## EAST HUNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter 17th October 2025

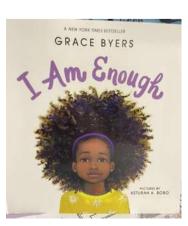
### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

#### **Dear Families**

It seems hard to believe that we are fast approaching the end of the first half term of this academic year.

Whilst we have been celebrating RED October, we are also aware that it is Black History Month. This week, our assembly was led by Miss McIntyre and focused on the theme "Standing Firm in Power and Pride."

The assembly helped the children to understand what it means to feel proud of who they are and to use their voice to stand up for what is right. We talked about important people in History, including Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks and discussed that they fought for equality. We listened to the story called 'I Am Enough' by Grace Byers. This shed a light on being you is what makes you brilliant and how we all deserve to be treated with respect and kindness. Children are currently creating their 'Power Portraits.' This has involved them drawing a picture of themselves and writing a sentence about what makes them proud to be them!





#### Thank you! Northampton Education Awards

A huge thank you to everyone who nominated us for the Northamptonshire Education Awards. We are thrilled that we are finalists in so many categories! We love what we do – it is a privilege to be in Education so it really is lovely when that is recognised.

Watch this space and we will let you know how we get on at the end of November.











#### Walk in Wednesday

Thank you to those who came to school on Wednesday and shared a story or two. It is lovely to see so many families in school – we love opening our doors to you all but please be assured that if you are ever unable to make it, we always make sure your child has an adult or some friends to be with. No one is ever left out . There are some lovely photos later on in this newsletter.

#### **RED OCTOBER**

Our Read Every Day October continues and today we were treated to the return of the Word Guerilla! What a spectacular day it was. It started with an assembly and then Years 4 and 5 had a special poetry workshop. The Word Guerilla always lights up the school and raises the roof with his creative poetry and genius performances. I could see the children being thoroughly inspired!

#### Girls' Football

Nine of our KS2 girls took part in a Football competition at Moulton College on Wednesday. They showed show confidence, competence and motivation during their games and their skills and competitive nature earned them 6<sup>th</sup> place out of 14 teams. Well done everyone.



#### The Story Spuds Have Landed

WOW! Today saw the arrival of our story spuds! I didn't think it was possible to go bigger and better than last year but you have all amazed me! Dotted around the school are potatoes dressed as story book characters and it is evident how much time and effort so many of you have put into them - thank you and well done.

We will do roundup of all the Spud news (photos and winners) in next week's newsletter.

#### School doesn't stop for the weekend....

Tomorrow it is our famous Spooktacular event for all those who have been lucky enough to get a ticket  $\bigcirc$  and also some of our Year 4 children and those from Green class will be taking part in the Diwali parade in Northampton Town Centre.

#### Governors

Lastly, today our Governors were in monitoring standards within the classroom and ensuring all of the things that we are doing to improve in school are having the impact we would like. Our Governors play a very important role in school and if you ever want to know more about their work – the Chair is Hanna Castle <u>castleh@easthunsburyprimary.org</u>

Have a super weekend and don't forget next Tuesday is individual and sibling photos so brush that hair and polish those teeth.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you at our weekend events and see you next week for our final week of Autumn 1.



### THE HIVE NEWS - RED CLASS

Red Class have been exploring The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch by David and Ronda Armitage this term. We explored lighthouses and created our own scenes with descriptive phrases to describe what we heard and saw. We also explored the characters of Mr Grinling and the seagulls. We have begun innovating and have changed some characters including some Aliens, Monsters and even a Parish Councillor!







Another highlight this term has been science. We have explored the Human Body and different ways to stay healthy.



In History we have explored the 1970s, looking at some objects from the past and exploring how technology has changed, as well as trying some food from our story and learning more about food in the 1970s.





## WALK IN

# WEDNESDAY























East Hunsbury Primary School's

# HALLOWEEN SCHOOL SHOP

STATIONARY,
HALLOWEEN PRODUCTS
AND MORE

Thursday 23rd

October

15:15 - 15:45

Outside the small hall at the front of the school

Run by the school Maths Ambassadors

#### **Attendance News**

Whole school average attendance this week was

96.92%

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

	Weekly Attendance	Year Group	Weekly Attendance
Reception	95.91%	1	98.15%
2	99.53%	3	98.33%
4	96.19%	5	95.03%
6	98.03%		



#### 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.







WE NEED YOUR TOKENS!!!
YOU CAN VOTE UNTIL
31st December 2025

We're delighted that our application to the Tesco Community Grants Scheme has been successful! You will need to make a purchase of any value in a TESCO store and add the blue token to the Community Grant Scheme box in the Tesco store. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token. The project with the highest number of blue token votes across our region will receive £1,500, the second placed project £1,000, and the third placed project £500. We will be putting the money we are awarded towards the Changemakers quiet shaded area on the playground.

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#### You can vote for EHPS in the following TESCO stores:

- Abington Express, 348 Wellingborough Rd NN1 4EX
- East Hunsbury Express, Butts Rd, NN4 OUE
- Northampton South, Clannell Rd, NN4 OJF
- Northampton 13-15 Abington St, NN1 2AN
- Northampton St Edmunds Express,
- Portland Pl, Wellingborough Rd, NN1 4DR



#### **Reception Places September 2026**

For children who turn 5 from 1st September 2025 - 31st August 2026

- 10th September 2025
- Online Applications open
- 15th January 2026 Midnight Online Applications close
- 16th April 2026

National Offer Day

Click here to book a tour at East Hunsbury Primary School.

#### Year 6 to Year 7 Transition

- 10th September 2025
- Online Applications open
- 31st October 2025 Midnight Online Applications close
- 2nd March 2026
- National Offer Day

#### **NO IDLING CAR ENGINES** IN THE CAR PARK PLEASE

Always switch your engines off when in a parked car. Leaving your engine running when your vehicle is stationary calledidling. This creates air pollution by increasing the levels of exhaust fumes and harmful gases in the air. No one, especially children, should have to breathe in these fumes.



**MUFTI DAY 24th OCTOBER** 

DRESS AS A BOOK CHARACTER OR BOOK COVER



£2 donation for our library and reading curriculum payable on Arbor in Clubs

Who will you dress up as?

#### EHPS HOUSE POINTS TOTALISER



This week

Grand total

173 1003



179

1047



173

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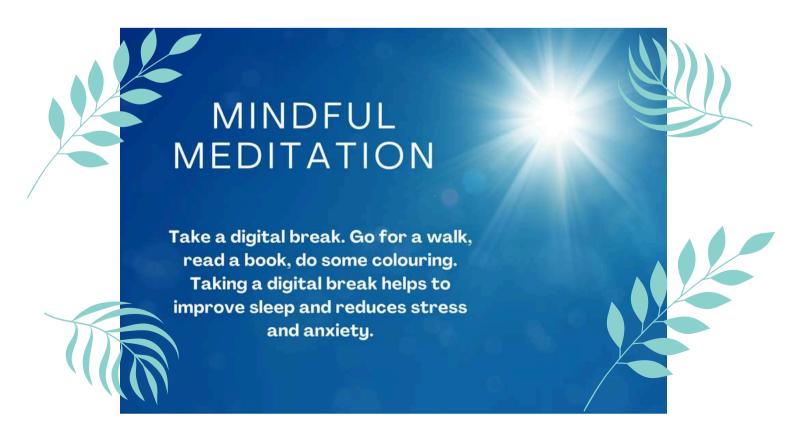
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# WE ARE A SCHOO





This includes chocolate spreads which contain nuts and sushi which has sesame seeds





## on how to keep your child healthy at school this winter

- Make sure your child is up to date with their vaccinations
- Remind your child of basic hygiene measures

Click here to find out more

## **BOOK NOW**







If your child would like school Christmas lunch, please order on School Grid by 9am on Wednesday 10th December.



Remember to pominate your child for a shout out if they have done something amazing - then we can put them into our newsletter.



















From Monday, we will be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. You can come to the school office before or after school with your child to purchase items or send money into school so your child can make a donation during the day.



## Walk in Wednesday dates

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

#### Who works at East Hunsbury Primary School?

#### Meet the Team

Hello, I am Mrs. Debono I am a Teaching Assistant supporting the teachers and students. This year I am in Year 1 and love it. I also teach any other years when cover is needed. Previously I worked 1:1 on a specialized timetable and then in Reception I have worked in Year 2 and 5. The intervention I teach to all year groups is Number Stacks which is a fun way to improve your Maths skills and confidence with numbers.

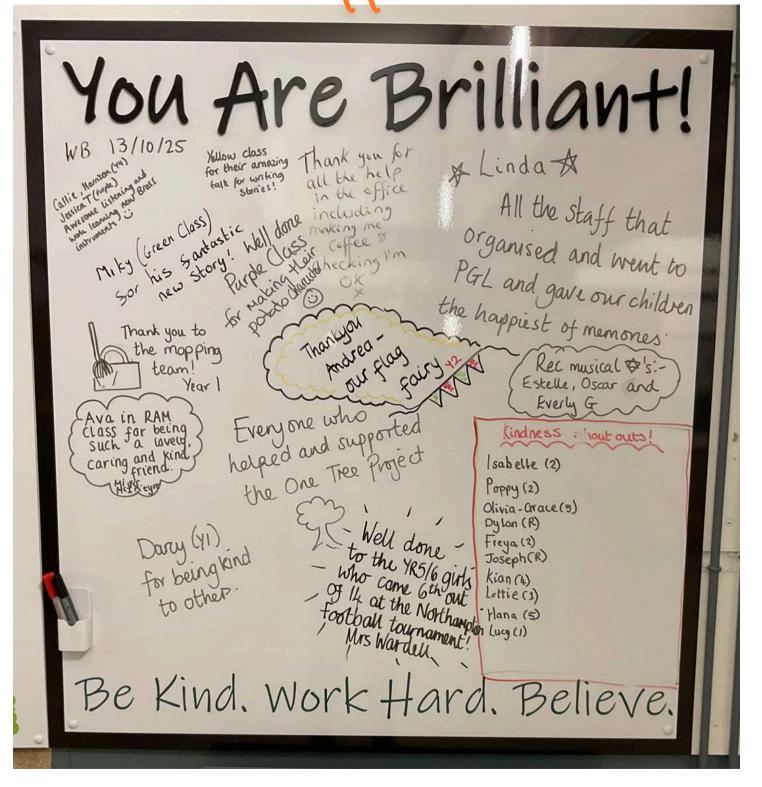
My previous teaching experience was at Northampton College. I delivered Foundation learning in Maths & English and taught NVQ 1, 2 & 3 Beauty Therapy. I like to better my knowledge and have done courses in Autism and Children's mental health. I am a staff team and paediatric 1st Aider. I really enjoy being part of the EHPS family and find the team very supportive.

I backpacked around the world on my own in my twenties through South Asia then all over Australia, New Zealand North and South Coast, Figi and the West coast of America. My favourite place to scuba dive was Figi. I worked in Australia to help fund my travels.

I am a Mum to a teenage boy with additional needs with lots of hospital appointments which keeps me very busy and gives me the understanding to help others who need more support. He used to attend the Hive at this school. It was brilliant and he developed social and independent skills and his education levels improved.

My family moto is "Family First". I am the middle child of seven and love it when we can get together. For fun I like to dance and go to concerts. My favourite colour is pink and I like making people smile. We have a cat called Mushroom.

# whe's brillian this week?













24.10.25	RED October - <b>dress as a book character/book</b> <b>cover</b>	£2 for our library and reading curriculum
28.11.25	Donations for Christmas Hampers	
18.12.25	Christmas Jumpers/Party Day	No charge
13.03.26	Donations for Chocolate Hampers	
20.03.26	<b>Wear odd socks</b> for World Down Syndrome Day	No charge
27.03.26	Autism Awareness Day - <b>Wear Bright Colours</b>	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 <sup>th</sup> July)	No charge

#### OUR FUTURE LEADERS

A digital leader at EHPS will support in auditing equipment, learning computer-based systems and supporting teachers in using them. They will also be helping other children to be safe when using the equipment through awareness campaigns in the forms of posters, assemblies etc.

Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 6
Amarrio	Thea	Oliver Z
Lyla	Dylan	Andreas
Maizey	Matteo	Noah G
Krishan	Elijah	







## E-Safety & Wellbeing





#### what are the risks?

spreading misinformation

Exposure to inappropriate content

3 Masked messages

4 Permanent digital footprint

Click here for more information

#### Advice for parents



Read the room

2

Shape digital boundaries

3

Don't wait, reach out early

4

Set the standard

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.

Date	Activity	Time
	OCTOBER	
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
21.11.25	Yr 1 Trip	9.00 - 2.30pm
27.11.25	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
05.12.25	Yr 2 & Green Class trip	12.30 - 2.00pm
06.12.25	Christmas Fete	11.00am - 1.00pm
08.12.25	Year 2 & Green Class Assembly	2.30pm - 3.30pm
09.12.25	Reception Nativity	10.00am - 11.00am
09.12.25	Year 5, Red &Yellow Class Trip	All day
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
19.12.25	END OF TERM	
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		
30.01.26	Kindness Workshop - 52 Lives	Morning	
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
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	
	APRIL	
22.04.26	Earth Day	All Day
29.04.26	Walk in Wednesday Reading	8.30 - 9.00am

MAY			
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		
01 - 12.06.26	Yr 4 Multiplication Check		
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
27.06.26	Whole School Summer Fayre (Country dancing & Maypole by Years 2, 5, Purple & Yellow)	11.00 - 1.30pm
29.06 - 02.07.26	Yr 5 Bikeability	
	JULY	
29.06 - 02.07.26	Yr 3 Residential Trip	(2 nights per class)
02.07.26	Yr 4 & Orange Class Assembly	2.30 - 3.30pm
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
17.07.26	END OF TERM	

SUNDAY

Be a realistic optimist. See but focus on

life as it is,

most important

day with the

step towards a goal that really matters to you

Take a small

Start your

thing on your

to-do list

what's good



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picture or video

of others and focus on what

tackling a task you've put off for some time

Find joy in

expectations

Let go of the

activity to look or exciting Plan a fun

Identify three things that

forward to

matter a year

from now?

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Ask yourself, will this still

yourself today.

Be kind to

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days ahead

of your positive qualities that will be helpful Identify one in the future 26 You can't

three priorities What are your do everything! right now?

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Happier · Kinder · Together

**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS** 

THURSDAY

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important goal with someone you trust Share an

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for positive

blaming yourself

Avoid

or others. Find

a helpful way

forward

Look out

you want to see positive change step towards a Take a small in society

Put down your

on a problem perspective Find a new





THEY CAN
BE REAL,
ARTIFICIAL
OR
HOMEMADE



ENTER AS A FAMILY, SCHOOL, GROUP OR BUSINESS

#### SAT 6TH DEC TOAM-6PM

For more details and to enter contact:

admin@stbens.uk

Trees to be in St Benedict's Church by Friday 5th Dec





OR CALL IIS ON: 03330 439 900

Tesco Mereway



#### GIRLS ONLY OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMPS

1-Day Camp (U7-U16) @ cinch Stadium at Franklin's Gardens

Monday 27th October

1-Day Camp (U7-U16) @ Ampthill RFC Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October

1-Day Camp (U9-U16) @ Northampton Casuals RFC

Wednesday 29th October

CONTACT COMMUNITY@NORTHAMPTONSAINTS.CO.UK OR VISIT WWW.NORTHAMPTONSAINTS.CO.UK/COMMUNITY/CAMP-BOOKING