



NEWSLETTER

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19th March 2025

Diary:

Thursday 20th March - **Parent Consultations**
Friday 21st March - **Comic Relief Day - Donations Welcome - Information below**
Friday 21st March - **Year 1** - Singing Festival
Friday 28th March - **Year 2** - Trip to Cinema
Thursday 27th March - Fluoride Treatment
Tuesday 1st - Thursday 3rd - **Spring Challenge** - Further information below
Wednesday 2nd April - **Reception** - Height and Weight Checks
Friday 4th April - **Last Day of Term - School will be closing at 1:20pm**
Tuesday 22nd April - **Children Return to School**
Tuesday 29th April - Reception - Hearing Tests
Wednesday 30th April - **Reception** - Trip to Willow Farm
Thursday 15th May - Whole Class Photos
Monday 26th - Friday 30th May - **School Closed** - Half Term
Monday 2nd June - **School Closed** - Staff Development Day
Tuesday 3rd June - **Children Return to School**
Tuesday 10th June - **Year 2** - Beach Trip
Thursday 19th June - Sports Day and Family Picnic - Further information to follow
Thursday 26th June - **Year 1** - Trip to Hertfordshire Zoo
Wednesday 2nd July - **Year 2** - Art Exhibition
Friday 11th July - **Year 2** - End of Year Performances
Friday 18th July - Last Day of Term - School will be closing at 1:20pm

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.

Comic Relief - Red Nose Day!

We will be celebrating **Comic Relief**, also known as **Red Nose Day** on Friday 21st March. Children and staff are invited to wear something **red** on that day. This can be anything that you have at home, such as a hairband, a hat, socks or a t-shirt. Some children may like to face paint a small red nose symbol on their face. There will be staff available to face paint something small during the day. Children will be participating in sports, singing and dance activities throughout the day and therefore, clothing appropriate for P.E should be worn.

Comic Relief is a charity that supports people all over the world to live happier, healthier lives. We kindly ask that if you're able to, you make a donation of £1.00. Your generous donations will be shared between the charity and school fundraising. Collection pots will be at the doors if you wish to contribute.

Spring Challenge:

On the last week of term, we will be holding a Spring Challenge at **3pm** for parents and children. Can you complete the challenge and gain a chocolate treat? **50p Entry Fee**

Reception: **Wednesday 2nd April**

Year 1: **Thursday 3rd April**

Year 2: **Tuesday 1st April**



Holiday Activity Funding:

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) is running once again during the Spring Break.

HAF vouchers have now been sent to all eligible parents. Activities will include a range of sports and physical activities, enrichment activities, healthy living activities and lunch each day. You can book to attend up to 4 sessions between 7th – 17th April 2025. Please follow the link for more information.

[Holiday activities and food programme | Enfield Council](#)

A Message From Nursery:

Children have been enjoying the nicer weather and spending time outside looking for signs of Spring. This half term we have been sharing bear themed stories, starting with Goldilocks and the three bears. Children enjoyed exploring porridge messy play, oats in capacity and tasting porridge (a popular snack!). Over the next couple of weeks children will be learning the story 'Going on a Bear Hunt'.

It was wonderful to see so many of the children dressed up for World Book Day, the day itself initiated lots of reading, discussion and role play of different characters. They enjoyed a whole class mini Teddy Bears Picnic and in the afternoon, children were treated to a story from Alan the Alligator aka Barry from Penguin Class!



A Message From Reception:



It was wonderful to see the children in reception dressed up for world book day. We spoke to the children about how important reading is, not just as a way to support our learning but also for fun and relaxation !

The children had stories read to them by different adults across the early years team and have been developing their reading corners in class with pictures, junk modelling and book reviews. We encourage all parents and carers to read regularly with your child as it can be such a pleasurable time for both you and your child, as well as a way to support the development of their vocabulary and reading skills.

The children and staff have all been enjoying the recent beautiful, sunny weather! We have been discussing the changes that have started to occur with going from the season of Winter in to Spring. If you have time over the next few weeks, maybe you could take a walk in the local area with your child and talk about what changes they can see happening. What is happening to the trees? What insects are started to come out? What do they notice about the weather? Local places such as Forty Hall are wonderful to walk round at this time of year with its large pond and woodland.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to come to our story cafe's' last week. The children had great fun sharing the Supertato story and activities with you.



A Message From Year One:



Year one had a busy week back after the half term completing their puppets. The children had to look at their design and then make sure that their finished puppet looked as near to the design as possible. They had to sew and join!

"I love my puppet! It has horns." – Dilser

"The sewing was a bit hard, I had a bit of help but I did it!" – Alanah



Pupils also had to evaluate what they had made and think about anything they might change next time. We all agree that they look amazing! Well done Year one!



Home learning books need to be completed and returned to school by Tuesdays each week. Some children are bringing back their red home learning books uncompleted. Please can children make sure they have finished each spelling given before returning for marking. Practising these words each week is a great support to their learning and independence for writing.

A Message From Joey and Kangaroo Class:

We had a great time on World Book Day!! The Inclusion staff dressed up as different fruit from one of our favourite books, The Hungry Caterpillar. We had lots of fun dressing up and sharing our favourite books with our friends. We also made our own caterpillars out of coloured card.

Not wanting to forget Pancake Day, we enjoyed exploring all the ingredients needed to make a pancake and tested our skills flipping them in a frying pan!



A Message From Year 2:

"If you don't like to read, you haven't found the right book." – J.K. Rowling

Celebrated annually on the first Thursday in March, World Book Day is always one of the highlights of the year in school. The children love the celebration of authors, illustrations, books and most importantly the joy of reading.

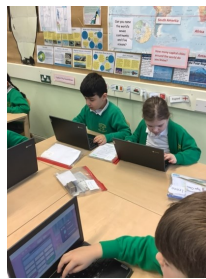
We're always hugely excited to make this day pleasant for the children whilst promoting a love of reading for them, which is an activity they should be able to cherish for life.

During our World Book Week this month, the children were busy designing their own front covers for their favourite books, dressing up as much-loved characters, going on a book hunt in the library and making their own personalised bookmarks.



Times Tables Rockstars Challenge:

Congratulations to all the children that took part in this event and the incredible scores that they obtained. They really enjoyed getting challenged and setting themselves new goals to break. Please continue to work on this skill as it will benefit the children greatly when they transition into Year 3. In Year 4 the children will be tested to determine whether they can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics.



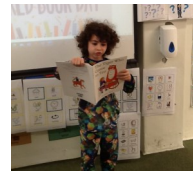
World Book Day:

Earlier this month, we celebrated World Book Week. We organised our second gifting event and all the children were able to choose book bundles to enjoy reading at home.

We would like to thank the charity Children's Book Project who worked tirelessly to ensure we received our second delivery of books this year in time for Book Week.

Thank you to Year 1 parents who joined us for a special story time and we hope you enjoy reading the books you have chosen with your children.

It was great to see so many children dressed up as their favourite book characters!



Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr:

Muslims around the globe have been observing the holy month of Ramadan, a period of deep spiritual reflection and fasting that takes place every year. The festival begins with the sighting of the crescent moon, which usually appears one night after a new moon. In 2025, Ramadan began on 28th February. One of the five pillars of Islam - along with faith, prayer, charity, and the pilgrimage - Ramadan commemorates the Quran first being revealed to the Prophet Muhammad, a sacred moment honoured with abstinence between sunrise and sunset.

This year Eid al-Fitr is likely to fall on 30th March depending on the sighting of the moon.

We would like to wish all members of our community who observe Ramadan and celebrate Eid al-Fitr festival – Eid Mubarak!



Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE):

This half term children will be learning about Money – What is it? Where does it come from? Spend it or Save it?. Through Sleep Awareness week 9th – 15th March, they have learnt about the importance of sleep. Children have learnt about the importance of sleep and its connections to health and wellbeing.

Here are some helpful tips from The Sleep Charity to create a good routine:

- Take some time to plan your routine and write it down. Work out what time it will start and ideally this should be an hour before your child goes to sleep. Display the new routine where everybody in the home can follow it eg. stick it on the fridge or on a bedroom door.
- Do the same thing at the same time each day, including having a set wake up time each morning. We know this is difficult at the weekend, but it is important to have these set times to support your child's body clock.
- Turn off all screens at the start of the routine. They may suppress the body's production of melatonin, the sleep hormone, and make it more difficult to nod off.
- Consider whether having a light supper time snack in the routine would be helpful – we have an advice sheet all about sleepy food.
- Dim the lights in the hour before bed to encourage the production of melatonin, this will help to promote that sleepy feeling.
- Younger children may enjoy a bedtime box, filled with a selection of activities to carry out during the routine. Hand eye co-ordination activities such as jigsaws, colouring and threading are great for promoting relaxation. Older children may prefer to read, play a board game or take part in a craft activity.
- A bath 30 minutes before bed can help to promote sleep, the decrease in body temperature after a bath can help us to nod off more easily.
- Once in bed sharing a story is a great way to end the day or older children may prefer to read independently.

Breakfast Club:

The Government promised last year to make 30 minutes of breakfast club available free to all children. We have been chosen to be one of the early adopter schools for this programme.

This means that a free breakfast club will be available for all children who would like it from 22nd April 2025. The club will run from 8.15am everyday.

Many parents currently use the club from 8am each day, a few families have asked if we could open earlier. To support all our families Breakfast club will start at 7.45am each day from the 22nd April, there will be a charge of £1 for this. The free club will start at 8.15am.

To ensure that we have sufficient staff and food available attendance will still need to be booked in advance.

For further information and to sign up for breakfast club, please speak to the school office.

Parent/Carer Courses:

Please continue to check out our school website for available parent and carer programmes, courses and workshops. Many of them are free to Enfield residents!!

[Carterhatch Infant School - Courses for Parents and Carers](#)



Enfield Town Schools' Partnership is in Tesco stores!

Collect a **blue token** from any register & cast your **vote** at one of the stores listed below

Enfield schools are in with the chance to **win up to £1,500** for much needed stationery supplies

Vote during the first week of April through to end June



HAF Enfield Easter 2025

7th - 17th April

FREE* places available on Enfield's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme this Easter.

*Free for those in receipt of benefits related free school meals

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