friday 12th July - **Year 2 Trip to Cinema**
Tuesday 16th July - **Year 2 Performance at 9:00am**
Wednesday 17th July - **Year 2 Performance at 2:30pm**
Tuesday 23rd July - **Last Day of Term - School will close at 1:45pm- Non-school Uniform Day**

REMINDER!

The school day starts at 8:45am
Registers will be taken at 8:50am, if your child arrives after 8:50am they will be marked as late. All children must be in time for registration.
The school day ends at 3:15pm.
Children being picked up late from school may be charged for After-School Club.

Bagel Bar:

To help support a healthy breakfast, we provide bagels for all of our children each morning. As long as the weather allows, our Bagel Bar is at the front of the school from 8:30am. However, if you can't find us there, we will be in the main playground underneath the shelter. Please continue to visit us, it is lovely to see the children's smiling faces eager to get their bagel each morning!!



Tesco Stronger Starts:

We are very excited to reveal that we have been selected for the Customer Vote, Tesco Stronger Starts scheme. This scheme gives community projects like us grants of up to £1,500. We are hoping to receive the grant so that we can develop our Forest School further.

Some of the key benefits we have seen since starting our Forest School include:

- Increased self-confidence and self-esteem.
- Improved social skills and cooperation.
- Increased physical fitness and coordination.
- Enhanced problem-solving and decision-making skills.
- Increased understanding of nature and the environment.

Tesco customers will be able to vote in various Enfield stores during the months of April, May and June to decide how much funding we get, so please support us by using the blue token given at the check-out each time you shop at Tesco!

For more information about the Stronger Starts scheme, please follow the link <https://www.tescopl.com/strongerstarts>



Half Term Break:

Next week is our half-term break, we hope that you are able to relax and have some fun together as a family. Please see below a message from Ian Gallagher, Parish Vicar of St James's Church.

In response to queries from neighbourhood families about activities during school holidays in the local area, **St James's Church** (Hertford Road in Enfield Highway, between Durants Park and Green Street) will be putting on a **Family Fun Day** for children and their grown-ups on **Wednesday 29 May from 12 noon to 3pm**.

Please follow the link to our website for more information of activities in and around the local area. Some of them are free!! [download.asp \(carterhatchinfants.com\)](https://www.carterhatchinfants.com/download.asp)



PSHCE and Healthy Relationships:

June marks the month of Pride and children in KS1, as part of their relationships education, will be learning about what different relationships and families look like. The children learn, as they do throughout the year, that we are all the same, but we are all different. Just as children learn about others' individual needs, disabilities and race, during June the children learn about what different families can look like and that this is celebrated and accepted. Pride is a celebration of people being proud of who they are.

In their Thoughtful Thursday lessons, children will take some time to think about themselves and what they are proud of about themselves.

The main focus of the lesson will be for all the children to celebrate themselves by recognising that :

- Everyone should feel like they can be themselves
- Everyone should be allowed to be proud of who they are
- Everyone deserves to be treated with respect



A Message from Kangaroo and Joey Class:

This half term Kangaroo and Joey Class have been reading the book 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister. We



have been learning about underwater animals and creating them using different art techniques. We have collaged jellyfish using multicoloured tissue paper, made crabs out of paper plates and painted our own rainbow fish using celery. We particularly enjoyed using the celery as the curved shape at the end looked like real fish scales.

As last week was sun safety week, we have also been learning how to keep ourselves safe in the sun. We packed our very own beach bags with the items we should take to the beach. We are now ready for the summer sun.



A Message from Nursery:

We were excited to receive our caterpillars from 'Insectore', in Nursery last week. We have been observing what they like to eat and how this helps them to grow. The children have then seen the caterpillars make a chrysalis (cocoon) around themselves, ready to turn into butterflies. The children have been so excited to observe the changes and think about what is happening and have even been making caterpillars and drawing them in their chrysalis!

We are eagerly waiting for them to emerge as butterflies over the next week or two.

To link to us having the caterpillars in the Nursery, we have been reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' book. Maybe you could enjoy looking at this with your child and discussing; What is happening? What does the caterpillar eat? What day did he pop out of the egg? etc. [the very hungry caterpillar - Google Search](#)

We have also been practising a song about a tiny caterpillar on a leaf - can your child sing it for you at home? [a tiny caterpillar on a leaf song - Google Search](#)

Over the half-term, maybe you could take your child on a 'bug hunt' and share what mini-beasts you can find. You could do this in your own gardens or outside spaces near your home. You could go to the park, Forty Hall or any nature reserve areas nearby, such as Lea Valley.

We would love to see what your child can find by sharing some photos with us on Tapestry!

For those of you who are joining our Reception year group in September, please keep an eye on your emails. Over the upcoming days you will be receiving information regarding the enrolment process into school. We look forward to working with you throughout the next steps of your child's learning journey.



Parent Governor:

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Body. If you are interested in becoming a School Governor could you please speak to our headteacher, Sarah. We can then share information about a Parent Governor's role and answer any questions you may have.

A Message from Reception:

Firstly, a thank you to all the parents who have attended our maths workshops this week. It was great to see so many parents showing your support. We hope these sessions have given you some ideas of how you can further support your child with their early mathematic skills at home and what they need to be learning to continue to make progress. If you have any worries about your child's progress, please do speak to your child's class teacher.

For the last three weeks, the children have been reading 'The Teeny Weeny Tadpole' in their core book teaching time. Through this book they have been looking at the lifecycle of a frog; learning key vocabulary such as 'frogspawn', 'tadpole' and 'froglet', and learning about their habitats. They have been able to go out to the school pond and experience pond dipping where they have looked at what wildlife we can find in our garden ponds!



Learning about the life cycle of a frog has also linked nicely to having caterpillars in our classes at the moment and learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. We have been able to observe and discuss what the caterpillars look like, what they might eat and how they are growing and changing in appearance. The children have now observed them making their cocoons (chrysalis) and are hoping to see them emerge as butterflies soon!

The children have recently been assessed for their phonics and may have been moved up to the next reading level, if they were ready. Please continue to read with your child regularly throughout the week and sign their reading records. This supports us in knowing how they are doing at home.

A Message from Year 1:

The children have been busy designing and making their fruit kebabs. They had to create a pattern using their chosen fruits and make sure that the final kebab looked like their design. Children used different chopping techniques, including the bridge and claw. Once they had made them, the fun part was EATING them! Children then had to evaluate their kebabs.

“My kebab tasted sweet, it was delicious.” – Melanie

“I would make my kebab longer next time!” – Veli

A Little Reminder: Our trip is coming up soon at the end of June! The children are very excited. Please could you make sure you have completed the paper form and given it to either the office or your class teacher as soon as possible.



Many Thanks

A Message from Year 2:

This week, year 3 children performed a concert for our year 2 children and were in absolute awe of what they were seeing, hearing and how it made them feel. Children shared that they would relish the opportunity to learn to play the recorder next year, so we are already looking forward to their future performance.

We are looking forward to next term and our planned cinema trip. The children will have an opportunity to plan and write a recount as part of their ongoing English work. We look forward to hearing about their day as they put pen to paper. Please remember to make sure that your child wears comfortable footwear and suitable clothing for the weather on the day. Unfortunately, this is too hard for any of us to predict. We will be providing you with more information after half-term.



Music:



During the month of June, year 1 and year 2 will be learning about the composer Joan Armatrading. Joan was born in St Kitts in 1950, she was raised in Birmingham, England from an early age.

She is known worldwide as a singer/song-writer as well as a guitarist, bass-guitarist and pianist.



Online Safety Top Tip

Each month we will be sharing an online safety tip to support parents/carers knowledge of different apps that are available.

In April, Ofcom shared some of the latest statistics of young children's usage online.

Around a quarter of 5-7 year olds own a phone while 3/4 of them own a tablet (iPad or similar).

Online gaming amongst 5-7 year olds has also seen a significant annual increase – 41%, up from 34% – with more children of this age playing shooter games than ever before (15%, up from 10%)

Fortnite

Fortnite is a popular game with an age 12 PEGI restriction

Some of the risks of the game include:

- Always online
- In game costs
- Cross Play/Party Chat – that could put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.
- Virtual violence

Learning Friends:



Congratulations to the following children who have received a certificate this month for demonstrating our school values!

Dolphin Class: Rico, Koray, Jemila, Keliah

Penguin Class: Toprak, Masal

Rhino Class: Mason-Lee, Nazan, Daniel, Ryan Amira

Gorilla Class: Marian, Veli, Dexter, Frazer

Giraffe Class: Ayshe, Mufti, Dena

Tiger Class: Luis, Issac, Ariba, Callum, Anais, Jonathan, Nicole, Nazim

Leopard Class: Henry, Zack, Noshita, Ayana, Kyla

Jaguar Class: Zara, Derin, Aylin, Talia, Aras G , Elizabeth Layla



During the month of May, 138 children received an award for 100% attendance and 109 children received an additional 100% attendance award for the Summer 1 Term. Well Done!

Attendance Archie is looking out for all of the children attending school every day!

Parent/Carer Courses:

Please continue to check out our school website for available parent and carer courses and workshops. Many of them are free to Enfield residents!! [Carterhatch Infant School - Courses for Parents and Carers](#)