EAST HUNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter12th September 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families

Well, it is the end of our first full week back and we are definitely back in the swing of things. Over the past 8 days, teachers have prioritised getting to know to their classes and establishing routines alongside some great artwork. Across the school, the children have learnt about a range of artists from Matisse and Kandinsky to Picasso and Yayoi Kusama. Why not, ask your child about their artist and the skills that they have learnt! Have a look at their creations later on in this newsletter.

On Monday we welcomed our Reception and Nest children to school. They have been having a fabulous week settling in and having lots of fun.

Assemblies

We have also had a few assemblies since being back. They have focussed on our school rules and values but they have also explored the Power of Yet – the belief that anything is possible if you say: "Yet" e.g. "I can't do that... yet". Last week, we explored what it means to belong and how we are all equal. We talked about being curious about each other and embracing difference, something that is very important to us here at EHPS.

Then this week, we looked at our Leadership Roles and which roles they may wish to apply for over the next few weeks.

It would be great if you could talk to them about the roles that interest them and the responsibilities that come with such leadership positions.

Don't forget... 100 Reads and 70 Things

For a while now, we have had 2 important initiatives in school: our 100 Reads and 70 Things.

100 Reads are 100 books specially chosen by our amazing teaching team and they are books that they believe every child should read during their childhood. For any child who reads all 100 we have a special award. Please ask your child's class teacher if you would like a copy of our poster (which was designed by Mrs Atkinson).

70 things are again chosen by our staff as 70 things that we really want our children to experience during childhood e.g. rolling down a hill or making a sandcastle. We build these into our curriculum but we also encourage families to do them at home and complete a little booklet. Again, please ask your class teacher if you would like another booklet if yours has been misplaced.

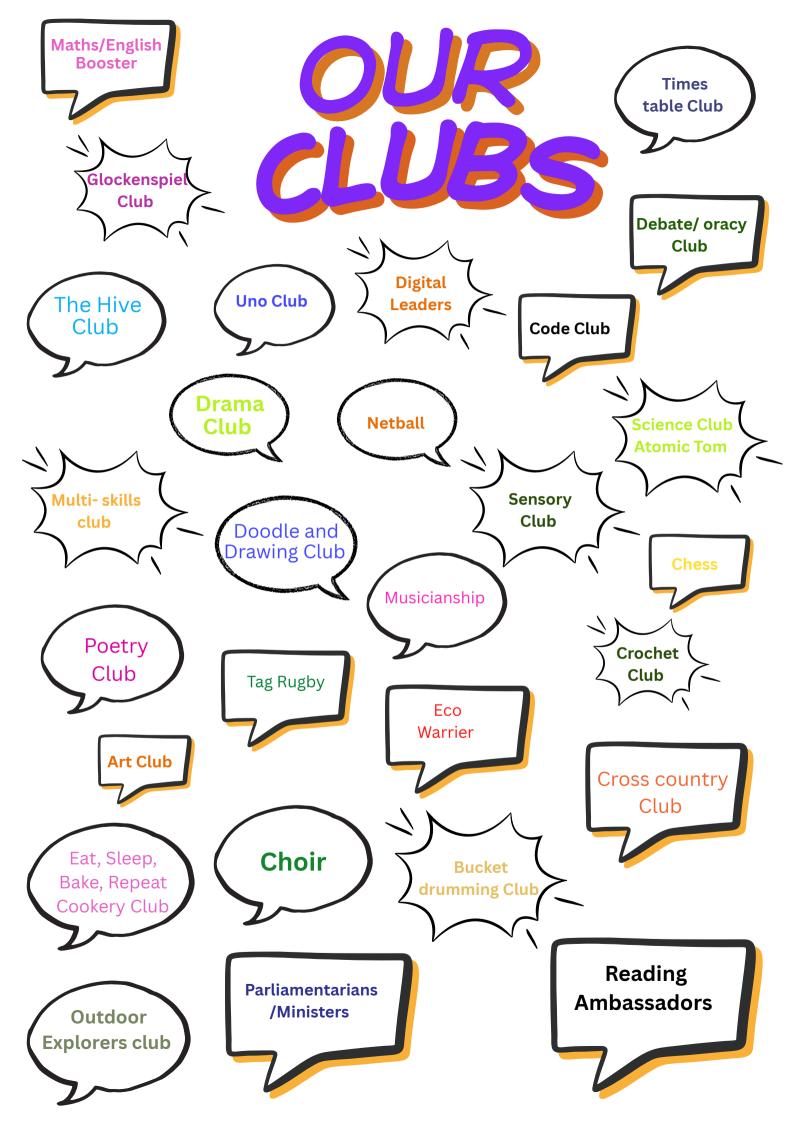
Clubs

We are committed to improving and increasing the clubs that we offer. Have a look on the next page at what clubs are planned so far this year – more to come.

It's been a great start to the new year and we are excited to see what the next few weeks bring.

Have a lovely weekend.

Ms Pennington



THE HIVE NEWS - BLUE CLASS

Blue Class have had a fantastic start to the new school year and we have welcomed three new pupils, who are settling in well and it feels like they have always been part of our school. The children have been exploring various activities linking to 'belonging' and what it means to be in Blue Class. Painting and sticking with blue resources was extremely popular and our classroom is already proudly displaying some beautiful pieces of blue artwork.



The children have been trying hard to learn a range of Makaton signs to support their communication in order to make requests or answer questions and we are excited about teaching our friends in Reception these

signs so we can all make friends together.









We have been busily learning each others names by playing lots of different games and it is wonderful to see friendships already starting to form.





Attendance News

Whole school average attendance this week was

95.25%

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

	Weekly Attendance	Year Group	Weekly Attendance
Reception	97.61%	1	90.34%
2	97.64%	3	97.42%
4	94.79%	5	92.67%
6	97.64%		



How to report your child's absence

Call: 01604 677971 Email: absence@easthunsburyprimary.org

We cannot authorise holidays during term time so please do not book them.





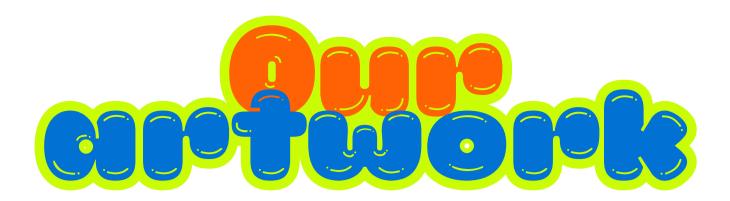
Our 2026 - 2027 term dates are now available to download from our <u>website</u> and on page 21 of this newsletter.

September 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.

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Year 2







Yellow Class



Year 4













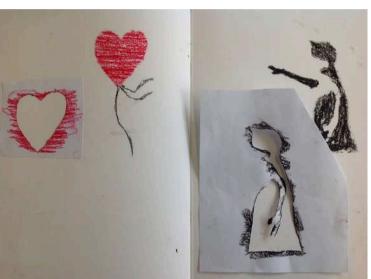
Purple Class











Year 6



Green Class

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Harlestone

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HOUSE BADGES

This week

Grand total

As the new school year begins, the children are excited for the programme of House events to be announced.

Wearing the house badge builds a sense of belonging beyond the classroom.

Please have a good hunt at home for your child's house badge and ensure that it is worn everyday.

You can replace lost house badges at a cost of 50p, from Mrs Pretty in the school office.





Walk in Wednesday dates

15.10.25	Walk in Wednesday - 1 Reading	08:30-9:00	Classroom
17.12.25	Walk in Wednesday 2 - Christmas	08:30-9:00	Classroom
21.01.26	Walk in Wednesday 3 - Reading	08:30-9:00	Classroom
11.03.26	Walk in Wednesday 4 - Easter Crafts	08:30-9:00	Classroom
29.04.26	Walk in Wednesday 5 - Reading	08:30-9:00	Classroom
24.06.26	Walk in Wednesday 6 - Science	08:30-9:00	Classroom

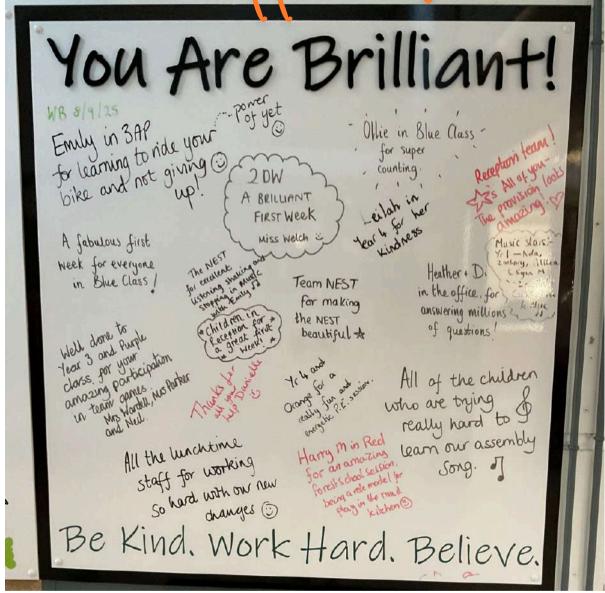
HELPFUL POLICIES

Please refer to these policies which are all on our website (with others you might find useful):



- Behaviour
- Parent Code of Conduct
- Anti Bullying
- Homework
- <u>Uniform</u>
- Mobile Phone
- <u>Drop off/collection, walking home</u>

whe's built this week?



Have you heard of our parent group "Chatter Matters?"

If your child has additional needs, is on a pathway to diagnosis or already has a diagnosis and is supported with or without an EHCP then you are very welcome to join us at our "Chatter Matters" sessions.

This is a safe space for parents/adults who live with children with additional needs to get together and talk, share worries or concerns and problem solve together. The once termly meetings are held in school and will be on a Friday afternoon. We will have speakers at some of the sessions and others will simply be a "chatter" space. Dates for Chatter Matters



meetings are: October 24th, December 12th, February 13th, March 27th, May 22nd, July 10th.



24.10.25	RED October - dress as a book character/book cover	£2 for our library and reading curriculum
10.10.25	Hello Yellow - Wear Yellow for Young Minds	No charge
28.10.25	Donations for Christmas Hampers	
18.12.25	Christmas Jumpers/Party Day	No charge
13.03.26	Donations for Chocolate Hampers	
21.03.26	Wear odd socks for World Down Syndrome Day	No charge
27.03.26	Autism Awareness Day - Wear Bright Colours	No charge
21.05.26	UN Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development – wear something/colours which reflects your culture	No charge
16.07.26	Mufti for winning House (winning House announced on 13 th July)	No charge



E-Safety & Wellbeing





What are the risks?

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Binge watching

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Accessing adults profiles

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Phishing emails

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Less suitable content

Click here for more information

Advice for Parents

1

Be smart with screen time

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Know how to deal with bullies

3

Learn to spot fake news

4

Report inappropriate in-game chat

Click here for more information



VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION





Below you will find all of the dates we know so far for the whole of the academic year. We hope that these will support you in your family forward planning. As we are releasing these dates so far in advance, they may change but if they do we will colour any additions or amendments in red so that you can see them and communicate changes in advance. We do hope that you find this useful.

Just to bring to your attention (and dare I say it) our Christmas Fete is only 13 weeks away on Saturday 6th December. Please pop the date into your diaries as the excitement for our Christmas hampers builds...

Date	Activity	Time
	SEPTEMBER	
16.09.25	Yr 6 PGL Parents' Meeting	5.00 - 6.00pm
30.09.25	School of Life	10 - 11.30am
	OCTOBER	
02.10.25	Day at the movies - Census Day All Reception, Yr 1 & Yr 2 Book school lunch via School Grid	
06.10.25	Year 3 Harvest Assembly	2.00 - 3.00pm
07.10.25	School of Life	10.00-11.30am
08 - 10.10.25	Yr 6 to PGL	3 days
10.10.25	Hello Yellow (wear Yellow for Young Minds - no charge)	All day
15.10.25	Walk In Wednesday Reading	8.30 - 9.00am
15.10.25	KS1 Reading Information Meeting	9.15 - 10.15am
18.10.25	Spooktacular	12.30pm - 3.00pm
18.10.25	Diwali Parade Northampton Town Centre	5.15 - 7.30pm

21.10.25	Individual and Sibling Photographs	All day
24.10.25	Mufti Day for RED October - dress as a book character/cover £2 for our library and reading curriculum	All day
27 - 31.10.25	HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
	NOVEMBER	
03.11.25	TRAINING DAY	All Day
06.11.25	Remembrance Event	10.45 - 11.15
07.11.25	Yr 4 Rainforest Explorer Day	All day
w/c 10.11.25	Antibullying week	
11.11.25	Reception Phonics Information Meeting	9.00am - 11.00am
12.11.25	Positive Noticing Day	All day
12 & 13.11.25	Parents' Evening (Mainstream including Nest)	3.50pm - 6.30pm
12.11.25	The Hive Parents' Evening	3.50pm - 7.00pm
12.11 - 19.11.25	Bookfair	After school
27.10.25	Yr 4 Ukuele Performance	2.45pm - 3.30pm
28.11.25	Mufti - Christmas Hamper Donations	All day
29.11.25	Choir Singing at Hunsbury Festive Fair at Hunsbury Library	2.00pm - 3.00pm
	DECEMBER	
02.12.25	Reception & Blue Trip	All day
06.12.25	Christmas Fete	11am - 1pm
08.12.25	Year 2 & Green Class Assembly	2.30pm - 3.30pm

09.12.25	Reception Nativity	10.00am - 11.00am
10.12.25	Reception Nativity	2.00pm - 3.00pm
11.12.25	iRock Concert	2.45 - 3.15pm
16.12.25	Year 1 Carols by Twinklelight	5.15pm - 6.15pm
17.12.25	Walk In Wednesday Christmas	8.30am - 9.00am
17.12.25	Year 6 & Yellow Christmas Carols & Crafts	2.00 - 3.15pm
17.12.25	End of term reports to families	
18.12.25	Christmas Party Day (Christmas Jumpers and Lunch)	All Day
22.12.25 - 2.01.26	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	
	JANUARY	
05.01.26	TRAINING DAY	
15.01.26	Census Day All Reception, Yr 1 & Yr 2 Book school lunch via School Grid	
15.01.26	Yr 6 SATs Information meeting	4.30pm - 5.30pm
20.01.26	Yr 4 Multiplication Check information meeting	3.40pm - 4.40pm
21.01.26	Walk In Wednesday Maths	8.30am - 9.00am
27.01.26	Choir to Young Voices	
	FEBRUARY	
09.02.26	Year 3 & Purple Class Assembly	2.30 - 3.30pm
09.02 - 15.02.26	Childrens' Mental Health Week	
10 & 12.02.26	Year 6 Parents' Evening	3.50pm - 6.30pm

10.02.26	Year 1 Phonics Test Information Meeting	3.30 - 4.30pm
16.02 - 20.02.26	HALF TERM	
	MARCH	
4 & 5.03.26	Mainstream Parents' Evening (not Yr 6)	3.50pm - 6.30pm
04.03.26	The Hive & Nest Parents' Evening	3.50pm - 6.50pm
04.03 - 11.03.26	Bookfair	After school
11.03.26	Walk In Wednesday Easter Crafts	8.30am - 9.00am
13.03.26	Mufti Day in exchange for Chocolate	
16.03 - 22.03.26	Neurodiversity Week	
19.03.26	iRock Concert	2.45 - 3.15pm
	MARCH	
20.03.26	Odd Socks Day for World Downs Syndrome Day	
21.03.26	Easter Cafe	11.00 - 1.00pm
23.03.26	Year 1 Class Assembly	2.30 - 3.20pm
23 or 24.03.26	Yr 5 Shakespeare Production	
24.03.26	Yr 6 & Yellow Faith Tour	All day

25.03.26	Reports go out to families	
26.03.26	The Hive Show	9.30 - 10.30am
27.03.26	Autism Awareness Day - Wear Bright Colours (No Charge)	All Day
30.03 - 10.04.26	EASTER HOLIDAY	
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22.04.25	Earth Day	All Day
29.04.26	Walk in Wednesday Reading	8.30 - 9.00am
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11 - 14.05.26	Yr 6 SATS	Mornings
18.05.26	Year 5 and Yellow Class Assembly	2.30pm - 3.30pm
21.05.26	Census Day All Reception, Yr 1 & Yr 2 Book school lunch via School Grid	
21.05.26	UN Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development – wear something/colours which reflects your culture	
25 - 29.05.26	HALF TERM	
	JUNE	
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04.06.26	Reception Sports Day	9.30 - 11.00am
08 - 12.06.26	Yr 1 Phonics Check	
10.06.26	SU Sports Morning	9.30 - 11.30am
13.06.26	Northampton Carnival	
16 or 17.06.26	Yr 5 NMPAT Festival	
18.06.26	Year 6 Sports Day	1.30pm - 3.00pm
19.06.26	Class Photos	All Day
22.06.26	Reception & Yr 6 Height & Weight checks	Morning
22.06.26	Sports Day Year 1	9.30 - 11am
22.06.26	Sports Day Year 2	1.30 - 3pm
24.06.26	Walk In Wednesday Science	8.30am - 9.00am
25.06.26	Sports Day Year 3	9.30 - 11.00am
25.06.26	Sports Day Year 4	1.30 - 3.00pm
26.06.26	Careers Fair	ТВС
27.06.25	Whole School Summer Fayre (Country dancing & Maypole by Years 2, 5, Purple & Yellow)	11.00 - 1.30pm
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29.06 - 02.07.26	Yr 3 Residential Trip	(2 nights per class)
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03.07.26	Music Gala	5.30pm - 7.30pm
06.07.26	Reception & Blue Class Assembly	2.30 - 3.30pm
09.07.26	Yr 5 Sports Day	1.30 - 3.00pm
09.07.26	iRock Concert	2.45 - 3.15pm
14.07.26	Yr 6 Leavers' Performance	6.00pm - 7.30pm
15.07.26	The Hive Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly	9.30am-10.30am
15.07.26	Yr 6 Leavers' Performance for toddlers to attend	5.00pm - 6.30pm
15.07.26	End of year reports go to families	
16.07.26	Mufti for winning House	
16.07.26	Year 6 Leavers' Party	7.00pm - 9.00pm
17.07.26	Mainstream Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly	10.00 - 11.00am
17.06.26	END OF TERM	

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NPAT Academic Calendar 26/27

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Tuesday 1st Sept 2026

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Free Family Fun

Crafts, stories and food.

Sunday 28th Sept

3.30 - 5.00pm





Crafts, story and food, for families with children <u>under 12</u>
Tea, coffee and cake for adults.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Pet Service @ 3pm 14th Sept

St Benedict's church

All animals, children & grown-ups are welcome!



Service will last roughly 45 minutes, all pets are welcome, as long as owners ensure they are responsible for them at all times.

After the service, there will be a time for drinks and the odd pet treat!!

Children under the age of 16 must be have a parent or guardian with them.



All donations during this service will be split between Wildlife Trust (Bed, Cam & Northants) & the church.

S # Benedict's Church NORTHAMPTON



Refreshments: Tea, Coffee & Bacon or Sausage Rolls

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