

# Enstone Primary School Newsletter

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23 May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

**GLYME CLASS ASSEMBLY:** Thank you so much to the Glyme Class team – children and staff – for a lovely assembly this morning. You have been busy! We were very proud of the children for standing up and speaking/singing in front of such a big audience of family and friends. 😊

**Y4/5/6 ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP:** On Wednesday, we took teams of children from Years 4, 5 and 6 to the partnership Athletics Festival at Chipping Norton School. We had a super afternoon of sports, including 100m and 300m sprints, standing long jump, howler throw and a relay race. Our children did really well, with most of them gaining some 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards across the various categories. Team spirit was also abundant, and the children supported and cheered each other on all afternoon. Well done to everyone who took part.

### **ENCON PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION:**

On Wednesday, the winners of the EnCon photography competition which ran over the Easter holidays were invited to attend a special awards ceremony at the village hall. Our winners (pictured below) were delighted to receive framed copies of their photographs, plus two beautiful photo books, presented by Charlie Ireland of *Clarkson's Farm* fame. In addition, our school received £100 in prize money, to spend on future Eco projects. Well done again to all pupils who entered this competition, and especially to our prize winners.



**YEAR 6 HOODIES:** Today our Year 6 pupils were given their special “Leavers’ Hoodies”, which they will now be able to wear for the remainder of the academic year. Many thanks to the FoES, who kindly paid for these for the children.

### **EVENLODE CLASS ECO COMPETITION: Win a whale and support BDMLR!**

Evenlode Class’s ECO focus this year has been on the world’s oceans and the whales and dolphins that live in them. In the Spring term, we had a visit from Christina Worth who talked to us about her work with the British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDMLR)



which is a UK based charity that rescues whales, dolphins, seals and porpoises. Evenlode Class would like to raise some money to help support the charity in its life-saving work, so we have organised a competition for the whole school to take part in. Your challenge is to represent a whale or dolphin in a piece of artwork. This could be a painting, drawing, sculpture, collage etc.

If you are near a beach during the half term holiday, maybe you could create a whale on the beach out of sand or shells, driftwood, pebbles etc. and take a photograph of it! Entries cost £1.00 and the winner will receive a beautiful soft toy humpback whale.

Please bring your entries to school by **9:00am on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June**, and don't forget to include your donation of **£1.00 for BDMLR**.

**BAGS 2 SCHOOL:** Today your child will bring home a "Bag 2 School" sack, which can be used to recycle your good quality clothing, paired shoes, belts and handbags. If you are having a half term sort out and thinking about your new summer wardrobe, please use the sack to donate unwanted items and raise money for our school.

#### **REMINDERS:**

- **Year 6 Leavers' Photographs and Whole School photograph on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.** Best clean uniform, please and don't forget to brush your hair!
- **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 asap.

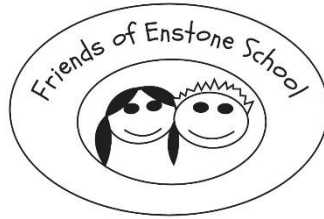
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Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the half term holiday break.

Yours sincerely,

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Best wishes,

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# Blast off with our space-themed May half term

## Space Science

Monday 26 May 10.30am, 12.30pm & 2.30pm  
Join us for space-themed science experiments,  
including making your own stomp-rockets!  
Suitable for 5+ years.

## Space Suncatchers

Tuesday 27 May, 10am – 3pm  
Make a space-themed suncatcher. Suitable for  
3+ years.

## Space Puppets

Wednesday 28 May, 10am – 3pm  
Design your own scary space monster puppet.  
Suitable for 3+ years.

## Space Mobiles

Thursday 29 May, 10am – 3pm  
Make space mobile to hang up at home. Suitable for 5+ years.

## Space Sculptures

Friday 30 May, 10am – 3pm  
Sculpt your own space creature out of clay to take home. Suitable  
for 3+ years.

Play, Discover, Learn!  
this May half term in  
the Roald Dahl  
Children's Gallery

For more event details,  
charges and to book  
please scan the QR code  
or visit  
[discoverbucksmuseum.org](http://discoverbucksmuseum.org)

## Beyond the Stars: a propmaker's guide to the galaxy

24 May – 5 October

Discover the art of Sci-Fi special effects in this major new  
exhibition with original models and props used in classic British TV  
shows including Doctor Who, Red Dwarf and The Hitchhiker's Guide  
to the Galaxy. With captivating exhibits and fun activities,  
there's something for everyone to enjoy from families to long-  
time fans of the shows.

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Opens  
this half  
term!



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16 May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

**THANK YOU:** Thank you so much to everyone who came to help with the garden tidy up last Sunday. The garden and pond area look so much better, and we really appreciate all your efforts. 😊

**WELL DONE YEAR 6:** Well done to our Year 6's, who remained really focused and gave their best effort to the SATs this week. You have worked hard this year, and we are very proud of you all.

This morning, the Year 6's enjoyed some orienteering, den building, making s'mores around the fire pit, water play and lots of cake: all far nicer than taking exams!

**U10 RUGBY TOURNAMENT:** On Wednesday, we took a group of Y4 and Y5 pupils to play in the Partnership Rugby Tournament. The children won their first match, and then suffered some losses, but everyone got stuck in and did us proud with their positivity and perseverance. Well done team!

**GLYME CLASS ASSEMBLY:** On Friday, parents/carers/family of children in Glyme Class are warmly welcomed to join us for assembly at 9:00am in the school hall. The children will be telling us all about their recent topics and activities in school.

## REMINDERS:

- **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Y4/5/6 Athletics Championship at Chipping Norton School. Pick up from Enstone at 5:15pm.**
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – the Eco Warriors will be doing their River Testing. Please send in wellies if it is wet.**
- **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Glyme Class assembly at 9:00am in the school hall.**

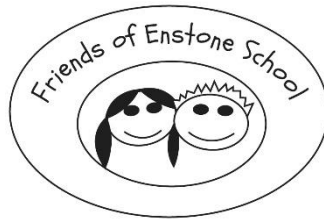
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Dear Parents/Carers,

**RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO KILVROUGH MANOR:** As advised in last week's newsletter, there will be an information meeting for Y4 and Y5 children and their parents on at **3:15pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May**, to tell you all about what you can expect from our planned residential visit to Kilvrough Manor in October 2025. Apologies for my geographical error last week – we used to take the children to a site in the Brecon Beacons, but Kilvrough Manor is, of course, on the *Gower Peninsula*!

<https://www.oxfordshireoutdoorlearningservice.co.uk/centres/kilvrough-manor/>

We hope you will be able to join us for the meeting on Monday to find out more about this exciting trip.

**KINGHAM SCULPTURE TRAIL:** Evenlode Class had a lovely afternoon at the Kingham Sculpture Trail on Tuesday. The children's work looked fantastic and it was a joy to visit such a beautiful setting and see such a vast array of sculptures, both amateur and professional. We are very grateful to CATS for leading the workshop, funding the coach and making this visit possible for us.



**LANGUAGES FESTIVAL:** Our lucky Year 4 pupils had a second trip this week – this time to Chipping Norton School for the Primary Languages Festival. The children took part in a range of activities, led by pupils from CNS. They learnt some French, some Spanish and some German – and also had a chance to try some very smelly cheese!

**V.E. DAY CELEBRATIONS:** On Thursday, we marked the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day by having a little “street party” of our own (albeit in the school hall). We learned



about the significance of the date and thought about how marking it is still relevant for us today in 2025. Glyme Class made our party hats, Windrush Class made our bunting and Evenlode Class made our biscuits (thank you to Mrs Pearson for leading on this!). It was a fun afternoon, which we rounded off with some egg and spoon races and sack races in our house groups.

**SATS WEEK:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May marks the start of SATs week for our Year 6 pupils. Please make sure everyone gets a good night's sleep and has a hearty, healthy breakfast for brain fuel!

**REMINDERS:**

- **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 3:15pm – Kilvrough meeting for Years 4 and 5 children and parents.**
- **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May – U10 Rugby Tournament.**

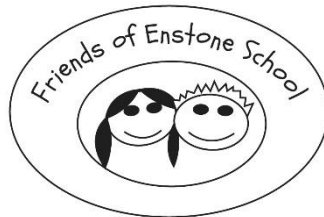
Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

*S. Mann*

Mrs Sarah Mann

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**A Message from the FoES**



Could you spare an hour from 10:30 – 11:30am on the morning of **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May** to help us give the school gardens a spring tidy up? If you can help, please come and join the willing band of parents and Enstone Eco Group volunteers who will be turning up with their weeding and pruning tools in hand. Thank you.

News coming soon about our 150 Year Anniversary School Summer Fete on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July.  
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2 May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

**ECO WARRIORS BATTERY HUNT:** The results of the big battery hunt are in! The total number of batteries collected was **1476**, which broke down as follows:

Glyme Class 104      Windrush Class 740      Evenlode Class 632.

Windrush Class were declared the winners and enjoyed their prize, which was to spend their playtime in the outdoor learning zone today. Thank you to everyone who remembered to bring us in their used batteries for recycling.

**PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION:** Thank you to everyone who entered their nature and wildlife photographs for the Enstone Conservation Trust (Encon) competition advertised just before the Easter break. We were delighted that enough of our pupils took part to qualify the school for a £50 prize. In further good news, we have some winners to announce, as follows.

*Younger children's category* – Todd Cox for “Privet Hawk Moth Caterpillar” and Jessica Woolcock for “Disused Building”. Ava Eaglestone also got a “highly commended” for her picture, “Blackbird”.

*Older children's category* – Claudia Grainger for “Butterfly on Flower”.

Very well done to all these children, and an extra well done to Claudia whose entry took the overall winner's prize. The children will be invited to a special award ceremony on 19<sup>th</sup> May, at the village hall. Parents of pupils involved will receive their invitation directly from Encon.

**RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO KILVROUGH MANOR:** As advised in last week's newsletter we have a residential visit planned for next year's Y5 and 6 cohorts, to Kilvrough Manor in the Brecon Beacons. The visit will be from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025. There will be an information meeting for parents and children on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May**, to tell you all about what you can expect from this visit and the arrangements for securing your child's place. If your child is currently in Y4 or Y5, please try to come along and find out all about it.

## REMINDERS:

- **Y4 and 5 plus the Y6 booster group are swimming this term.** We only have four sessions in Term 5, so please make sure your child has their kit in school and does not miss any of these opportunities.
- **Evenlode Class trip to Kingham Sculpture – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May. All children in Evenlode Class need to bring a packed lunch on Tuesday.**

- Year 4 Languages Festival – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.
- SATS WEEK for Y6 pupils is w/c Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May.
- **PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND CHILDREN IN WITH HATS ON SUNNY DAYS!**

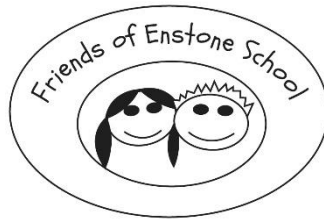
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25 April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

**WELCOME BACK:** Welcome back – I hope you all had a lovely break over the Easter holidays. As always, there is a lot to cram into the summer term. At the end of this newsletter, we have listed all the dates and events we are currently in a position to confirm. There may be some additions as the term goes on, so keep a close eye on the newsletter and the website calendar.

**FIRE SAFETY TALK:** On Thursday, Chris Woodcock from Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service gave a talk to Evenlode Class about fire safety. Attached alongside this email is a booklet that your child may like to complete and share with you.

**ECO WARRIORS BATTERY HUNT:** The deadline for the Eco Warriors' battery recycling challenge has been extended until next Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Please have one last search and make sure you hand in any batteries to your class Eco Warriors in time for them to be counted before we announce the winning class on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

**RESIDENTIAL VISITS FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR:** I am pleased to confirm that we have two residential visits planned for next academic year. Children in Y5 and 6 (our current Y4 and 5) will be going to Kilvrough Manor Outdoor Education Centre from 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Information about this visit will soon be made available to you, and we will also hold a parent meeting this term to give you a chance to ask questions before paying your deposit. The date for the parent meeting is yet to be confirmed, but we will let you know asap. Children in Y3 and 4 (our current Y2 and 3) will be going to Hooke Court (near Beaminster in Dorset) from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2026. We will tell you all about this in the autumn term of next academic year, so for now just make a mental note.

## REMINDERS:


- **Swimming** starts on Tuesday for children in Years 4 and 5 (plus the Year 6 booster group). We only have four sessions in Term 5, so please make sure your child has their kit in school and does not miss any of these opportunities.
- **Year 3 Tennis Festival – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April.**
- **Year 4 Languages Festival – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.**

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Sarah Mann      Headteacher



## DATES FOR TERMS 5 & 6 (SUMMER TERM)

### April:

- 24<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Safety talk from Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Hedgehogs talk for Windrush Class
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Swimming for Years 4 & 5
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 Tennis Festival at CNS 14:50-16:45 hrs

### May:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Eco Warriors River testing  
School council and Eco meetings
- 06<sup>th</sup> - Swimming for Years 4 & 5  
Kingham Sculpture visit for Evenlode Class PM
- 07<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Languages Festival at CNS 15:00- 16:45 hrs
- 08<sup>th</sup> - VE Day celebrations
- 12<sup>th</sup> - **KS2 SATS WEEK**
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Swimming for Years 4 & 5
- 14<sup>th</sup> - U10 Rugby Tournament at CNS 14:10- 16:40 hrs
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Swimming for Years 4 & 5
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Year 4/5/6 Athletics Championship at CNS 14:30- 17:00 hrs
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Eco Warriors River Testing  
School Council and Eco meetings PM
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Glyme Class Assembly

### June:

- 02<sup>nd</sup> - **INSET DAY**
- 03<sup>rd</sup> - Year 6 Leavers' Photos and whole school 150 year anniversary photo

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- 09<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 Phonics Checks  
Glyme Class “stay and play” session 09:00- 10:00 hrs
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Bags to School  
Bike checks for Cycling Proficiency
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Transition visit from CNS staff and students  
Windrush Class trip to Hill End – Stone age settlements
- 16<sup>th</sup>- **ASSESSMENT WEEK**
- 18<sup>TH</sup> - CNS Cricket Tournaments Year 2 10:00-11:30 hrs (tbc) and U11 12:50- 16:45 hrs
- 19<sup>th</sup>- Eco Warriors River Testing  
School Council and Eco Meetings PM  
Music Workshop /performance for Year 5 (from CNS Year 10s)
- 24<sup>th</sup>- SPORTS DAY PM
- 25<sup>th</sup> - CNS Year 6 Bridge Club
- 26<sup>th</sup> - BACK-UP SPORTS DAY PM
- 30<sup>th</sup>- Off Timetable day for 150 anniversary celebrations

## **July:**

- 1st - Meeting for new Reception Parents 14:00
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- Kids in the Kitchen 15:30- 17-00 hrs
- 03<sup>rd</sup>- Year 6 Transition Day  
ROLL UP AFTERNOON
- 04<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Transition Day  
ROLL UP AFTERNOON
- 07<sup>th</sup> - Music for Schools Foundation demonstration assembly  
Cycling Proficiency for Y6
- 08<sup>th</sup> - Cycling Proficiency for Y6
- 09<sup>th</sup>- Cycling Proficiency and theory tests for Y6



Year 5 Orienteering Competition at CNS 14:50 – 16:30 hrs

11<sup>th</sup>- Windrush Class Assembly

End of Year Academic Reports out to Parents

17<sup>th</sup>- Eco Warriors River Testing

School Council and Eco Meetings PM

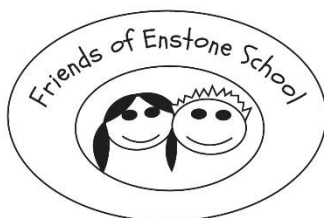
18<sup>th</sup>- Musical Showcase Assembly 14:00 hrs

21<sup>st</sup>- Year 6 Choosing Lunch

Year 6 Performance and Leavers Assembly 13:30 tbc

22<sup>nd</sup>- Term Ends 13:30

Please put these dates into your calendars!



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A reminder that FoES would like to set up a system of class representatives, to help spread the word about FoES events and activities, and to encourage more people to join in and share their ideas. If you have a little time to give and would be willing to act as class representative for your child's class, please do let us know. It might be a good idea to have a rep and a buddy, to share the role so perhaps, if you volunteer, you could persuade a friend to join you?

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