



Enstone Primary School Newsletter

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24 April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

BUSY MORNINGS: Have you ever wondered what the first hour in your child's primary school looks like? I took a moment to stand back and observe on Wednesday morning, and what I saw really highlighted to me what an amazing job everyone is doing and how slick the morning routines have become.

The children filed into the main building from the playground at 8:40am. By 9:30am, as well as welcoming, settling and registering our pupils, we had achieved a whole class punctuation revision session (Windrush Class), personalised spelling list practice (Evenlode Class), SATs maths practice (Year 6), Literacy and maths booster groups (Windrush Class), a "funky fingers" fine motor skills group (Windrush Class), 1:1 reading support (Evenlode Class) Yellow Group's recorder lesson and a "Picture News" assembly. Up in the hall, Glyme were just as purposeful, with all children coming in independently and getting straight down to their designated morning tasks. By 9:35, maths lessons were smoothly underway in all classes. Go Enstone! Not a minute wasted and so much achieved in a short space of time. It made me feel very proud. 😊

LETTERS FROM THE TEACHERS: Alongside this week's newsletter you will receive letters from your children's class teachers. These outline some of the topics and activities we have planned for this term, as well as confirming details of PE days, homework routines, etc. We hope you find this information helpful, in conjunction with the website calendar which will keep you on top of all the important dates.

SUNNY DAYS: With (hopefully) sunny days ahead of us, please remember to send your child into school each day with a sun hat and a full water bottle. Sun screen should be applied at home before coming to school. Please use a long-lasting formula as we are unable to reapply this during the school day.

REMINDERS:

- **Year 4 Modern Foreign Languages Festival at CNS – Wednesday 29th April.**
- **Windrush Class Assembly – 9am Friday 1st May**

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs S. Mann Headteacher

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A message from local resident, Sue Lee:



Secondhand Warm Jumpers & Coats
ages 2-11 boys and girls.

Spare pencils and pencil crayons.

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We fundraise in the UK for equipment and materials for state schools that are badly underfunded and teach English for 2 weeks to the children.

If you have clothes that are being passed on or given to charity shops we would really appreciate any donations you can spare.

Please drop any clothes or pencils at Sunnyside – the house next to the School Car Park.

Thankyou. Sue Lee

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17 April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

WELCOME BACK: Welcome back, everyone. I hope you had a wonderful Easter holiday. We have a busy and fun-packed summer term ahead of us. Important dates are in the school website calendar, so don't forget to check in and link your phone so that you stay on top of it all. Reminders will also be posted in the weekly newsletters.

<https://www.enstone.oxon.sch.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=116&viewid=2>

ATTENDANCE REPORTS: Hopefully, we have put the worst of the winter bugs behind us and can all look forward to a healthy summer term. We have sent home a copy of your child's attendance certificate covering the autumn and spring terms, along with an accompanying letter. Please check book bags for this important information.

TREASURE CHEST WORKSHOP: On Thursday, Evenlode Class enjoyed a sketching workshop using a "Treasure Chest" of interesting objects brought in by a visiting art specialist from Cotswold Arts Through Schools (CATS). Having a chance to play with the old-fashioned rotary dial telephone was a particular hit with the children – and the staff! 😊

LEARNING TO TELL THE TIME: A bit of food for thought... Nowadays we all spend a lot of time using digital clocks – on our phones, the car dashboard, the oven – and the art of telling the time using an analogue clock has become rather rusty for some. You might think, is this really important for my child to know in our digital world? Well actually, yes, it is! The National Curriculum for mathematics requires that children will be able to use both analogue and digital clocks. By the time they are in Year 4, children need to be able to easily tell the time in both formats so that we can move onto teaching the 24 hour clock, using timetables and tackling problem solving activities. Understanding the clock face is also important for children when they are learning about angles, rotations and translations in shape work. It is very difficult to navigate concepts such as "a quarter turn clockwise" or "rotate the shape anticlockwise through 90 degrees" if you are not confident with using a clock face and don't know which way the numbers go! We do teach this skill in school, but it is something that is best and most effectively learnt and practised in the home, so we would really appreciate your help with this. If you would like any help or advice, do let us know. A simple teaching watch and regular "tell me the time now" questions should do the trick though.



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- **Children in Years 4 and 5 will be swimming every Tuesday morning from now until the half term holiday.**

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

S. Mann

Mrs S. Mann

Headteacher



Sign up here!

**Aged 10 to 13
and looking for
adventure?**

Then let's go!

Come and see what's waiting at 6th Chipping Norton Scouts at our **Open Event** - adventure, challenges, and new friends.

Get ready for a whirlwind of games, outdoor activities, and new skills that will kickstart your epic Scout adventure!

Don't forget to bring an adult with you so we can talk to them about next steps

When? Thursday 23rd April 18:45 - 20:00

Where? Greystones, Burford Road, Chipping Norton, OX7 5UY.
What3Words: ///conducted.masterpiece.tenses

Send an email to katy.hadfield@scouts.org.uk to register your interest or scan the QR code to complete our booking form.

Squirrels

COMING SOON

Are you 4 or 5 and love games, crafts, and adventure? Come and join our Squirrel Open Event and find out what Squirrels is all about!

**Thursday 23rd April
5pm - 6pm
Greystones, Burford Road,
Chipping Norton, OX7 5UY.**

Come along for free and find out more!

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