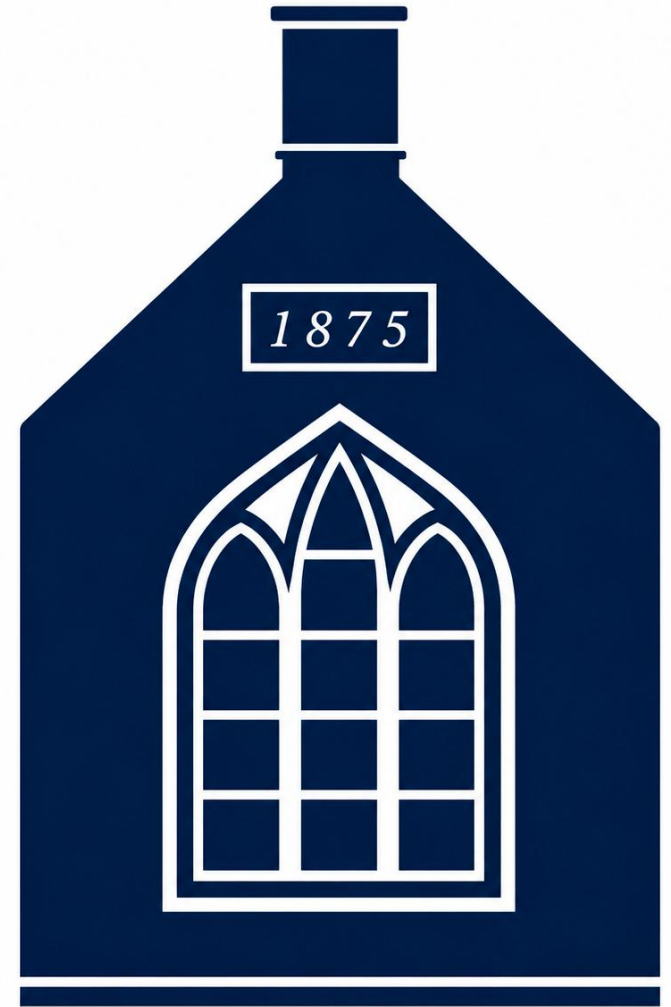


Enstone Primary School Class Welcome Meeting September 2026

Welcome to Cherwell Class

Staff: Mrs Callaghan (Miss Dyer)

Mrs Slark, Mrs Lock, Mrs Mathias, Mrs Murphy



Our weekly timetable: P.E. days and other things to note.

Day	09:00 – 09:30	09:30 – 10:30	10:30 – 10:45	10:45 – 12:00	12:05 – 13:00	13:00 – 14:00	14:00 – 15:00	15:00 – 15:15
Monday	Registration and Assembly	Literacy SPaG	Break	SWIMMING (Leave at 10am)	Lunch	Science/Computing Half <u>termly</u> rotation		Class story
Tuesday	My Happy Mind	Maths	Break	Literacy - No Nonsense Spelling - JC Writing	Lunch	PPA for BC Handwriting Popcorn Maths	PPA for BC Music/PSHE and RSE Half <u>termly</u> rotation	Class story
Wednesday	Registration and Assembly	Maths	Break	Literacy - No Nonsense Spelling - JC Writing	Lunch	P.E. (EYS coach)	R.E. / French Half <u>termly</u> rotation	Class story
Thursday	Registration and Assembly	Maths	Break	Literacy - No Nonsense Spelling - JC Writing	Lunch	History/Geography Half <u>termly</u> rotation		Class story
Friday	Registration and Assembly	Maths	Break	Literacy - No Nonsense Spelling - Guided reading	Lunch	Art/DT Half <u>termly</u> rotation		Class story

What will your
child be
learning this
term?

Maths – Place Value, Addition & Subtraction, Multiplication & Division

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

Literacy – Ted Hughes' The Iron Man, SF Said's Varjak Paw, non-fiction texts on rainforests

Spellings – Year 3 & 4 statutory spelling list

Geography – Rainforests

History – How have children's lives changed

Art – Fabric design inspired by the rainforest

DT – Mechanical cars

Homework arrangements and expectations.

Please take a
handout about
reading at
home.

- Homework will be handed out on Fridays and is due in the following Thursday please.
- Homework should be completed in pencil (unless otherwise stated).
- Parents are allowed/encouraged to help with homework.
- Please send in reading diaries and current reading book every day.
- **Reading is the key to success across the whole curriculum.** Children who read regularly build stronger vocabulary, develop greater fluency and become better able to understand and interpret what they read. These skills are essential not just in English, but in **every subject**. Reading little and often makes a significant difference, and listening to your child read regularly is just as important. It allows you to hear their fluency, help them with unfamiliar words and, most importantly, talk to them about what they have read to develop their comprehension. A few minutes of reading every day can have a lasting impact on your child's learning, confidence and future progress.

Pencil case rules for Years 3 to 6.

- Pencil cases must be of sensible size and design. Before buying your child any new equipment for the autumn term, please take careful note of the following guidelines.
- Suggested contents:
 - 1 rubber (eraser) – small standard type
 - 1 pencil sharpener – compact with a shavings container.
 - 1 short ruler – ideally 15cm, fits better in a small case than a 30cm ruler.
 - A small selection of coloured pencils – basic colours.
 - 1 or 2 fluorescent highlighter pens
 - 1 purple biro
 - 1 small glue stick
 - 1 pair safety scissors
 - 1 or 2 writing pencils – HB pencils are perfect for most schoolwork.
 - **Please do not include Sharpies, sparkly gel pens, scented pens, novelty pens, novelty rubbers, etc.**
- Pencil Case Requirements:
 - **Size:** Small and flat enough to fit easily into your school desk drawer.
 - **Design:**
 - Plain fabric or plastic material – easy to clean and not distracting.
 - No keyrings or other attachments
 - No fluffy faces, animals, or characters
 - Zip closure – secure and easy to use.

The importance of naming your child's belongings!

Please name your child's uniform, school shoes, P.E. kit, trainers, lunch box, water bottle and anything else you don't want to lose!

WHY IT MATTERS



Helps us
return lost items
quickly.



Reduces loss
and saves
money.



Keeps items
together and
easy to find.



Promotes
independence and
responsibility.



Collection arrangements.

- It is important that we know who has permission to collect your child from school. If we are not sure about the adult asking to take them, we will not hand them over!
- You will be asked to provide names of permitted adults to the school office. Teachers keep lists of who is allowed to collect who and need to adhere to these.
- It can be embarrassing for staff and friends/family if we are not certain and have to challenge a request to collect a child. Please help us by making sure we have clear guidance from you about who your child can go home with.
- Year 6 children only are permitted to walk home unaccompanied.

The use of fidget toys.

- We have a strong focus on mental health and emotional wellbeing, and we teach the children skills of self-regulation and strategies that they can use if they are feeling “out of sorts” for some reason.
- Some children may benefit from use of a “fidget toy” in certain circumstances, but not everyone needs one and those who do have them don’t necessarily need them all the time.
- The use of fidget toys is at the discretion of the class teacher, based on an assessed need.
- Please do not send fidget toys into school for your child. If we believe they would benefit from this strategy, we will provide a suitable resource.
- Have you downloaded the My Happy Mind app? If not, please take a handout and check this out!

The importance of good attendance.

(Please take a handout)

WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Better learning

Children learn more and make better progress when they attend school every day.



Stronger friendships

Being in school helps children build friendships and feel part of our school family.



Good for wellbeing

Routine and positive relationships at school support good mental health and confidence.



Opportunities for all

Your child won't miss out on important lessons, activities, trips and special events.

Where can I find out more?

- The school calendar on the website will be kept up to date with all the latest information. Did you know you can sync your smart phone to this?
- Newsletters are sent out every Friday. We hope you will take the time to read these in full, but if you are in a hurry there is always a REMINDERS section at the bottom which lists upcoming events.
- Meetings with teachers. We will have individual meetings on our two Parents' Evenings which are Monday 5th and Thursday 8th October. You will be sent a booking link nearer the time.
- We are also happy to meet with you to chat through any concerns or questions – after school is always best and if you are able to arrange a time in advance, we can be sure to give you our full attention.

Any questions?

Thank you for
coming. We
look forward to
a great year
with your child.

