

Enstone Primary School Newsletter

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19 December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS: Well done to everyone who was involved in our Christmas concerts on Tuesday. The children gave us two lovely shows, which got us all firmly in the festive mood. Thank you to the teachers for all their hard work in preparing the children for the concerts and thank you to the children themselves who gave it their all, afternoon and evening. Hopefully, all borrowed costumes have now been returned to school, but if you still have anything please make sure it comes back to us in January.

WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH: A big shout out to Jenn, who produced an amazing Christmas dinner for the whole school on Thursday. Thank you Jenn! 😊

DOJO POINTS: Well done to everyone who achieved their Dojo Points Challenge. The points are now set back to zero and we will start again in January. Thank you for supporting your child with their homework and helping them to develop good routines.



ECO WARRIORS' FUND RAISING: Thank you to everyone who signed the Eco Warriors' card and donated to the **Rainforest Awareness Rescue Education Centre**. We raised just short of £50.00 for this charity.

TERM DATES: School finishes for the Christmas holidays on Friday 19th December at **1:30pm**. The new term starts for pupils on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**.

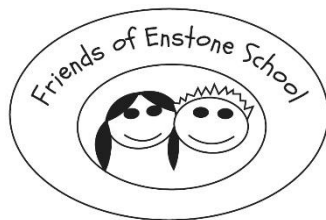
I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a great start to 2026. It has been a long and busy term, and everyone can feel proud of what they have accomplished since September. Thank you from all the staff for your support, and for the kind cards and gifts that many of you sent into the staffroom or gave to individuals. These are very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

S. Mann

Mrs S. Mann

Headteacher



Registered charity: 1106984

A Message from the FoES

Thank you to everyone who bought a number to try to win the Christmas hamper. The winning number was **26**, and the lucky recipient of the hamper was **Mrs Callaghan**.

Thank you to all the parents who helped with the Christmas Disco/Party last Friday. It was great to have lots of people to help set up, run stalls and clear up afterwards. Thank you also to Anita Rowsell for assembling the hamper and to the local businesses and individuals who contributed items towards it. We are not sure yet how much money was raised, but it was a lovely event.

FoES are keen to make fundraising and event plans for the remainder of the school year, but we need more people on board. Please look out for details of a meeting in the new year. Many hands really do make light work, so please give a little time if you can. All funds raised go towards enhancing our children's education (and fun!), plus FoES events are a lovely way to bring our community together. We really do need everyone to pull together if our Friends' Association is going to survive and thrive in 2026.

Thank you for your support in 2025 and best wishes for a Happy Christmas from the Friends of Enstone School.



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12 December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

A SPECIAL VISITOR: We had a special visitor in our school library today – Father Christmas himself – who had flown in from the North Pole to see our children and deliver each of them a special gift to celebrate the end of our sesquicentennial year (150 year anniversary). Thank you very much to the FoES, who liaised with Father Christmas and his elves to produce such thoughtful gifts to round off this special year; and thank you to our School Governor, Mr Crossley, for all his help with Santa's visit.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT REMINDERS: We are looking forward to our Christmas concerts on **Tuesday 16th December at 2:00pm and 5:30pm** in the school hall. As previously advised, **all children are involved in both concerts**. Your child will need to return to school for the evening concert at 5:15pm, wearing their costume or Christmas jumper and we will congregate in the hall.

MUSIC AND RECORDER GROUPS: Please could all children in yellow and green recorder groups have their recorders and music in school on Monday and Tuesday next week. Red recorder group will not have a lesson next week.

Children in the Woodwind and Brass or Ukulele and Guitar groups will not have a lesson next week.

PANTOMIME VISIT: Thank you to all our helpers for the pantomime visit on Thursday. We had a great time! Thank you also to FoES for kindly subsidising our transportation and paying for everyone to have an ice cream.

FOES CHRISTMAS PARTY/DISCO: Thank you so much to everyone who has helped to plan and organise tonight's Christmas party for the children. We would like to extend special thanks to the Co-op in Charlbury for donating hot dogs and buns, and to Warner Hotel at Heythrop Park for donating cakes and mince pies. Please remember to bring cash in small change to support the raffle, tombola and refreshment stalls.

REMINDERS:

- Christmas Concerts – Tuesday 16th December at 2:00pm and 5:30pm. Please remember to bring your tickets.
- Christmas jumper day and whole school Christmas lunch – Thursday 18th December.

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I hope you all have a good, restful weekend. Everyone is very tired at this point in the long term. Quiet days and early nights, if you can manage it, ready for the "final push"!

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs S. Mann

Headteacher



REMINDERS FROM THE ECO WARRIORS

ECO CHRISTMAS CARD: The Eco Warriors encourage you to please sign their Christmas card and donate to this year's chosen charity: Rainforest Awareness Rescue Education Centre (RAREC) to support their work. RAREC focus on providing essential care for rescued animals, funding conservation projects to protect wildlife and running educational programs to raise awareness of environmental and animal welfare issues. This links into Evenlode's recent work



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05 December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

CHRISTMAS CONCERT REMINDER: Our Christmas concerts will be held on Tuesday 16th December at 2:00pm and 5:30pm in the school hall. We welcome families and friends to join us for the concerts, but please only bring pre-school children/babies to the afternoon performance. It may be necessary to ticket the evening performance – more information to follow as soon as we've worked out the logistics. We plan to do a **dress rehearsal on Friday 12th December** and would like **costumes in school by Wednesday 10th December**. Please make sure you have consulted the information we sent home last week and let us know if you would like to borrow any items from school.

If your child is in Evenlode Class, they don't need a specific costume for the Christmas Concert, but we suggest they may like to wear a **Christmas jumper** instead of their school jumper for concert day. No Christmas hats please – too distracting!

RECORDER GROUPS: Please could Yellow and Green groups have their recorders and music in school every day next week to accommodate extra practice sessions.

REMINDER ABOUT JAM JAR TOMBOLA: We are looking forward to the FoES Christmas Disco next Friday afternoon. Details are on the poster (scroll down). Please also remember the Jam Jar Tombola – details in last week's newsletter – and bring your contribution into school by next Wednesday 10th December.

CHRISTMAS POSTBOX: The Christmas post box will be in use from Monday. If your child would like to post cards to be delivered to friends and staff at school, please make sure the envelopes are clearly labelled with names and classes, so that the prefects are able to make their deliveries. If you are writing individual cards, please try to buy ones which support recycling and woodland sustainability.



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Scroll down for information posters...



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DJ

Sweet treats and cakes available to buy

Mulled wine and mince pies available for the Adults

Guess the name of the Teddy

Raffle

We have a card machine but cash is preferred.

*All proceeds from this event will go to Enstone Primary School
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An opportunity for some family fun at the Parish Hall...

ENSTONE PARISH HALL

Calling all film lovers – two epic films for Christmas

THE POLAR EXPRESS



Polar Express

Doors open 3pm
Show starts 3.30pm

Adults – £5
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Mulled wine, beer, wine and mince pies for sale. Popcorn and soft drinks are free

White Christmas

Doors open 6.30pm
Show starts 7pm

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Tickets on sale at the door – Come along for a festive good time

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER



THE | OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

The Oxford and Cambridge Singing School is for boys and girls aged 7 - 13 who love to sing. Established in 2013, the Singing School provides the opportunity to experience great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop confidence in singing and performing.

Pupils will learn some beautiful carols and seasonal music from around the world, led by our regular team of expert coaches.

To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses, please see www.oxbridgesingingschool.com or email oxbridgess@gmail.com

22 & 23 December 2025
St Barnabas Church, Jericho, Oxford
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The Oxford Psychological Interventions for Children
and adolescents Research Group

OCD UK

CALLING ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE SYMPTOMS/DISORDER (OCD)

**Can you help us to develop a brief treatment to help
parents support their child to overcome OCD?**

We are looking for **parents of children (aged 5 to 12 years old)** with lived experience of OCD/OCD symptoms to attend a series of **6 online workshops**. These workshops aim to help us develop an online intervention focused on supporting parents to learn evidence-based tools to help their child to overcome OCD

We want to make sure the treatment works for as many families as possible, so are looking for parents that identify as being from one or more of the following groups:

- Parents in single-parent families
- Parents from minority ethnic groups
- Parents within low-income families
- Parents who have low levels of confidence/experience using technology



- ✓ Your child does **not** need a diagnosis of OCD
- ✓ You will be **paid for your time**
- ✓ **We can help** if you face difficulties in attending sessions, such as supporting you with costs and visiting you in your local community!

**SCAN FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

To register your interest please scan the QR code
or email **OCD-empower@psych.ox.ac.uk**.

(If you're not able to attend 6 workshops but are keen to help us - please still register your interest and we can find alternative ways that you can be involved!)





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28 November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

CHRISTMAS IS DECLARED “OPEN” AT EPS: We have had a lovely afternoon creating some Christmas crafts and decorating the school in order to declare the festive season officially “open” here at school. Please keep an eye on the calendar and reminders, as there will be lots going on in the last few weeks of the autumn term.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Our Christmas concerts will be held on Tuesday 16th December at 2:00pm and 5:30pm in the school hall. We welcome families and friends to join us for the concerts, but please only bring pre-school children/babies to the afternoon performance. This year, we are doing things a bit differently. Our Christmas Nativity play, “The Stable Boy” will be performed on stage by children from Windrush and Glyme classes, with Evenlode Class supporting the singing. Children from Evenlode Class will also be performing with Choir or their recorder group, if they participate in these extra-curricular activities. (Not the new beginners’ group – we don’t have enough notes yet for a Christmas tune!). Evenlode pupils will have their chance to shine on the stage in our summer term performances.

Information about parts in the play, costume requirements, etc. is coming home today in book bags. Please let us know if you would like to borrow any costumes from school – we have quite a good selection so check before you start making or buying anything. If your child has lines to learn, please help them to do this as quickly as possible as rehearsals begin next week.

CHRISTMAS DISCO: On Friday 12th December, FoES will be running a Christmas Disco in the school hall from 4:00 – 5:30pm. Tickets will be on sale next week at a cost of £4.00 to include entry, a hot dog and a drink. There will be additional food items on sale, as well as some little stalls such as tombola or guess the name of the teddy, so please send your child along with cash in small change.

JAM JAR TOMBOLA: We would like to run a “Jam Jar Tombola” for the children at the Christmas Disco and would therefore be grateful if every pupil could make a decorated jam jar at home, fill it with a prize and bring it in by Wednesday 10th December. The jar may be decorated in any festive way and prizes could include sweets, chocolates, toiletries, small toys, items of stationery, or any other suitable gifts that a child might like to win. If you do not have a jam jar, we may be able to supply one – please ask. Thank you for your support with this.



ECO WARRIORS “CUT YOUR CARBON” CHALLENGE: Just in case you missed it, the Eco Warriors are encouraging us all to take part in a 4 week “Cut your Carbon” challenge. Information about this may be found in the newsletters from last week and the week before. The handout is included again this week (below), in case you lost your paper copy.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs S. Mann

Headteacher

Please read on for more information about the Christmas Disco!



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Make 3 evening meals plant-based across the month.



Make 3 journeys active across the month.



Meal plan to reduce food waste for one week.



Lower your washing machine temperature to 30°C for three washes across the month.



Have a 'device-free' day.



Drop your heating by 1°C for a week.

Completed by:

CUT YOUR CARBON
WITH ECO-SCHOOLS

Please return your completed challenge forms w/c 15th December.

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SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER

Chippy Trixsters Presents

ROLLER DISCO

Chipping Norton Leisure Centre

Saturday 29th November 2025

2.15pm – 3.45pm

Entry £6 Skate Hire £1



FOR YOUR DIARY: Christmas Disco Saturday 20th December 2025



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21 November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

MOSAIC WORKSHOPS: On Tuesday, all pupils had the opportunity to create a lovely mosaic coaster in a workshop facilitated by Cotswold Arts Through Schools (CATS). You will be very impressed when they bring home their fantastic creations later in the term.

U11 NETBALL SUCCESS: On Wednesday, we sent a boys' and a girls' team to the Partnership U11 Netball Tournament at Chipping Norton School. Both teams played really well, with the girls placing third overall in the small schools' section and the boys winning first place! Well done to all involved.



GLEAMING SMILES: On Thursday, Glyme Class were visited by a local dentist who explained to them the importance of keeping our teeth sparkling clean. The children learned a lot and really enjoyed their workshop; hopefully this will be reflected in their toothbrushing efforts at home!

REMINDERS:

- **Wednesday 26th November – Sports Hall Athletics Championship.** Please see your information letter from Mrs Slark if your child was invited to this event.
- **Pantomime Visit** – please remember to log on and pay for your child's ticket. This also serves as your permission for them to attend the trip.

Have a good weekend and stay warm.

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REMINDER...

A Message from the Eco Warriors

Eco Challenge: Cut Your Carbon



In Thursday's assembly, our Eco-Warriors introduced our Eco challenge to Cut our Carbon - please see this link for the Power Point presentation that was shared during the assembly:

[Cut Your Carbon launch slides.pptx](#)

We would like to challenge you all to take part with your families (including teachers, support staff and governors!)

The Cut Your Carbon Challenge will run for a month until Friday 12th December. The eldest child in each family has today been given a handout detailing each of the 6 challenges, along with a checklist to tick as many of the activities as possible, before returning to school by the deadline. The Eco- Warriors will then submit everyone's results, and we'll let you know the estimated carbon saved across our whole school community.

Have fun trying some new challenges and making a difference at the same time!

Thanks for supporting us.

The Eco Warriors



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Dear Parents/Carers,

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK: Children in Years 2 to 6 enjoyed their anti-bullying drama workshops on Monday, courtesy of CATS and Chipping Norton Theatre. All classes continued to explore anti-bullying themes throughout the week, and everyone impressed us with their insightful and thoughtful responses.

STREET DANCE: Years 5 and 6 enjoyed a fantastic Street Dance workshop on Tuesday morning. Perhaps they will show you how to bust some moves?! 😊

BIKEABILITY: Our Year 6 pupils completed their ***Bikeability*** training this week, with everyone achieving a Level 1 and a Level 2 award. Well done sixes! Parents will receive some individual feedback (directly from the tutors) on how their children performed and any skills to work on.

CHILDREN IN NEED: Thank you for your donations to Children in Need today. We had a lot of fun with the dressing up and with the balloon and water challenges. Our winners will be announced and presented with their certificates next week. The total money raised so far today was £140.00. If anyone has further donations to hand in, we can still accept these as we won't bank until next week.

REMINDERS:

- **U11 Netball – Wednesday 19th November.**

Have a good weekend.

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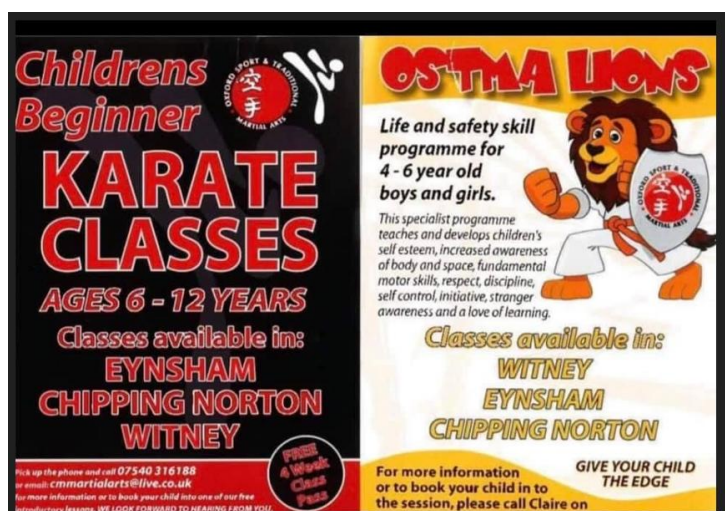
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Childrens Beginner KARATE CLASSES
AGES 6 - 12 YEARS
Classes available in:
EYNSHAM
CHIPPING NORTON
WITNEY

OSTMA LIONS
Life and safety skill programme for 4 - 6 year old boys and girls.
This specialist programme teaches and develops children's self esteem, increased awareness of body and space, fundamental motor skills, respect, discipline, self control, initiative, stranger awareness and a love of learning.

Classes available in:
WITNEY
EYNSHAM
CHIPPING NORTON

For more information or to book your child into the session, please call Claire on 07540 316188 or email: cmartialarts@live.co.uk

GIVE YOUR CHILD THE EDGE



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07 November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

EVENLODE CLASS ASSEMBLY: It was lovely to see many of you at the Evenlode Class assembly this morning. Well done to the Year 5 and 6 children for sharing their entertaining recounts of their adventures in Kilvrough, and to the Year 4's for telling us all about their Eco Day and showing us their lovely artwork.

DESIGN A POPPY FUNDRAISING COMPETITION: We had lots of super entries for the poppy competition. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this fundraising event. Our winners were Fred, Todd and Scarlett SF, and our runners up were Ava F, George, Ava E and Skye.

DOJO POINTS AFTERNOON: This afternoon, the children enjoyed their Golden Time, which was the reward for the "Dojo Points Homework Challenge". The points will now reset to zero, ready for the new half term and the homework activities set between now and the Christmas holidays. Please support and encourage your child with their reading and homework. It is best to develop good habits now, which will serve them well as they get older and the homework expectations increase.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK: Next week is anti-bullying week and the School Council would like to invite everyone to come to school in odd socks on Monday, in support of this. Evenlode and Windrush classes will also be having some anti-bullying workshops on this day.

CHILDREN IN NEED: On Friday, we will be fundraising for Children in Need. We would like to invite the children to come to school wearing their spots in support of Pudsey, in return for a £1 donation. If you don't have spots, maybe stripes instead? School Council will also be running some "Guinness World Record" style challenges. If your child would like to take part in one of the challenges, entry is £1. We will be seeing who can keep a balloon in the air for longest, using only their feet, and who can transfer the most water from tank to tank in 30 seconds using a sponge. This should be a fun day, as well as a chance to do our bit for an important national fundraiser.

REMINDERS:

- **Year 6 children will be doing their "Bikeability" training on Wednesday and Thursday next week.**

Have a good weekend.



Yours sincerely,

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