

Enstone Primary School Newsletter

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27 March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

END OF TERM ASSEMBLY: It was great to see so many of you joining us for the end of term sharing assembly. Well done and thank you to all the children for their wonderful singing, dancing and reading. What a talented bunch!

COMPETITION WINNERS: Congratulations to the following children who won the Easter competitions today:

Decorated eggs: Ava E, Elliot and Chiara

Easter hats: Ambrose, Sophie, Theodore and Fabio.



HOUSE POINT TROPHY: Air House won the House Point trophy for Term 4 (spring term 2nd half). Well done to them – the cup will now wear its yellow ribbons until the next count at May half term.

FRIENDS ASSOCIATION: Following a generous donation from FoES, we have purchased five new iPads to replace our clapped out old ones that refused to update or work properly. Thank you so much, FoES – this is really very much appreciated by staff and pupils.

Also, thank you so much to everyone who went along to the FoES meeting on Tuesday evening at the Sports and Social Club. We now have a new committee as follows:

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Chair – Dave Stevens

Secretaries – Jenny Dodd and Miranda Thomas

Treasurer – Jen Campbell

Plans are already underway for some fun and fundraising – see the poster below.
Thank you so much everyone.

REMINDERS:

- **Children in Years 4 and 5 will be swimming on Tuesday 14th April. It's our first day back in so please make yourself a note to remember kits.**

TERM DATES: School finishes for the Easter Holidays today, Friday 27th March, at 1:30pm. The summer term starts for pupils on Tuesday 14th April.

MRS WEST: As we break for Easter, I must share the news that our lovely Mrs West will be retiring at the end of this academic year after 24 years as a class teacher at Enstone Primary School. It is hard to imagine life at school without her, and we know she will miss us all too, but exciting retirement plans lie ahead for her. We will, of course, need to give Mrs West a fantastic send-off (watch this space) and we will be looking to recruit a new member of staff to join our team starting in September 2026.

Have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to seeing everyone back here on 14th April.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs S. Mann

Headteacher



Happy, motivated, and achieving.

ENSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Upcoming Events



Chastleton Teas

Saturday 13th June 2026

Enjoy a charming afternoon of tea, cakes & community spirit



Summer Fête

Saturday 11th July 2026

Games, stalls, treats & fun for all the family!



Halloween Disco

Friday 23rd October 2026

Spooky fun, dancing & fancy dress!



Christmas Disco

Friday 4th December 2026

Festive music, lights & holiday cheer!



Everyone welcome – bring friends and family!

Supporting our wonderful school community

More details to follow throughout the year



Let's Celebrate Easter with an Easter Egg Hunt

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All children are invited to participate in
an Easter egg hunt in the churchyard of
St. Kenelm's Church, Enstone
immediately after the 10.00 a.m.
service on Easter Sunday!

The service will have something for
everyone as together we celebrate the
joy of Easter Day.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO
BRING THEIR EASTER BASKETS
TO CHURCH

We hope to see you there!

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Dear Parents/Carers,

DUCK RACE: Thank you very much to everyone involved in last weekend's Duck Race. The winning duck belonged to Tommy in Year 1. 😊 We await news from FoES to see how much money was raised for the school by this event.


COMIC RELIEF (RED NOSE DAY): Thank you for supporting the School Council's Red Nose Day fundraising initiatives. We raised £160.00 for the charity today with our PJs, bedheads and funny mask designs. Congratulations to our mask competition winners: Seth, Cora and Penny, pictured below.



A BUSY WEEK FOR WINDRUSH CLASS: Windrush Class have been out and about twice this week, once for the Multi Sports Festival at Chipping Norton School and once for their topic-related trip to Chedworth Roman Villa. On both occasions, the children made us very proud with their excellent behaviour and participation.

PROTECTING OUR HISTORIC DRY STONE WALLS: You will know that there is a considerable length of dry stone wall surrounding our school site, which is very expensive and difficult to maintain. **Children are not permitted to climb on or over these walls or to remove stones from them.** Please make sure you support us by enforcing this rule outside of school hours. Also on the subject of dry stone walls,

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Nicky Knott (Ted's grandmother) has informed us that her wall is also being damaged, by children who are taking the stones as part of their den building up on the field in the "forest" corner. Please ask your children not to cross over the road and help themselves to Mrs Knott's stones – she will also face considerable expense if she has to get her wall rebuilt. Thank you for your support and consideration.

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOUR DREAMCOAT: Read poster below for a chance to see our own Mrs Callaghan on stage in a performance of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat"!

END OF TERM COMPETITIONS: Next Friday 27th March, the last day of term, we will be holding our traditional Easter hat and Easter egg decorating competitions.

Here is what you need to know...

Children in Glyme Class and Windrush Class will be provided with a hat band and some craft materials so that they may create a fabulous Easter hat. If children would like to bring anything from home with which to embellish this, e.g. Easter stickers, fuzzy chicks, etc., they are welcome to do so, but this is not essential as we have plenty of resources.



Children in Evenlode Class need to bring two hard boiled eggs to school on Friday 27th March – one to decorate and a spare in case of accidents! Please also send in an egg cup or egg box for them to balance their egg in whilst they are decorating. The children will be provided with craft materials so that they can create their masterpieces.

Again, if children would like to bring any craft items from home, they are welcome to do so, but the design must be created and assembled independently in school. You might like to help your child to think up some ideas over the weekend.

REMINDERS:

- **FoES meeting at the Sports and Social Club on Tuesday 24th March at 7:00pm.**
- **End of term sharing assembly – 2:15 on Thursday 26th March in the school hall. We welcome parents and carers to join us for this.**

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Have a good weekend.

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Enstone Social Club,
24th March,
7-8 P.M.

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Ideas, Drinks & Fun!

BCOS PRESENTS

An Amateur production by arrangement with The Really Useful Group Ltd

28 - 30 May



JOSEPH

AND THE
Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Lyrics by
Tim Rice

Music by
Andrew Lloyd Webber

Tickets £16/£9



Coles Books
Bicester



0333 666 3366
(booking fee applies)



ticketsource.co.uk/bcos
(booking fee applies)

The Cooper School
Bicester OX26 5TE

7.30pm nightly
plus 2.30pm Saturday
(family friendly performance)

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13 March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

CHIPPING NORTON MUSIC FESTIVAL: On Wednesday afternoon, Evenlode Class attended the Chipping Norton Music Festival schools' workshop and concert. Our pupils were fantastic, both in terms of their enthusiastic singing and their exemplary behaviour. We were very proud of them all and delighted to receive positive praise from the event organisers about how our young performers lit up the stage! We look forward to sharing some of the songs with you during our end of term assembly. 😊

Y1 DANCE FESTIVAL: Year 1 pupils had their first taste of a Chipping Norton Partnership event this week, when they attended the Dance Festival. Almost as exciting as the bus journey was the chance to work with young sports leaders from Chipping Norton School and learn a short routine to "Under the Sea". We hope to share this with you in our end of term assembly.

DUCK RACE: FoES look forward to seeing many of you at the Duck Race this Sunday. The race will start at 10:30am. Please park before the hotel drive entrance and allow 25 minutes to walk to the start line. Cars must not be taken onto hotel property. Tea, coffee and cake will be available to buy – **cash only** and please try to bring small change. Children remain the responsibility of their parents/carers at all times.

The "what 3 words" location for the event is: [lively.suggested.pushing](#)


FOES MEETING: The FoES warmly invite you to join them for their AGM at the Sports and Social Club on **Tuesday 24th March at 7:00pm**. Please go along if you can, to hear about how the money FoES raise has been helping our school over the past year, and to share ideas for future community and fundraising events. [See poster below for more information.](#)

BAGS 2 SCHOOL: Thank you for your contributions to the Bags2School collection. This raised in the region of £50.00 for the school.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE: *Due to the recent website update, parents will need to unsubscribe and then resubscribe to the school calendar via the school website to ensure they continue receiving the most up to date calendar information.*

COMIC RELIEF (RED NOSE DAY): The School Council have made some fund-raising plans for red nose day, which is next Friday 20th March. Pupils are invited to

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dress in pyjamas and/or come to school with a “bed head” in return for a £2.00 donation to the charity. Additionally, School Council are running a “design a funny mask” competition. **The poster below contains all the details you need if you want to take part, including an optional template.**

REMINDERS:

- **FoES Duck Race – this Sunday 15th March at 10:30am.**
- **Y2 and 3 Multi-skills Festival at Chipping Norton – Wednesday 18th March.**
- **Windrush Class (Y2 and 3) trip to Chedworth Roman Villa – Thursday 19th March. Packed lunch needed.**
- **End of term sharing assembly – 2:15 on Thursday 26th March in the school hall. We welcome parents and carers to join us for this.**

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Have a lovely weekend, and to all you mums out there, Happy Mothering Sunday!

Yours sincerely,

S. Mann

Mrs S. Mann

Headteacher

Keep scrolling for more information...



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Design a funny mask competition

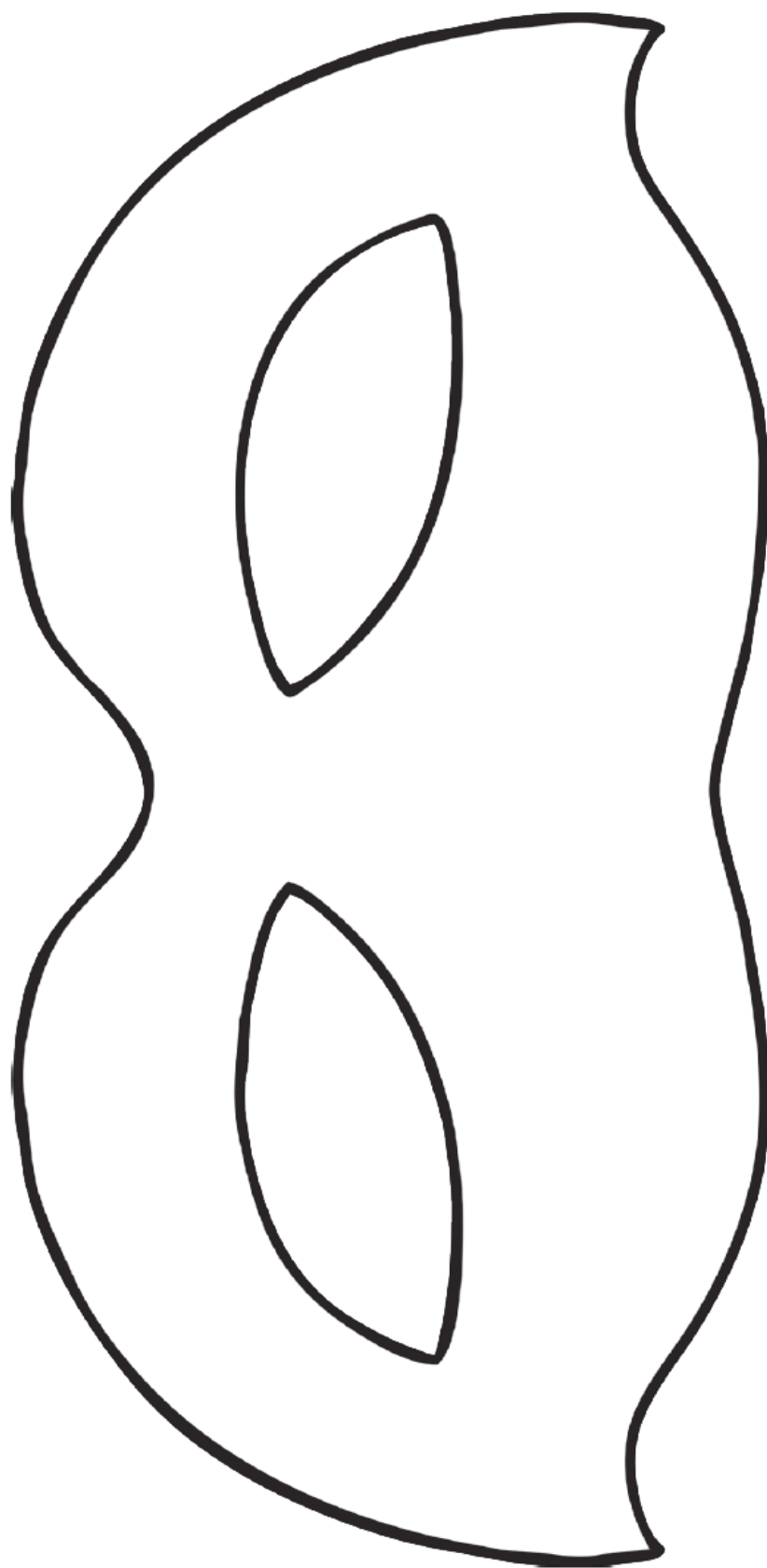


Use the template or make your own from scratch!
Design a funny mask and help us raise money
for **Comic Relief 2026**

ONE WINNER CHOSEN PER CLASS

Bring your mask and £1 entry fee to school by
Thursday 19th March





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Sunday, 15th March
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at **10.00 am**

to celebrate

Mothering Sunday



A service for all ages.

Everyone welcome!

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06 March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,


WORLD BOOK DAY: We had an amazing day on Wednesday, celebrating World Book Day. The children looked wonderful in their costumes, and we enjoyed a day of sharing stories in many and varied ways including puppet shows, dramatisations and some very inventive reimaginings of “The 3 Little Pigs”. Thank you for supporting your children by helping them with their costumes and for supporting the KS2 book swap. Congratulations to our costume winners: Scarlett, Barney and Keegan, pictured below.



EVENLODE’S TRIP TO CASSINGTON: On Tuesday, Evenlode Class took a trip to Cassington to visit the food waste processing site. This was an incredibly interesting (if rather stinky) trip, and we learnt a lot about how food waste is recycled and processed to create both a source of sustainable energy and a bio-fertiliser. Thank you very much to Pamela and Chris Woolcock for arranging this visit for us – we felt very privileged to get a “behind the scenes” look at the facility.

This trip really highlighted the importance of everyone using their food recycling bins. If you are not already using yours, please do consider doing so. This short video clip might help to convince you of the benefits.

[Food Waste Recycling | Severn Trent Green Power](#)



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BAGS 2 SCHOOL: Time to clear out the winter wardrobe and check out your spring fashions? Next **Wednesday 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.

REMINDERS:

- **Parents’ Evenings – Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th March, 3:30 – 6:00pm.**
- **Y1 Dance Festival Wednesday 11th March – please make sure your child has a full kit and trainers in school.**
- **Chipping Norton Music Festival singing workshop for Evenlode Class – Wednesday 11th March. Please make sure your child has a packed lunch and plenty of water.**

Have a good weekend everyone.

Yours sincerely,

S. Mann

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Headteacher



Warriner
School
Farm Trust

LAMBING OPEN AFTERNOONS

7TH AND 8TH MARCH 2026

2-5PM AT THE WARRINER SCHOOL FARM

Come along to the farm and meet the animals and students who work with them.

Please help us raise funds to support the work of The Warriner School Farm.



- New born lambs
- Goat kids
- Calves
- Rabbits, guinea pigs and reptiles
- Refreshments
- Banbury Cross Archers (Saturday 7th only)



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Saturday 7 March 2026

12:00-16:00

Meet scientists, researchers and experts at this free family-friendly science fair filled with fun and curiosity.

Recommended for ages 7+

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Museum of
**Natural
History**
University of Oxford



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)
- 2nd prize - £50 (sponsored by Worth's Coaches)
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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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HOUSE FESTIVAL: Congratulations to **Water House**, who won the House Festival trophy for 2026 just before the half term holiday. Adding to their success, Water House also won the House Point trophy for Term 3. Great job Water! 😊



WORLD BOOK DAY: We will be celebrating World Book Day next 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. Costumes do not need to be overly elaborate – please don't spend lots of money on this. There will be a small prize in each class for the most original homemade costume. Follow this link for some top tips on dressing for the occasion:

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

SWIMMING: The children who have been going swimming were presented with their certificates today. To understand what skills they demonstrated to achieve each level, please see the table below. We will next be swimming after the Easter holidays.

FOES DUCK RACE: Don't forget to purchase your ducks for the FoES Duck Race on 15th March. Follow the QR code or ask one of the FoES for more details.



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Please consult this chart to understand what the various swimming levels entail.

KS2 Core Levels	Red Water Safe	Amber Water Confident	Green Water Proofed	Blue Water Smart	
Outcome 1 Distance Swimming	1.1. Swim unaided for 5m using recognised arm & leg actions; competently, confidently & consistently	1.2. Swim unaided for 10m using recognised arm & leg movements; competently, confidently & consistently	1.3. Swim unaided for 25m using recognised arm & leg movements; competently, confidently & consistently	1.4. Swim unaided for 50m using recognised arm & leg movements; competently, confidently & consistently	
Outcome 2 Stroke Development	2.1. Swim for 5m on 3 of the following strokes (with buoyancy aids)	2.2. Swim for 5m on 3 of the following strokes (without buoyancy aids)	2.3. Swim for 10m on 3 of the following strokes (without buoyancy aids)	2.4. Swim for 25m on 3 of the following strokes (without buoyancy aids)	
	a. Front Paddle	a. Front Paddle	a. Front Crawl	a. Front Crawl	
	b. Back Paddle	b. Back Paddle	b. Backstroke	b. Backstroke	
	c. Basic Breaststroke	c. Basic Breaststroke	c. Breaststroke	c. Breaststroke	
	d. Butterfly Leg Kick	d. Butterfly Leg Kick	d. Butterfly Leg Kick	d. Butterfly Leg Kick	
Outcome 3 Water Safety	3.1. Enter the water safely and submerge the face under water	3.2. Jump in from poolside, submerge & rise to the surface (1m depth)	3.3. Jump in from poolside, submerge & rise to the surface (1.5m minimum depth)	All to be completed wearing clothes	
	4.1. Float on front or back for 10 seconds, moving into a standing position (use of aids permitted)	4.2. Float on front or back without aids for 10 seconds, moving into a standing position	4.3. Float on front or back without aids for 20 seconds in deep water, then swim back to the wall		3.4. Perform a straddle jump from poolside, keeping head out of the water (1.5m minimum depth)
	5.1. Tread water for 10 seconds using buoyancy aids in 1.2m depth	5.2. Tread water in deep water without using buoyancy aids for 15 seconds	5.3. Tread Water in deep water without using buoyancy aids for 30 seconds		4.4. Float in the HELP position for 1 minute
	6.1. Perform a basic shout & signal rescue from poolside	6.2. Perform a shout & signal rescue using buoyancy aids for 15 seconds	6.3. Perform a shout & signal rescue (unaided) for 30 seconds		5.4. Tread water in deep water without using buoyancy aids for 60 seconds
	7.1. Exit the water safely without support	7.2. Exit the water safely without using steps (1m minimum depth)	7.3. Exit the water safely without using steps in deep water (1.2m minimum depth)		6.4. Perform a reach rescue
			7.4. Swim 10m with clothes on and exit the water without support or steps		

WORLD BOOK DAY BOOK SWAP

Wednesday 4th March 2026



KS2 (Years 3 – 6)

Bring a book from home that you think someone else will enjoy and swap it for a new one!

We kindly ask that all books are in good condition and suitable for ages 7-11



Speak to a member of School Council if you have any questions – Claudia, Chiara, Dottie, Scarlett SF, Alice, George, Wilf and Brianna

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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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THE Oxfordshire
Museum in Woodstock