

Enstone Primary School Newsletter

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22 May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

ECO WARRIORS SALE: Thank you for your kind donations to the Eco Warriors' "good as new" sale today. We will let you know how much money was raised after the half term holidays.



MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA: Well done and thank you to all the children who showcased their talents for us this afternoon at the Musical Extravaganza. We are always so impressed with the progress that the children make year on year, and it's also lovely to see some new young musicians coming forward. 😊

HOOKE COURT REMINDERS: Children in Years 3 and 4 who are going on the residential visit to Hooke Court need to be in school at **8:30am on Monday 1st June**. We have attached the parent/carer information from the meeting held earlier this year, just in case you need any reminders of the details.

HOUSE POINT TROPHY: Congratulations to Water House, winners of the House Point Trophy for Term 5.

REMINDERS:

Please do not leave unsupervised children on the playground at morning drop off. Until staff come out to supervise the playground, parents should be present.

- **Year 6 Leavers' Photo – Tuesday 2nd June.**
- **Glyme Class assembly – Friday 5th June at 9am in the school hall. Please join us for this if you can.**
- **Year 4 Pottery Workshop at CNS – Monday 8th June (packed lunch needed)**
- **BAGS 2 SCHOOL collection – Wednesday 10th June. Please start putting aside any donations of clothing, shoes or handbags for this collection.**
- **Hooke Court assembly – Friday 12th June at 9am in the school hall.**

We break up today for the half term holidays. I hope you all have a lovely break and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 1st June.

Yours sincerely,

S. Mann

Mrs S. Mann Headteacher





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Dear Parents/Carers,

SATs: Well done to our Year 6's for staying super-positive and trying their best with all their SATs tests this week. As a post-SATs treat, the children spent the morning in the outdoor learning zone building dens, toasting marshmallows for s'mores, eating cake and then running off all that sugar with some orienteering activities!



CLAY WORKSHOPS: We were lucky enough to have another art workshop this week, led by a tutor from CATS. Children in Years 1 to 5 all had a lesson in clay sculpture. They will be bringing their lovely creations home today.

U10 RUGBY TOURNAMENT: On Wednesday afternoon, a group of Year 4 and 5 children took part in the partnership rugby tournament at Chipping Norton Rugby Club. The weather was awful and the children played on through rain and hail! We were very impressed with everyone's effort and attitude, especially the girls who helped out another school when they didn't have enough players by subbing in so their team could still take part. That's what you call true sporting spirit!

ECO WARRIORS SALE: A reminder that the Eco Warriors are running a "Good as New" toy and book sale after school next Friday 22nd May. The money raised will help support the Eco projects we are working on in school, and we hope to raise enough to buy a new water butt. Please bring donations to school on Thursday 21st May. **If your child is an Eco Warrior, we would appreciate them staying on for a little while after school to help run the stall.** More information about this at the end of the newsletter.

LAST CALL FOR HOOKE COURT MEDICATIONS: If your child will need prescription medication whilst at Hooke Court, please make sure you have been in to complete a medical protocol form and hand in the medication. No prescription medications can be given to children without the correct paperwork in place. Children must not carry any medications, lotions, creams, etc. in their hand luggage.

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REMINDERS:

- Wednesday 20th May – Year 5 Science workshops at Bloxham School.
- Wednesday 20th May – Y4/5/6 Athletics Championship at CNS
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- Friday 22nd May – Eco Warriors' "Good as New" toy and book sale

Have a good weekend.

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Headteacher



A message from the Eco Warriors

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Please bring small change to make your purchases, as we will have limited float.

Thank you for your support.

The Eco Warriors



Storytime & Freestyle Scrap Challenge!

**Saturday 30th May at 11am.
Booking recommended**



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Dear Parents/Carers,

MRS WALSH: Poor Mrs Walsh has broken her ankle and is currently recuperating after an operation. For the next couple of weeks, Mrs West and I will be covering most of Mrs Walsh's teaching commitment, with support from our wonderful Enstone team. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Mrs Walsh a full and speedy recovery.

YEAR 3 TENNIS FESTIVAL: Our Year 3 children had a super time at the Tennis Festival on Wednesday. Some children had never used a proper tennis racquet before, and they enjoyed learning some new skills and joining in with little games. Mrs Callaghan was really impressed with how hard everyone tried.

Y6 SATS: If your child is in Year 6, it won't have escaped your notice that next week is SATs week. The tests will be sat on **Monday to Thursday** mornings, in line with the DfE schedule. Please make sure your child is well rested and has had a good "power breakfast" so that they can do their very best. Children are welcome to bring a supportive "teddy" mascot to sit on their desk.

FABULOUS FOOTBALL RESULT: A group of our Year 5 and 6 boys achieved a fantastic win last weekend in the Witney and District UEFA Champion's Plate. Despite only playing together as the Charlbury Town U11 team for one season, the boys rose to the top, beating teams from Leagues A to E to win the trophy. Fantastic work boys!

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Dear Parents/Carers,

WINDRUSH CLASS ASSEMBLY: A big well done and thank you to Windrush Class for a lovely assembly this morning, despite all the technical difficulties. The trip to Chedworth Villa was a great success and rounded off their history topic nicely. 😊

LANGUAGES FESTIVAL: Our Year 4 pupils had a great time at the Languages Festival on Wednesday this week. The children learnt some German words related to the spring season, some Latin verbs and numbers to ten in Japanese. They also had the opportunity to try some French cheeses. The children were very enthusiastic and had a great growth mindset around trying the cheese, although Roquefort did receive more “Je deteste” reviews than “J’adore”!!

CEREALS EVENT AT DIDDLY SQUAT FARM: Please be aware that the Cereals Event at Diddly Squat Farm on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th June 2026 has some implications for Enstone village in terms of traffic routing and management. The planned route (shown on an aerial photo below) will come through the village and traffic will be restricted to one way from 4:00am until 1:00pm on each of the two days. I have spoken to the team managing this event and they will be placing six traffic management officers around the front and rear of our school to help keep children safe and control traffic flow at peak times. Please try to avoid bringing your car into the car park on the two days of the event, as you may find it difficult to leave again quickly due to a one way system in place up Lidstone Road.

The event organisers assure me that they will do everything they can to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, and to minimise disruption to our community.

For more information, visit the event website: [Traffic Information](#)

REMINDERS:

- **Year 3 Tennis Festival, Wednesday 6th May at CNS.**

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

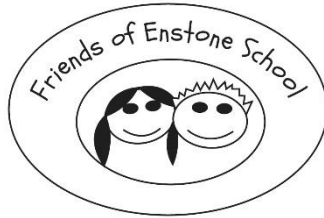
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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Chastleton House Summer Teas - Saturday 13th June (from Midday to 5pm)

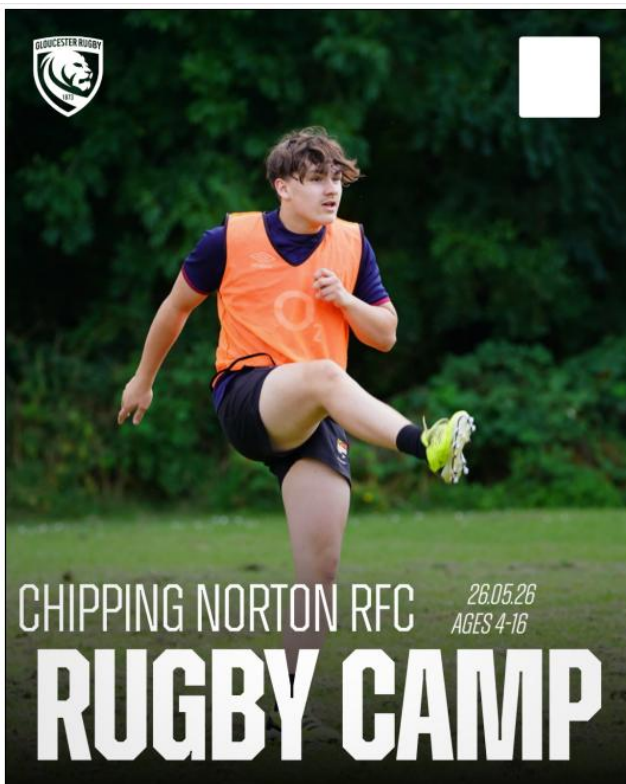
Do come and visit us in the grounds of Chastleton House (near Moreton-in-Marsh, GL56 0SU) on Saturday 13th June and indulge in a cup of tea and cake. All proceeds go towards the Friends of Enstone School.

Please let us know if you can spare some time to help the FoES team sell tea and cake - the more the merrier. We will have two slots - Midday to 2.30pm and 2.30pm to 5pm.

We need your help to man the stalls and bake some cakes so please get in touch 😊. We will have a list for signing up in the School Office or please find Mary Hall (Edward's Mummy) who is overseeing the organisation of the event. It is a fun day and a fun way to raise much needed funds for the FoES.



TRAFFIC ROUTING FOR THE CEREALS EVENT 10th and 11th JUNE 2026





In Middle Barton!

Do You Want to Join the Best Beaver Colony in the World!?

Details:	What to Expect:
Ages: 6-8 Years Old Who: All Genders When: Monday Evenings 5pm-6:15pm (not including bank holidays and school holidays) Where: Alice Marshall Hall (inside meetings) and around Middle Barton (outside meetings)	• Fun • Games • Badges • Hikes • Camping • Making Friends • Outside Activities • Personal Learn and Growth

Contact:

Sarah Elliot (1st Bartons Beaver Leader)

Email sarah.bartonbeavers@gmail.com to join or be added to the waiting list.





After Beavers you can continue to Cubs and Scouts all in the village!

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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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Thankyou. Sue Lee



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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**

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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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REMINDERS:

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

Have a good weekend.

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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,
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