

Enstone Primary School Newsletter

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13 February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

HOUSE FESTIVAL: We ended the first half of the spring term with a fabulous two days of House Festival activities. Staff have been so impressed with the children's teamwork, enthusiasm and commitment throughout the two days. In particular we are proud of our older pupils, who supported and nurtured their younger peers so well during the activities. We look forward to seeing many of you at the sharing assembly at 2:00pm – which house will lift the trophy for 2026?



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK: As well as all the House Festival excitement, we have also been thinking about "Children's Mental Health Week." The theme for 2026 is "This is My Place" and the focus is on the importance of having a sense of belonging and inclusion. On Wednesday, we joined a live "Picture News" assembly with special guest, children's author and mental wellbeing advocate, Katie Hopper. Katie shared one of her stories live and the children were encouraged to reflect on how their words and actions can help others feel welcome and supported.

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FOES DUCK RACE: Information about the FoES duck race on **15th March** is included again below. Don't forget to purchase your ducks. You've got to be in it to win it!



On the subject of FoES, our current committee is very tiny and we are at risk of the organisation folding unless someone else is willing to step up and help. It doesn't have to be a huge commitment, and when there is an event on lots of people generally pitch in to help, but we do need some key committee members in order for FoES to function.

You might not be aware of all the ways in which FoES funds support the school. Here are some of the things that they have paid for and organised so far this academic year:

- A subsidy to facilitate the sequacentenary whole school photograph.
- Uniform sales.
- Transport for the visit to Rewley Road Fire Station.
- A visit from Father Christmas, complete with gifts for all children.
- School Christmas Disco.
- Buses and ice creams for the pantomime.
- Online safety newsletter subscription.
- Subsidy for the bus to Cassington (Evenlode Class trip).
- Leavers' hoodies for Y6's.
- £2000.00 donation to enable us to buy new iPads and science equipment.



In the pipeline are, as advertised, the much loved "Duck Race" and also teas at Chastleton House in June.

Without the support of FoES, our children would not have these treats and additional resources. At present, two of our key committee members are an ex-parent and a prospective parent, so PLEASE, current parents, consider if you have a little time to spare and could help to save our FoES. To lose it after all these years would be a tragedy.

BAGS 2 SCHOOL: On 11th March we will be having a "Bags 2 School" collection of good quality used clothing and shoes. If you have any donations for us, please bring these to school by 9:00am on the collection day. The money raised from this goes directly to supporting our school.

WORLD BOOK DAY: We will be celebrating World Book Day on Wednesday 4th March (technically a day early but it works better for us!). As is traditional, we will be inviting the children to dress as a favourite book character, so you may like to have a think about costume ideas over the half term. Follow this link for some top tips:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/resources/dressing-up-ideas-for-parents-and-carers/>



TERM DATES: We break up for the half term holiday today, Friday, 13th February, at 3:15pm and return to school on Monday 23rd February.

I hope you all have a great half term holiday.

Yours sincerely,

S. Mann

Mrs S. Mann

Headteacher



TOP TIPS FROM OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ON HOW TO HELP THEM FEEL A SENSE OF BELONGING

- Parents, Carers or Community Groups can help belonging by asking questions about things they see us becoming passionate about.
- By checking in with you, providing support and making you feel safe and important.
- By being there and being happy
- By doing things that make you feel happy and safe
- Letting us choose our likes and interests and letting us explore new things.
- Parents taking time to listen and speak to us, reassure us.
- Making a comfortable, welcoming place for us.

A FEW MORE FROM US:

Parents and carers can foster belonging by **providing a loving and consistent family environment**, encouraging strong connections with peers and other trusted adults, and collaborating with school. A child's sense of belonging starts at home and expands to include the wider community.

Emphasise positive, trusting relationships. Create a loving, secure base by being available, emotionally supportive, and consistent. Simple acts, like listening without judgment, sharing smiles, or offering hugs, help build trust and intimacy.

Show them you know and value them. Notice your child's personality and unique talents, and cheer for their achievements, no matter how small. This boosts their confidence and sense of self-worth.

Establish family rituals. Create a sense of security and connection through routines and traditions. These can be as simple as making a favourite meal, sharing stories in the evening, or having a special way of saying goodbye.

Encourage open communication. Create a safe space where our children and young people can share their thoughts and feelings without fear of judgment. Talk to them about what belonging means and encourage them to explore their feelings when they feel included or excluded, using curiosity and open questions.

Embrace and celebrate heritage to keep our children connected to their roots. This is a powerful way to strengthen their sense of self and belonging.



Registered charity: 1106984



Heythrop Park Resort, Chipping Norton, OX7 4NF

Sunday 15th March 2026 10:00AM

**350 ducks racing along Heythrop Park's waters to raise money for Enstone School!
Take part by purchasing one of our ducks and cheer them on as they race to the finish.**

- 1st prize - £100 (sponsored by Warner Leisure)
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- 3rd prize - £25 (sponsored by Wurzel)
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Scan the QR code to purchase ducks or [click here](#)

Or Look out for members of FOES selling ducks next week!

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February Half Term Activities



Colourful Silhouettes
Tuesday 17 February
10-30am-12.30pm & 2-4pm

Camouflage Creatures
Wednesday 18 February
10-30am-12.30pm & 2-4pm

Collage & Create
Thursday 19 February
10.30am-12.30pm & 2-4pm



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Dear Parents/Carers,

BALL SKILLS FESTIVAL: On Wednesday, most of our pupils in Years 3 and 4 attended the partnership Ball Skills Festival. This particular event gives the children an opportunity to practise their bench ball skills, whilst also meeting and playing alongside and against pupils from other local schools. Well done to everyone who took part, and particularly to those children who were in team “France”, the medal winners!

HOUSE FESTIVAL: On Thursday and Friday next week, we will be holding our annual House Festival. The children will spend their days “off timetable”, working in their house groups, as they take part in a range of activities and compete for the festival trophy. We would like to invite you to join us for a House Festival sharing assembly next Friday afternoon (13th February) at 2:00pm in the school hall.

GUITAR AND UKULELE LESSONS NEXT WEEK: For next week only, guitar and ukulele lessons will be on Wednesday afternoon, rather than Thursday afternoon.

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SEND TOGETHER 2026

A DAY FOR PARENT CARERS TO
CONNECT, LEARN AND SHARE

- ✔ Workshops and Information Sessions
- ✔ SEND Advice Clinics
- ✔ SEND Marketplace
- ✔ Feedback and Discussion Sessions
- ✔ Free event

THURSDAY
26TH MARCH
9.30AM - 2.30PM
THE KING'S CENTRE,
OXFORD

FOR REGISTRATION
OR MORE INFO:
WWW.TINYURL.COM/SENDTOGETHER2026

A LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP EVENT





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30 January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

NSPCC SPEAK OUT STAY SAFE: On Monday, we held two “Speak Out, Stay Safe” assemblies (one for Glyme and one for Windrush and Evenlode) to help our pupils understand more about the importance of speaking up and sharing information with a trusted adult if they are scared, worried or anxious. The assemblies were followed up with class sessions, where the children could further discuss the themes and ask questions. The children also learned about Childline and how to contact the service if needed. This work is an important part of our PSHE and RSE programme, and we would encourage you to talk to your children about what they have learned so that you can support them if they have further questions. The Childline website is a great source of information for parents/carers and children and includes fun games to play. Follow the link below to visit the Under 12 section of the website.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/kids/>

U11 HOCKEY FESTIVAL: On Wednesday, a group of children from years 4, 5 and 6 attended the Chipping Norton Partnership U11 Hockey Festival. The children had the chance to hone their hockey skills and play games against pupils from two other local schools. Well done to all the attendees, who were excellent representatives for our school.

FOOD WASTE ASSEMBLY: On Thursday, we had a fabulous assembly all about how food waste is recycled at the anaerobic digestion facility in Cassington. Thank you so much to Pamela Woolcock for presenting this assembly – we all learned a lot in a very short time! Lucky Evenlode Class will be visiting the facility in Cassington in early March, to find out more about food waste recycling and energy production. Details to follow when it’s all booked and finalised.

CHARCOAL DRAWING WORKSHOP: Thursday was a very busy day, as we also enjoyed charcoal drawing workshops, courtesy of the wonderful team at Cotswold Arts Through Schools (CATS). The children learned a variety of techniques for using charcoal to sketch with and drew some beautiful bird pictures which you will soon see on display around the school.

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If your child is a keen scientist, please see the poster below advertising a free, hands on science bazaar at Oxford Brookes University in February. It sounds like a fun day out and includes:

- **Hands-on science activities** led by real scientists, researchers, and students.
- **Live science shows and demonstrations** throughout the day.
- **Interactive workshops** covering topics such as psychology, medicine, engineering, robotics, coding, nutrition, and more.
- **STEM games and challenges**, with prizes to be won.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs S. Mann

Headteacher

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SCIENCE BAZAAR

Saturday 21 February 2026

9:30am - 11:30am Relaxed autism-friendly early opening
11:30am-4pm Open to all

Fun activities, hands-on workshops, experiments, talks, show, competitions and cafe



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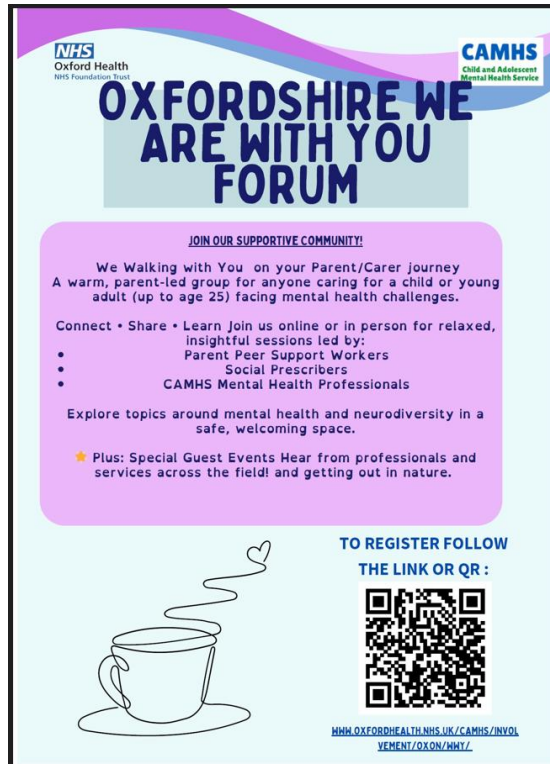
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“WE ARE WITH YOU”

We are With You is open to Parents and Carers of young People aged 5 – 25 years across Oxfordshire, you do not need an open referral or have ever been open to CAMHS to access the offer.

We have Parents webinars:

Thursday 26th February - Sleep & Mental Health. 5pm – 6pm, Online.

Friday 13th March 2026 – Unmet Needs or Emotional Avoidance? Understanding the Difference in School Non-Attendance. 1.30pm – 2.30pm. Online.

Date to follow for Supporting Children with limited food intake and sensory sensitivities

Family wellbeing walks (during the Easter Holidays at both Blenheim Palace and Harcourt Arboretum.

Date to follow for Parents only wellbeing walk at Harcourt Arboretum.

Online, drop-in coffee mornings, 2 Thursdays per month, dates can be accessed via the booking link.

Dates to follow for in-person coffee events.

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FEBRUARY HALF TERM

FOOTBALL CAMP

9:00-13:00 16TH-18TH FEBRUARY £20 PER SESSION
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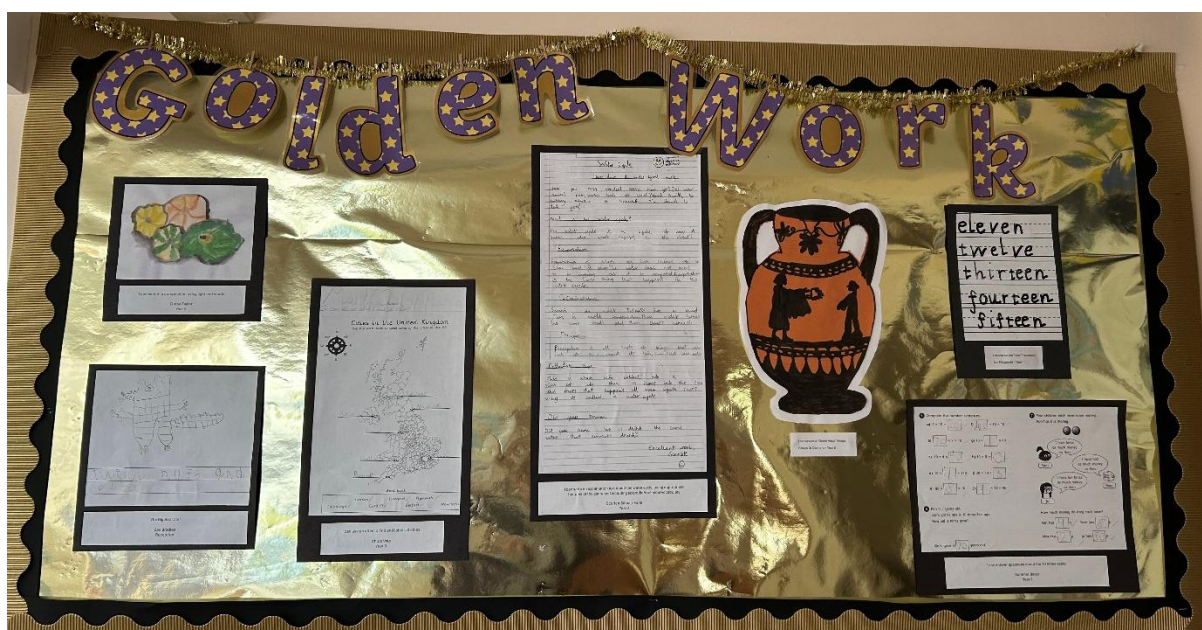
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Dear Parents/Carers,

GOLDEN WORK: Congratulations to Chiara, Dottie, Scarlett SF, Chloe, Summer, Ava F and Zachary whose work was chosen for the Golden Work board this month.



DO WE HAVE THE RIGHT CONTACT DETAILS FOR YOU? Please remember to let the school office know if you change your telephone number, email address or collection preferences. It is important that we have the most up to date information at all times. Thank you.

REMINDERS:

- U11 Hockey Tournament – Wednesday 28th January. Please remember shin pads (mandatory) and mouth guards (recommended).

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

S. Mann

Mrs S. Mann Headteacher

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16 January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

U11 SWIMMING GALA: I am delighted to tell you that our U11 swim team won the small schools' section of the partnership swimming gala on Wednesday. The children swam really well and were so supportive of each other. We were very proud of them all for their perseverance, their swimming skills and their teamwork.

A LETTER FROM YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER: Attached alongside this newsletter are letters from your children's class teachers outlining some of the topics and plans for this term. Please take some time to read these and particularly to note homework and P.E. arrangements so that your child is always well prepared.

SCHOOL WEBSITE: Our school website is undergoing some technical work at present, so we are not able to make any changes or additions until the work is done. You can still access the website and most information you will need is there – it just affects things like us adding the current newsletter, class letters, etc. until we get the green light from our website provider.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ECO WARRIORS: Please see the next page for a message from the Eco Warriors regarding the "Cut Your Carbon" challenge.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

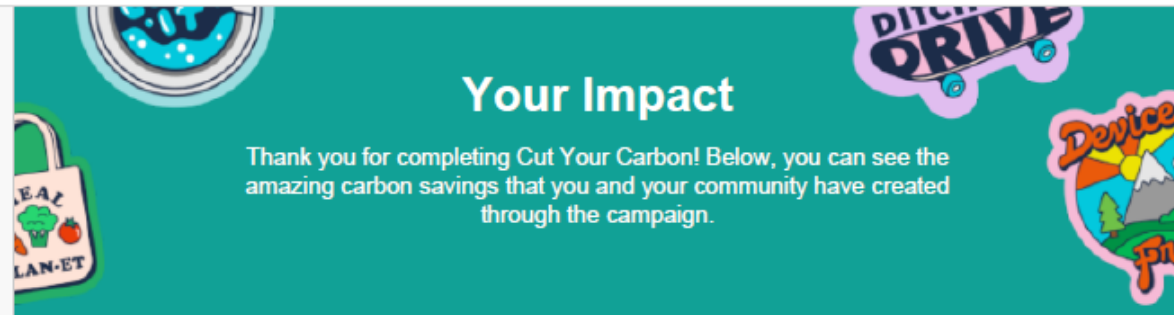


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Headteacher

A Message from the Eco Warriors

Thank you to those who joined in with our "Cut the Carbon" initiative just before Christmas. Here are the results:



Overall Combined Carbon Savings of 24 participants =

419.08 kgCO₂e

Read below to see how that figure breaks down...



18

people dropped the temperature to 30°C for three washes across the month, resulting in carbon savings of up to:

14.9 kgCO₂e

11

people had a device-free-day, resulting in carbon savings of up to:

2.2 kgCO₂e



21

people made 3 journeys active across the month, resulting in carbon savings of up to:

32.1 kgCO₂e



17

people dropped their heating by one degree for a week, resulting in carbon savings of up to:

118.5 kgCO₂e

22

people made 3 evening meals plant based across the month, resulting in carbon savings of up to:

247.7 kgCO₂e



20

people meal planned to reduce food waste for one week, resulting in carbon savings of up to:

5.8 kgCO₂e

Thank you for doing your bit to protect our planet.

Best wishes from,

The Eco Warriors

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09 January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

WELCOME BACK: Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year's celebration. The Spring Term will be as busy as ever, so please keep your eye on the school calendar, plus the date reminders on weekly newsletters. Your child's class teacher will be writing to you next week with information about topics and other class-specific arrangements for this term.

HOOKE COURT RESIDENTIAL VISIT: On Tuesday, 13th January at 3:30pm we will be holding an information meeting regarding the summer term residential visit for children in Years 3 and 4. If your child is in one of these year groups, please try to attend the meeting if possible. For those of you who are unable to attend, we will make the Power Point slides available afterwards.

UNATTENDED CHILDREN: For their own safety, please do not leave children unattended on the playground before school. A staff member will be out at **8:35am** to supervise the playground but before this time parents should remain with their children. Thank you.

REMINDERS:

- U11 Swimming Gala – Wednesday 14th January. If your child is participating, please ensure they have their kit and that they bring a packed lunch that day.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs S. Mann

Headteacher