



Enstone Primary School Newsletter

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18 July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

REACH FOR THE SKY: Well done and thank you to Evenlode Class, who treated us to two wonderful and very funny performances of “Reach for the Sky” on Wednesday. We were very proud of you all.

MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA: Well done also to all our young musicians for their performances in this afternoon’s musical showcase assembly. It is always a pleasure to see and hear how the children have progressed, and also to see new musicians taking to the stage for the first time.

REMINDERS:

- **Leavers’ Assembly – Monday 21st July at 2:00pm** in the school hall. Everyone is welcome to join us in saying goodbye and good luck to our Year 6’s as they fly our little nest.
- If you would like to purchase a **commemorative tea cloth**, they are available via the school office at a cost of £5 each or 3 for £10. The sale of these is part of FoES fundraising, so please do give a home to at least one of these adorably amusing souvenirs! They make good presents for family members too.
- Don’t forget we have a change of dinner menu next week (check your email from Mrs Reeve earlier this week).

TERM DATES: The summer term finishes on Tuesday 22nd July at 1:30pm. The new school year begins for pupils on Wednesday 3rd September 2025.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs S. Mann

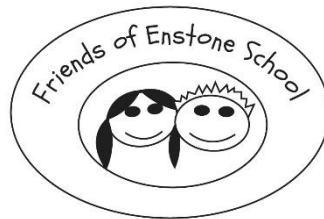
Headteacher



A Message from the Eco Warriors

Thank you for all your donations to the "Good as New" sale today.

We will bring you news of how much money was raised next week.



Registered charity: 1106984

We wanted to share a quick update with you and are delighted to announce that the grand total raised at the Summer Fete was £2000! It was a fantastic day, and we're incredibly grateful to everyone who helped out, whether behind the scenes or on the day itself.

These funds will go a long way in supporting the school, and we'll be in touch later in the year with details of how the money will be allocated.

A special thank you goes to Tracey for all her support over the past couple of years – your help has meant so much to us. And to Dave, one of the newest recruits, who jumped in with great enthusiasm and made a huge difference – thank you!

We'd LOVE to welcome more parents to get involved in future events. If you're interested, please drop us a line or come and have a chat as we would love to hear from you.

Our next big event will be the Halloween Extravaganza, it's always a favourite! We will update you in the new term and confirm a date and time.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer break, and we look forward to seeing some new faces join the FOES team in the new term.

Warm wishes,

Friends of Enstone Primary School



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11 July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

SUMMER FETE THANK YOU'S: Our 150 Year Anniversary Summer Fete was the most tremendous success on Saturday. I would like to thank everyone involved in planning, setting up, running stalls and tidying up afterwards. It was a fabulous team effort! I have honestly never seen a fete so well attended, particularly by members of our wider community, and we so enjoyed catching up with ex staff and pupils, as well as meeting alumni of Enstone Primary School representing many decades of fond memories. The open school was particularly popular – thank you to the governors who supervised this for us and chatted with our visitors. I would also like to say a huge thank you to our sponsors and everyone who donated prizes, in particular Warner Hotel at Heythrop Park who were so generous with their time and resources. The entertainment was fantastic and really contributed to the happy vibe of the day. It was also a pleasure to welcome the Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, Mrs Marjorie Glasgow, who kindly cut our magnificent cake with her ceremonial sword (helped by Edward, pictured below). There was so much to see and do, from singers, Morris Dancers and a stilt-walking clown, to a fire engine and a vintage coach; from hot dogs and roast pork, Pimms and pints, to ice cream and cream teas; it was truly a treat for everyone. I look forward to sharing news of the money raised in due course.



WINDRUSH CLASS ASSEMBLY: Windrush Class treated us to a fabulous assembly this morning, focusing on their “Stone Age” topic and their trip to Hill End. Well done to the children in Years 2 and 3 – we particularly enjoyed your enthusiastic singing!

YEAR 6 CYCLING: Well done to our Year 6 pupils who all passed their Cycling Proficiency test today and thank you very much to Mrs Lock and Miss Young who led the training and prepared the children so well for this important safety test.

YEAR 5 ORIENTEERING: On Wednesday, 8 of our Year 5 pupils took part in an orienteering competition at Chipping Norton School. They had a fun afternoon, and one team came second in the competition. Well done everyone!

ANNUAL REPORTS: Today your child will bring home their annual report, along with the results of any statutory testing they have been involved in (Years 1, 4 and 6 only), their attendance data and their own reflections on the year. If you have any concerns or queries and would like to speak to your child’s teacher, please contact the school office or speak to staff after school to arrange an appointment.

SATS RESULTS: We were delighted with this year’s Key Stage 2 SATs results, which we received confirmation of on Tuesday. The children did so well, and all achieved everything we hoped they would. Our headline data is as follows:

SUBJECT	% ACHIEVING THE EXPECTED STANDARD OR ABOVE <i>(National % for 2025 shown in brackets)</i>	% ACHIEVING THE GREATER DEPTH/ HIGHER LEVEL MEASURE
READING	100% (75%)	44%
GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION AND SPELLING (GPS)	78% (73%)	33%
MATHS	78% (74%)	33%
WRITING (Teacher Assessment)	89% (72%)	22%
COMBINED READING, WRITING AND MATHS	78% (62%)	22%

This is very pleasing data, which exceeds the national standards this year in all measures. For more information about statutory testing, please visit the school website.

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REMINDERS:

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- **Wednesday 16th July – Evenlode Class present “Reach for the Sky”**. All children in Evenlode Class are involved in this production and we warmly invite parents, family members and friends to come and watch. Performances are at **2pm and 6pm**. **Please have costumes in school on Monday**.
- **Friday 18th July – Musical Extravaganza**. Choir, recorder groups and our pupils who have lessons on an instrument (at home and/or at school) will be performing and we hope their families and friends will be able to join us at **2pm** for this celebration of their musical talents.
- **Good as new book/toy/children’s clothing sale to follow the Musical Extravaganza on Friday**. See Eco Warriors message below for details.

A Message from the Eco Warriors



The Eco-Warriors plan to hold a good as new sale of children's books, clothes and toys after school (outside the hall) on Friday 18th July. Please bring small change to snap up some bargains! If you have any good quality children's clothes, books and toys that are no longer required, please bring into school on Thursday 17th July (goods may be taken directly to the hall or handed into class teachers). All proceeds will be donated the BDMLR (British Divers Marine Life Rescue) who are a UK based charity that rescues whales, dolphins, seals and porpoises.

Have a good weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Yours sincerely,

S. Mann

Mrs Sarah Mann

Headteacher



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A **BIG** thank you to everyone who came along to the great Summer Fete last Saturday to mark the 150th Anniversary of our School.

We are pretty sure that this is one of the best attended summer fetes that have ever taken place, and we are still counting our pennies so we should have a grand total soon! But this event was so much more than just raising money. It celebrated the many generations of children that have passed through the school doors. It was particularly special to see so many former pupils, of all ages, come back and reminisce in their old classrooms. The sun shone and the bands played - a happy day for our school families, staff and the local community.

The Lord-Lieutenant, Mrs Marjorie Glasgow, made a special appearance with a splendid sword which made an excellent cake knife (with Edward Hall assisting). It was a wonderful cake beautifully designed and baked by Heythrop Park Hotel and with plenty of slices to share amongst us all.

Thank you to our 'Enstone Party Committee' that worked tirelessly to put on a good show. There are many people who contributed but particular thanks goes to Miri Thomas, Anita Rowsell and Hollie Reeve for all their efforts. It takes a fair bit of co-ordination and a long checklist to keep the show on the road.

Thank you to our generous sponsors - Warner Hotels, Worths Coaches, Adams Stores, Enstone Parish Council, Glyme Construction Ltd and CK Painting and Decorating.

It was wonderful to have Jack, Darcey's Shetland pony who is always a hit, Fairy Tale Farm and the Oxfordshire Fire Service's fine Fire Engine on display - plus many more contributors and supporters.

Finally, thank you to our stall holders who did so well selling, and to those helpers who served food and drinks (thank you Emma Crockford for keeping the tea and coffee flowing) and helped set up and clear up.

Here's to the next 150 years!

Have a lovely weekend! 😊

Many thanks,

The Friends of Enstone School (FoES)



Story Garden



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4 July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

COMMEMORATIVE TEDDY BEARS: Today your child will come home with a special teddy bear, commemorating our 150 Year Anniversary. These bears have been gifted to the children as a joint venture between our own Friends' Association and the Enstone Parish Council. Thank you so much to all involved in funding and arranging these gifts for the children.



ROLL UP AFTERNOONS: We have had two very successful roll-up afternoons. We were especially proud of our current Reception pupils, who welcomed their new classmates with open arms and couldn't wait to show them all around Glyme Class and invite them to join in their games.

REMINDERS:

- Year 6 pupils begin their **cycling proficiency** training on **Monday 7th July**. Please remember to have bikes and helmets in school all next week. The children should also be practising for their theory test, which will take place on Wednesday. They must pass the theory test to be allowed to progress to the practical test.
- **Wednesday 9th July – Year 5 Orienteering Competition** at Chipping Norton School. Please see your letter from Mrs Slark for all the details.
- **Friday 11th July – Windrush Class assembly** 9:10am in the school hall. Parents and families of the children involved are warmly invited to join us.



A Message from the Eco Warriors

The Eco-Warriors plan to hold a second hand sale of children's books, clothes and toys after school on Friday 18th July. This will follow the Musical Extravaganza



and will be held outside the school hall. Please bring some change to snap up some bargains!

If you have any good quality children's clothes, books and toys that are no longer required, please bring into school on Thursday 17th July (goods may be taken directly to the hall or handed into class teachers). All proceeds will be donated the BDMLR (British Divers Marine Life Rescue) who are a UK based charity that rescues whales, dolphins, seals and porpoises. All of the children learnt about the vital work this charity undertake in an assembly earlier in the school year.

Mrs Shaw, our Chair of Governors, accompanied our Eco-Warriors on their June walk to the Planks to test the quality of the River Glyme. She told us about an excellent App called Merlin, which identifies which birds are singing. We heard robins, wrens, blue tits, great tits, magpies and wood pigeons. You may like to download this App and enjoy listening to bird song with your child and identifying which species you can hear.

Thank you for your support!

The Eco Warriors

Have a great weekend, and I hope to see many of you at our anniversary celebration summer fete tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,



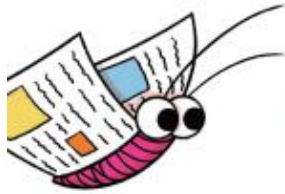
Mrs Sarah Mann

Headteacher

If your child has received a swimming certificate today, the following tables will inform you of what they did to achieve this.

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

KS1	PURPLE Introduction to Swimming Lessons
OUTCOME 1 Distance Swimming	1. Swim aided for 5m using recognised arm & leg actions; competently, confidently & consistently
OUTCOME 2 Stroke Development	2.a. Move 5m forwards, backwards & sideways
	2.b. Kick 5m on the front (with buoyancy aids)
	2.c. Kick 5m on the back (with buoyancy aids)
OUTCOME 3 Water Confidence & Safety	3. Enter the water safely and blow bubbles using the mouth & nose 3 times
	4. Float on front or back for 5 seconds, moving into a standing position (use of aids permitted)
	5. Take part in teacher-led water confidence games
	6. Answer correctly 3 questions on pool rules
	7. Exit the water safely



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27 June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS: We have had a fun-filled and very different week, enjoying a range of activities to celebrate and commemorate our 150 year anniversary.

On Monday, the children prepared contributions for a time capsule, to be buried on the school site in the hope of remaining there unopened until 2050! They also created individual clay time capsules, which we hope they will keep at home and enjoy opening in the future.

On Tuesday, we had our "Victorian School Day", complete with costumes, canes and dunces' hats! Thank you so much for all your efforts in ensuring your child was dressed for the occasion. As you can see from the photographs below, we totally created the look we were aiming for.





On Wednesday, we thought about how our school might change in the future and also contributed a tessera each to a mosaic which will be a lasting memorial to our 2025 school community. We are very grateful to Cotswold Arts Through Schools (CATS) whose volunteers supported us with the clay and mosaic work.

Thank you to Father Mark (aka The Reverent Abrey) who joined us in our Victorian role play, and to Jenn (our wonderful cook) who produced the most fantastic syrup sponge pudding and custard as part of our (almost) authentic Victorian meal. The three special days took a lot of planning and preparation, so thank you to all staff for their extra efforts to make this a special week to remember.

SPORTS DAY: As if our week wasn't busy enough, Thursday brought Sports Day and all the usual fun and mayhem. Everyone gave it their best effort, despite the heat, and we had lots of individual successes, with **Fire House** emerging triumphant overall. Well done to everyone and a special thank you to Mrs Slark who not only set up the events for us, but also got out there with a shovel and did her best to fill in some of the holes on the running track so that we didn't lose any small children down them. 😊

TRANSITION (ROLL UP) DAYS: Next Thursday and Friday afternoons, we will be doing our “roll up”. This is when our new Reception pupils come to visit and everyone else “rolls” into their new year groups for the two afternoons. We are sure our current Reception pupils will do a fantastic job of welcoming some new friends into Glyme Class; Mrs Callaghan is looking forward to spending some time with what will be the new Windrush Class (Years 2 and 3); and Mrs Walsh will be pleased to welcome the Year 3s into Evenlode Class to see what life will be like in September when they become Year 4s and join the top end of the school.

GLYME CLASS' RECIPE OF THE WEEK: This week's recipe is ...

SPICY CHICKEN AND SALAD WRAP

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon low-fat Greek style yoghurt
- ½ teaspoon of curry powder, to taste
- large pinch of chilli powder, to taste
- 85g cooked chicken breast, chopped into small pieces
- 1 large wholemeal wrap
- small wedge of lettuce, to give 2 tablespoons when shredded
- 3 slices of cucumber, chopped
- 1 slice of pepper, chopped



Instructions:

1. Mix the yoghurt and spices to taste and add the chicken.
2. Information:
3. This is a great way to use leftover roast chicken.
4. Spread the chicken mixture on the wrap, then sprinkle on the lettuce, cucumber and pepper.
5. Information:
6. Try other salad vegetables – grated carrot and chopped celery work well, too.
7. Fold opposite edges of the wrap, to keep the filling in, then roll up and cut in half.

Yours sincerely,

S. Mann

Mrs Sarah Mann

Headteacher

ADVERTISEMENT: Could you give Stormy the rabbit a new, loving home?

Stormy is a 3 year old grey lop rabbit, whose owner has unfortunately developed an allergy to animal fur. Stormy comes with his own indoor hutch and outdoor run, plus a month's supply of food and bedding. If you have the time and space to devote to a pet rabbit, please let us know and we will put you in touch with the current owner.

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WEEK 1 / WEEK 3

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
ROBOTS	LEGO MACHINES	STRUCTURES	3D CREATIONS	LASER TAG
MICRO ROBOTS	COOL CODING	MOVIE MAKING	AUGMENTED REALITY	FINESCRIPT ROCKETTS
Electro	Conductive	Inventors	Aquatic	Wind

WEEK 2 / WEEK 4

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
GRANDS ESCAPES	LEGO CONTRAPTIONS	LEADERSHIP ADVENTURES	VIRTUAL REALITY	SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS
THE BOYS	VIDEO GAME DESIGN	ADVENTURES	FINESCRIPT VS MARVEL	STEM CHALLENGES
Electric	Lightbulbs	Robots	Structures	Light

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 - Volunteer

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20 June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

PARTNERSHIP CRICKET TOURNAMENT: This Wednesday was a day filled with cricket. First, Windrush Class attended the Y2/3 cricket festival at Chipping Norton School, where they had fun learning some bowling and batting skills. Later in the day, our U11 team attended CNS for the partnership cricket tournament, which I am delighted to say they **won!** Very well done to everyone who was involved in this.

GLYME CLASS' RECIPE OF THE WEEK: We hope you have been inspired to try some of our healthy lunchbox snack ideas. This week's is Cheesy Coleslaw with wholegrain pitta. See below for the recipe.

CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT – MY HAPPY MIND: You will hopefully be aware that we are using a curriculum programme in school this year called **“My Happy Mind”**. This programme is grounded in the latest research about what it takes to create positive wellbeing. My Happy Mind complements our PSHE curriculum and aims to develop resilient and thriving children. We teach the programme weekly, to all children from Reception to Year 6. There are five modules taught over the year.

What are the five Modules?

1 Meet Your Brain: Understanding how your brain works and how to ensure we look after it so that we can manage our emotions and be at our best. Growth mindset is a key part of this too.


2 Celebrate: Understanding your unique character strengths and learning to celebrate them. This is a fantastic module for building self-esteem.

3 Appreciate: Understanding why gratitude matters and how you can develop gratitude as a habit. Gratitude is key to wellbeing and resilience and we're all about making it a habit!

4 Relate: Understanding why positive relationships matter and how to build them. We're focussed on the building blocks of good relationships and friendships.

5 Engage: Understanding how to set meaningful goals that matter and how to keep resilient in times of challenge. This module is all about building self-esteem and resilience too.

To access the **myHappyMind Parent App** just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> to create your free account. You will need to enter your name, email, and authentication code - 123001



NON UNIFORM DAY: The school summer fete is coming upon us fast, and it is shaping up to be a lovely community celebration of our 150 year anniversary. FoES would be very grateful for donations to the **adults' and children's tombolas**. Next **Friday, 27th June**, we would like to invite our pupils to come to school in non-uniform (just ordinary clothes this time – not dressed as Victorians!) in return for the donation of a tombola prize or two. Thank you.

REMINDERS:

- **Tuesday 24th June – Victorian School Day.** We invite all pupils to come to school dressed as far as possible to replicate the kind of clothing that children might have worn 150 years ago. Please refer to last week's newsletter for full details.
- **Thursday 26th June – SPORTS DAY.** Please join us on the school field at 1:15pm for our annual sports day activities. If the weather turns bad, we may need to reschedule. Let's cross our fingers for sunshine and a light breeze!
- **Friday 27th June – Stay and Play session for parents of Reception pupils.** Please join your child for an hour from 9am – 10am, to see what they get up to in school.
- **Friday 27th June – Non Uniform Day.** Please donate prizes for the adults' or children's tombolas if your child would like to ditch their uniform for the day.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Sarah Mann

Headteacher

CHEESY COLESLAW WITH WHOLEGRAIN PITTA

Ingredients

- 1 teaspoon reduced-calorie mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon low-fat Greek style yoghurt
- 1 thin slice of white cabbage, shredded (to give a handful)
- 1 small carrot, grated
- 2 spring onions or a slice of onion, chopped
- 20g reduced-fat cheddar cheese, finely chopped or grated
- Parsley, chopped (optional)
- 1 large wholemeal pitta bread



Instructions:

1. In a bowl, mix the mayonnaise and yoghurt.
2. Add the vegetables, cheese and parsley (if using). Mix well.
3. Carefully split open the pitta bread and fill with the coleslaw.
4. Simply double the quantities if you have 2 lunchboxes to prepare

Information:

The coleslaw keeps well in the fridge so make it the evening before to help with the morning rush!

Complete your lunchbox with:

- 5 cherry tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon low-fat Greek style yoghurt
- 200ml semi-skimmed milk



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13 June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

STATUTORY ASSESSMENTS: This week, Year 1 children took their statutory phonics check, and Year 4 children took their statutory multiplication tables check. To find out more about these, please visit the link below to read the relevant DfE parent information leaflets.

<https://enstone-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/copies-of-letters-sent-home-1/>

DATE FOR THE Y4-6 PLAY: We now have a confirmed date for our end of year play, which will involve Evenlode Class (Y4-6). The play will be performed on **Wednesday 16th July at 2:00pm and 6:00pm.**


SPORTS DAY: Due to a change in timetabling for the w/c 23.06.25, we will be using our second choice (back up) date for sports day. The sports day will therefore be on the afternoon of **Thursday 26th June**, weather permitting. In the early part of the week, we will be enjoying some off-timetable activities related to the 150 year anniversary of the school, including making clay time capsules and a commemorative mosaic. Volunteers from Cotswold Arts Through Schools (CATS) will be helping us with these special activities.

PARTNERSHIP MATHS QUIZ: On Monday evening, two groups of pupils attended the inaugural Chipping Norton Partnership Maths Quiz. Both teams did really well, with the Y5/6 team (Henry, Isaac and Alex) winning in their age category. Well done to them and also to our Y4 team (Harrison, Elliot and Ruben) – we are very proud of you all. 😊

WINDRUSH TRIP TO HILL END: On Wednesday, Windrush Class enjoyed a fabulous trip to Hill End, where they learnt more about life in the Stone Age. The children constructed shelters using tree branches and animal hides, made their own flint axe and cooked bread over a fire. You will have an opportunity to find out all about the trip at Windrush Class's assembly on **Friday 11th July.**

WHALE COMPETITION WINNERS: We received 19 beautiful entries for the whale art competition run by Evenlode Class and raised £24 for the whale and dolphin rescue charity (BDMLR). All entrants received 3 house points as a thank you, and the following children won prizes:

Key Stage 2: Winner – Ruben Cox, Runner Up – Scarlett Silman-Faria, Highly Commended – Briana Constantinescu and Ava Eaglestone.



Key Stage 1: Winner – Lyra Greenleaves, Runner Up – Jake Watkinson, Highly Commended – Rebecca Haley and George Jenkins.

The children's work will soon be on display in the main building, for all to enjoy.

RUN THE MILE CHALLENGE: Before the half term holiday, we timed our pupils running a mile around the school field and challenged them to practise and see if they could improve their speed and stamina. On Monday, we timed them again and the following children were awarded medals.

Fastest time in year group: Isaac and Gus (joint), Fynn, James, Edward, Santi, Leo and Fred.

Most improved time in year group: Isaac, Kooper, Scarlett B, Ava E, Harley V, Rebecca and William.

We are pleased to report that the vast majority of children improved on their times, and we were really impressed with their effort and determination.

BAG 2 SCHOOL: Thank you for your contributions to our Bag 2 School collection. It was a modest collection this time, but we raised £29.00 for the school.

REMINDERS:

- **ASSESSMENT WEEK** – pupils in Y1 to 6 will be taking their summer term assessments next week.
- **WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH** – our rescheduled whole school photograph will be on Tuesday 17th June at 2pm.
- **CRICKET TOURNAMENT** – Wednesday 18th June. Please ensure your child has their full kit in school if they are playing in this tournament.
- **RIVER TESTING** – The Eco Warriors will be doing their river testing on Thursday morning (19th June). Please remember to come dressed for a trip to the river.
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Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Sarah Mann

Headteacher

GLYME CLASS' RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Healthier flapjacks

★★★★☆ 4.1 | 130 ratings



Prepare

Less than 30 mins

Cook

10 to 30 mins

Serve

Serves 12

Dietary

Gluten-free | Nut-free |
Pregnancy-friendly | Vegetarian

Flapjacks are perfect for taking to work, school or having a snack with a cuppa! You can use any of the dried fruit and nuts you like. This version is slightly more healthy than normal, with a bit less butter and syrup, so it's great for families.

Each serving provides 231 kcal, 4.5g protein, 27g carbohydrates (of which 14g sugars), 11g fat (of which 5g saturates), 3g fibre and 0.25g salt.

Ingredients and recipe steps:

oil, for greasing

100g/3½oz butter, cubed

100g/3½oz golden syrup

50g/1¾oz mixed seeds, such as pumpkin, sunflower, linseed and sesame


50g/1¾oz dried cranberries

50g/1¾oz raisins

50g/1¾oz dried apricots, cut into sixths

250g/9oz jumbo porridge oats (gluten-free, if required)

1 large free-range egg, beaten



Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6. Lightly oil a shallow 20cm/8in loose-based square cake tin and line the base and sides of the tin with baking parchment.
2. Melt the butter and syrup together in a large saucepan over a low heat, stirring regularly with a wooden spoon. Take off the heat and stir in the seeds, cranberries, raisins and apricots and oats. Stir in the egg.
3. Spoon into the prepared tin and press until well flattened. (It's important that the oats are pressed well, so that they stay firm enough to cut when baked. Use the back of a metal spoon to make sure they are fully compressed). Bake for 18–20 minutes, or until golden and lightly browned around the edges.
4. Mark the flapjack into 12 pieces without cutting all the way through, this will make it easier to cut the flapjack when it's cool. Leave until cold then cut the flapjack with a sharp knife.
5. Store in an airtight container, interleaved with baking parchment or foil for up to three days.

Recipe tips

Use any dried fruit you like – replace the cranberries, raisins and dried apricots with 150g/5½oz of your favourites, chopped if in large pieces.

These flapjacks will keep for up to a week in an airtight container.



Enstone Primary School Newsletter

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06 June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

STATUTORY ASSESSMENTS: Next week, our Y1 children will take their statutory Phonics Check and our Y4 children will take their statutory Multiplication Tables Check. These are assessments required by the DfE. If you would like more information about what these entail please follow the link to the parent guidance documents on our website.

<https://enstone-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/copies-of-letters-sent-home-1/>

GLYME CLASS “STAY AND PLAY”: The “Stay and Play” session for parents of children in Reception (not Year 1) has been rescheduled to Friday 27th June. We look forward to seeing you then.

BIKE CHECKS FOR YEAR 6: A reminder that Year 6's who are doing Cycling Proficiency training next month will need to bring their bikes and helmets for the safety check on **Tuesday 10th June**. Please ensure your child's bike is roadworthy, their helmet fits and they have a bike lock to secure their bike in the bike shed.


WINDRUSH TRIP TO HILL END: Children in Windrush Class will be visiting Hill End Education Centre on Wednesday 11th June, in support of their current history topic. Please refer to your letter from Mrs Callaghan for full details – in particular, please remember to send in a packed lunchbox.

LUNCHBOX RECIPE IDEA FROM GLYME CLASS:

Why is a healthy lunch box important?

At Enstone Primary we believe it is important for children to have healthy food in their lunch box because it gives them the energy and nutrition they need to stay focused, learn effectively, and grow properly. Nutritious foods like fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins help support brain function and keep children alert throughout the school day. By contrast, sugary or highly processed snacks can lead to energy crashes, poor concentration, and long-term health problems. By forming healthy eating habits early, children are more likely to maintain good health and academic success as they grow.

As part of our Eco School initiative, Glyme Class have been focusing on healthy eating. We have looked at the benefits of a balanced diet and the importance of including healthy options in our lunch boxes. We have made some delicious healthy



snacks which would be perfect for a lunch box, and we'd like to share our recipes with you. So, watch out for our recipes each week in this term's newsletters. These recipes will be quick, easy, tasty and most importantly, healthy! We hope you will give them a try and look forward to seeing the finished products in your lunch boxes.

BAG 2 SCHOOL: Next **Tuesday 10th June**, we will make our Bag2School collection. Please bring any donations of good quality clothing, paired shoes, belts and handbags to the school hall first thing (by **9:00am**). Money raised benefits the school, so please have a good look through your wardrobes and drawers for outgrown or unwanted items. Thank you.

REMINDERS:

- **School starts at 8:40am.** Please make sure your child is in on time to avoid disruption to their learning at the start of the day.
- **P.E. kits and trainers need to be in school every day** – we often go outside more often in the summer term. Please make sure kits are complete (and that they fit). If your child has borrowed P.E. kit, please return it promptly. Thank you.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Sarah Mann

Headteacher

GLYME CLASS' RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Easy Egg Muffins



PREP TIME:
15 min



COOK TIME
25 min



SERVINGS:
MAKES 8 SERVES 4

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tbsp of oil
- 150g of broccoli finely chopped
- 1 red pepper finely chopped
- 2 spring onions sliced
- 6 large eggs
- 1 tbsp of milk
- Large pinch of smoked paprika
- 50g of cheddar grated
- Small handful of chives optional



METHOD:

Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 4. Brush half the oil in an 8-hole muffin tin. Heat the remaining oil in a frying pan and add the broccoli, pepper and spring onions. Fry for 5 mins. Set aside to cool.

Whisk the eggs with the milk, smoked paprika and half the cheese in a bowl. Add the cooked veg. Pour the egg mixture into the muffin holes and top each with the remaining cheese and a few chives, if you like. Bake for 15-17 mins or until golden brown and cooked through.

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The app is really easy to use and helps you keep track of your progress. If you step outside Oxfordshire, don't worry. As long as part of your trip takes place within the county boundary you will still earn points.

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