## EAST HUNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### Newsletter

19th September 2025

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

#### **Dear Families**

I hope that you have all had a lovely week – we certainly have here at EHPS.

#### A few reminders:

- Please only use the car park if you have a parking pass or blue badge
- Please be considerate when driving and parking anywhere!
- Children (including toddlers) should not ride bikes or scooters on school premises.
- Only assistance dogs are allowed on school site
- We are a smoke and vape free site
- If you need to get a message during the day to the class teacher or your child – please call the school office as teachers may not check their Dojo account during the day.

#### **House Assembly**

This week started with a whole school assembly all about our Houses – something that we are really proud of and which unite our school. Last year, Everdon were crowned House Champions and the year before Whittlewood took the title, we are all wondering who it will be this year!

Alongside our traditional events such as our Christmas decoration making, pancake race, book and biscuit reading sessions and sports days, we are introducing a few new and exciting events such as:

- an interhouse sports competition for each year group,
- a Spelling Bee and a X-table/number-facts competition.

We are hoping that there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Each house is led by a member of staff and throughout the school you will see a nod to our houses here and there

#### **House Leaders**

- Salcey Miss Stryjek Reception
- Harlestone Miss Parker Year 3
- Everdon Rachael (Blue Class) & Sarah (Orange Class)
- Whittlewood Mr Guilder Year 4









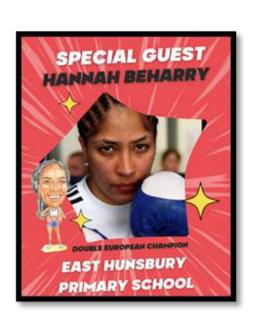
We are looking forward to appointing our Year 6 House Captains. A prestigious role that they have to apply for and are considerately chosen by the Year 6 teaching team.

Please encourage your child to wear their House Badge as there are often House Points awarded when they do.

#### Visit from a Boxing Legend

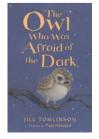
This week we were all inspired by boxing legend and double European Champion Hannah Beharry who came in to visit us on Thursday. The day started with a fantastic assembly and then a series of workshops which the children really enjoyed taking part in.

Hannah Beharry spoke about the challenges she has faced on her journey to become a female boxer and how she has made history by being one of the first women to box for Great Britain. Her story is one of true grit and determination and to succeed against all odds. This linked to our school values of Work Hard and Believe. Thank you Mrs Wardell for organising such inspirational speakers to come to visit us! You can find more information <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

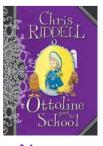


#### READ, READ, READ, READ, READ

Every day our teachers read to your children. We have chosen our reading books carefully as we are committed to ensuring your children have access to the finest literature. Here are the books that each year group are currently reading:



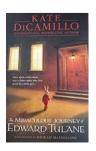




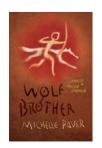
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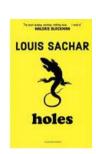
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Mear 5



Mear 6

Reading and sharing books with your child is really important – please try to do it as much as possible. A National Literacy Trust Survey in 2024 found that children and young people who read daily did significantly better in assessments. But Dr Suess puts it best, I think, when he said: "The more you read, the more you'll know, the further you will go.'

By now, your child should have a reading book and a library book – if you want any advice on reading, or how we teach it at EHPS, please ask your child's class teacher.

#### READING EVENTS IN SCHOOL

01 - 31.10.25	RED (Read Every Day in) October	
15.10.25	KS Reading Information Meeting	9.15 - 10.15am
11.11.25	Reception Phonics Information Meeting	9.00 - 11.00.am
12 - 19.11.25	Bookfair	3.30pm onwards
10.02.26	Year 1 Phonics Test Information	3.30 - 4.30pm

#### **Community and Family-Focused School**

We want to be more than just an education setting. We want to be part of the community and are pleased to share these community events:

- Spooktacular 18th October 12.30 3pm SOLD OUT
- Christmas Fayre 6th December 11am 1pm
- Easter Spring Café 21st March 11am 1pm
- Summer Fete 27th June 11am 1pm

We may have other exciting opportunities too and hope that you can join us.

We will also be taking part in the inter-generational project School of Life and working closely with our local residents and council.

That's it for this week – have a super weekend, whatever you get up to.

Ms Pennington

#### September Issue

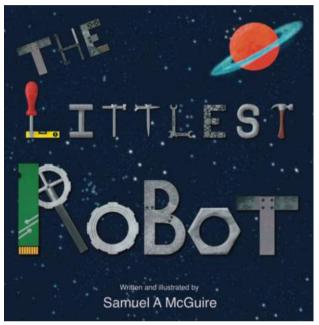


This newsletter focuses on all the amazing events, clubs and groups that families, children and young people can access across the county that are free or affordable to attend.

#### THE HIVE NEWS - GREEN CLASS

In Green Class we are learning all things space this term! In our Talk for Writing lessons we are looking at The Littlest Robot. We have been describing what the robot is like and what the spaceship is like that takes him to space. We used our descriptions to help us make our own versions of spaceships. We worked really hard to match the features such as rocket blasters, metallic designs and windows and doors. We have also started looking at Neil Armstrong in our history lessons to continue our space exploration theme!











Leanne & Rebecca -Green Class Teachers

#### **Attendance News**

Whole school average attendance this week was

96.46%

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

	Weekly Attendance	Year Group	Weekly Attendance
Reception	97.01%	1	94.41%
2	99.04%	3	97.58%
4	95.15%	5	93.82%
6	98.58%		



#### 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.



Please read if your child receives Free School Meals

To ensure you receive your Holiday Food Vouchers in October you MUST click this link and complete the form as soon as possible otherwise your vouchers will be delayed. If you don't complete the form you will not receive your food vouchers. You can also apply for a Winter Coat voucher using the same link.



Click here to apply for your Holiday Food vouchers if your child receives Free School Meals.

#### **Harvest**

To celebrate Harvest this year, we will be collecting donations of items from the list below for our school Food Bank by **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**. If you are able to donate, please send items to school with your child between these dates. **Please do not send perishable items**.

- Cereal
- UHT milk
- Tea
- Tinned meat corned beef, pies, ham
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned vegetables
- Toilet rolls

- Tinned fish
- Coffee
- Crackers
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Baked beans
- Pasta/Rice



- Tinned/packet soup
- Washing tablets/capsules
- Honey/Jam/Marmalade
- Sanitary wear
- Deodorant
- Shower Gel
- Biscuits
- Tins of custard/rice pudding

## CENSUS DAY

To help our school, if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 in mainstream or the SU please order a school lunch for 2nd October on School Grid even if your child usually has packed lunch and won't eat the school lunch. They can still bring in and eat packed lunch as usual. Part of our school budget is decided on how many infant lunches are ordered. School lunch for EYFS & KS1 children is free so you will not be charged. Our meal provider puts on an extra special menu on Census Day.

If you haven't logged on to School Grid before or need some help with it, please give the office a call.





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



#### **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



#### EHPS HOUSE POINTS TOTALISER

Whittlewood
171
323

Harlestone

158
310

Everdon

144
302



## 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.





#### Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere! We will share the link with you privately.

This session will cover all aspects of children's online lives and will cover the risks associated, the latest trends and data and guidance on how you can support their online lives.

A LINK WILL BE SHARED WITH YOU BY EMAIL AND ON DOJO A WEEK IN ADVANCE SO YOU CAN **ACCESS THIS INFORMATION** SESSION.



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





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

#### Meet the Team

Hello! My name is Miss Clancy and I have been teaching for 8 years! I have had the pleasure of working at 2 wonderful schools and I am very excited to be joining the East Hunsbury Primary School team. Currently I am the KS1 Lead and teach in Year 1.

I think Year 1 is a great year to teach because I love watching how the children grow and how much progress they make in this short space of time. I love nothing more than having a sing in the classroom.

During my spare time, I like to spend time with my family and friends. I love exploring new places and going on long walks - especially near the coast! A fun fact about me is that I love everything musical. In my home, I have a piano, guitar, ukulele, steel tongue drum and a djembe drum. I have already brought the ukulele into school to play with my class!



### 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

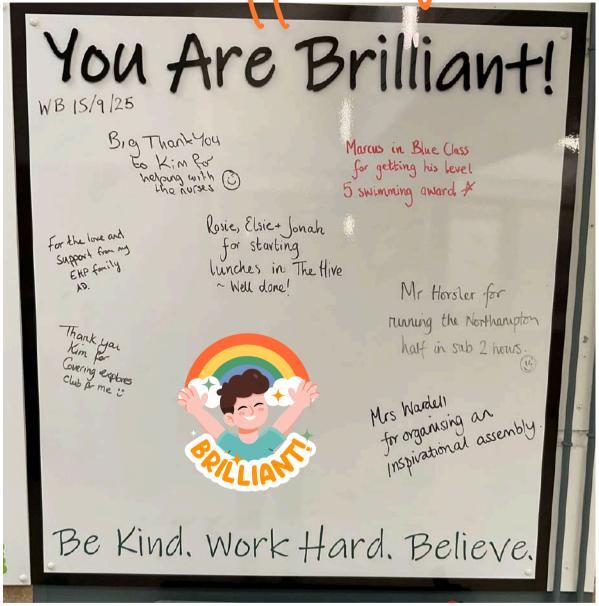
#### **HELPFUL POLICIES**

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 brillian 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 - <b>dress as a book character/book</b> <b>cover</b>	£2 for our library and reading curriculum
10.10.25	Hello Yellow - <b>Wear Yellow</b> 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	<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



## E-Safety & Wellbeing





#### Advice for Parents



**Create safe conversations** 



Monitor digital behaviour



Promote critical thinking



Reinforce reliable sources

Click here for more information

#### Top tips



Set digital boundaries



Teach every day problem solving



**Practise mindfulness** 



Support healthy sleep patterns

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	
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)	
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	
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 All day curriculum				
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 - 6.1		
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		
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	
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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	
01 - 12.06.26	Yr 4 Multiplication Check	

04.06.26	Reception Sports Day 9.30 - 11.00	
08 - 12.06.26	Yr 1 Phonics Check	
10.06.26	SU Sports Morning 9.30 - 11.	
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 -	
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 - 3.0	
26.06.26	Careers Fair TBC	
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)
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
17.06.26	END OF TERM	

#### Key

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Pupil Days	Bank Holidays



# NPAT Academic Calendar 26/27

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Friday 23rd Oct 2026\* Monday 2nd Nov 2026

Tuesday 1st Sept 2026

Thursday 25th Mar 2027 (\*disaggregated)

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#### Free Family Fun

Crafts, stories and food. Sunday 28th Sept

3.30 - 5.00pm





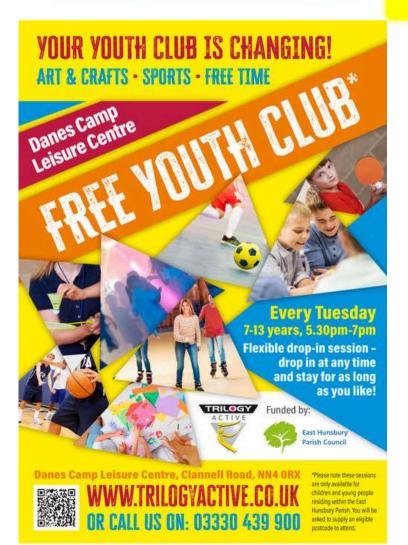
Crafts, story and food, for families with children <u>under 12</u>
Tea, coffee and cake for adults.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.
BOOKING advisable

Mobile 07564 605275 St Benedict's church. admin@stbens.uk



www.stbenedictschurchnorthampton.uk



## S # Benedict's Church NORTHAMPTON



Refreshments: Tea, Coffee & Bacon or Sausage Rolls

St Benedict's Church West Hunsbury NN49UG

St Benedict's Facebook 
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