



Enstone Primary School Newsletter

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04 April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

END OF TERM ASSEMBLY: Thank you for joining us for our end of term assembly yesterday, and apologies for overrunning. We clearly had a lot to share with you! Well done to all the children for their lovely singing, dancing, poetry, persuasive writing, and artwork, and thanks to all the staff for their dedication and support for our Eco-School projects. We are hopefully raising a generation that will do better than their predecessors when it comes to sustainability and the environment.

END OF TERM COMPETITIONS: Congratulations to the following children who won the end of term Easter Egg and Easter Hat competitions: William, Everlee, Barnaby, Edward, James, Henry and Angus. Well done to everyone for their super designs!

REMINDERS:

- **Year 3 Tennis Festival at Chipping Norton School** – Wednesday 30th April. Letters will be coming home today, and permission slips will need to be returned promptly after the Easter holiday. Please encourage your child to join in with this activity.
- **Don't forget the ENCON photography competition** (fliers in book bags last Friday and poster included below). This is a lovely opportunity to get out and about with the children over Easter, and there are prizes for individuals and the school.
- **Gather your batteries!** Eco Warriors are encouraging everyone to bring in their used batteries for recycling, with a class competition and prize as an incentive. Have a root around over the hols and see what you can find.

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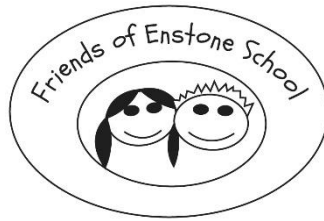
Have a lovely Easter break and a good rest.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Sarah Mann

Headteacher



Registered charity: 1106984

A Message from the FoES

Thank you to everyone who came to the great Duck Race last Sunday. We sold all 350 ducks and most of them valiantly made it down to the finishing line (with a few casualties along the way). We were lucky with the weather - no soggy waterproofs this year, but lots of sunshine and happy children (and grown-ups) running along the river. It was a great success, and every penny goes towards FoES and supporting our School.

A very big **thank you** must go to Pete Cox and Sally for all their hard work in organising the Duck Race. The event has become a firm favourite on the FoES calendar and a lot of effort goes on behind the scenes. Thank you to all the sponsors and particularly Heythrop Hotel for hosting, supporting and serving much needed cups of tea.

Thank you also to everyone who baked or helped out with the cake sale and uniform sale after school yesterday. We raised £31.00 from the uniform sale and over £60.00 on the cakes.

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?



Finally, please do join us for a slice of cake in the sunshine at Chastleton House tomorrow afternoon. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help, serve and bake. The house will be open from 1pm to 5pm. Cash and cards accepted.

Have a very Happy Easter!

With many thanks from

The Friends of Enstone School (FoES)





Let's Celebrate Easter with an Easter Egg Hunt



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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Easter Holiday Activities

5 - 21 April 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers,

DUCK RACE: The race is on! The ducks are all sold and ready to tumble into the river this Sunday 30th March at 10:00am. Please see below for full details and a map showing the meeting point.

END OF TERM COMPETITIONS: Next Friday 4th April, 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 4th April – 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:

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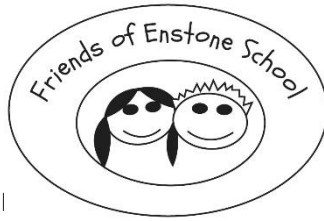
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Happy Mother's Day to all the mums out there – I hope you have a lovely day.

Yours sincerely,

S. Mann

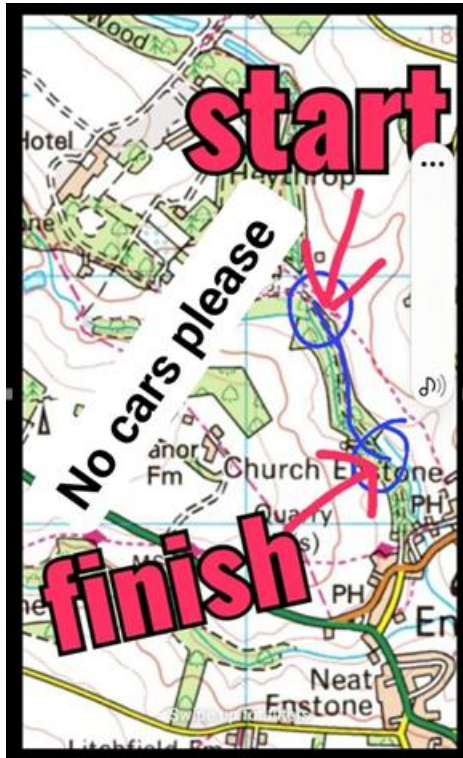
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A Message from the FoES

All ducks are sold thank you for your support. Please join us this Sunday 30th March to watch your duck in the race, followed by a prize-giving. You can follow the race route along Heythrop Drive. This map shows the meeting point.



Please note:

- No cars are to be driven up the hotel entrance road.
- Allow 20mins to walk from the hotel entrance road to the start point.
- Tea and coffee will be provided.
- Children are not to be left unsupervised and remain the responsibility of their parents/carers.



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This is going to be a class competition - the class which brings in the greatest number of batteries for recycling by the end of term will win the prize of some free time in our lovely outdoor learning zone.

Please get hunting and bring your batteries in by the deadline of Thursday 24th April. Thank you for your support.

The Eco Warriors

Join us on

Sunday, 30th March
in **Enstone Church**
at **10.00 am**

to celebrate

Mothering Sunday



A service for all ages.

Everyone welcome!

www.thechasebenefice.org.uk
www.facebook.com/chasebenefice

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Dear Parents/Carers,

ECO WARRIOR NEWS: Last Saturday, Mrs Pearson and a group of children from the Eco Warriors committee (past and present) attended a special conference at FarmEd, where the children gave a presentation on their river testing work in association with the Evenlode Catchment Partnership. The children received much positive feedback, including this email message from Rowan Wynne Jones, Education and Community Officer at "Everyone's Evenlode".

Thank you so much for your support over the weekend. The children were extraordinarily brilliant and completely stole the show! I also wanted to pass on this message that we received via email from one of our key supporters with the note: "PS. Contribution of the day award has to go to the young ones from Enstone ... Star turn!" They really were super!

We are all really grateful to you for your passion and enthusiasm that clearly carries the children forward, helping them to become educated and engaged young environmentalists - just what the world needs more of.

Well done Eco Warriors – we are very proud of you – and a big thank you to Mrs Pearson for giving up her Saturday afternoon to accompany the group and support their presentation. 😊

The link below takes you to a short film about the Evenlode Catchment Partnership river-watch project. It's an interesting watch – our pupils start to appear about 3½ minutes in and also have the final moment. Superstars!!

[Fresh water testing on the River Evenlode: the Evenlode Catchment Partnership - YouTube](#)

FOES AGM: Thank you to everyone who turned up to support the FoES AGM last week. I would like to express my particular thanks to Mary Hall, for all her support over the past couple of years, whilst in the co-chair role – Mary, you have been amazing!

Our FoES committee is now as follows:

Chair: Tracey Holt-Karawita

Treasurer: Jenn Campbell

Co-Secretaries: Miri Thomas and Anita Rowsell

Thank you to all of these dedicated people, and the many other parents who regularly support FoES events and fund-raising. It is very much appreciated by governors, staff and pupils.

COMIC RELIEF: We had a fun “Red Nose Day” with crazy hair and even crazier karaoke helping us to raise £110.00 for this very worthy charity. Glyme Class also enjoyed taking part in a red nose treasure hunt. Thank you for all your contributions.

MULTI-SKILLS FESTIVAL: Our Year 2 and 3 pupils had a fun afternoon on Wednesday, at the partnership Multi-Skills Festival. The children joined in with a range of games and activities and showed great teamwork and perseverance. 😊

REMINDERS:

- **Parents Evenings** – Tuesday and Thursday next week from 3:30 – 6:00pm.
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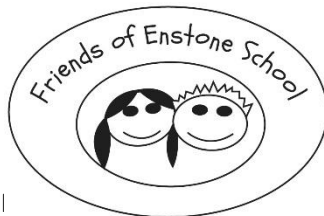
Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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Thank you to all the parents who managed to come along to our *AGM* last week, it really is much appreciated 😊. The *Committee* were re-elected and *Mary Hall*

stepped down as Co-Chair. We will miss her but are so grateful for the 2 years plus she has spent in this role, and we know we have her continued support.

The school will celebrate its 150th anniversary this year and we are busy thinking about how we make this special year memorable. Further details to follow but we plan to hold a summer event at the school in July. If you have any ideas, then we'd be really grateful to hear from you. The FoES are always looking for new members and it's a great way to make new friends and get involved in event planning.

The famous duck race is only just over a week away - only a few ducks left so grab yours NOW or they may sell out! We look forward to seeing you all then - it will be a Mother's Day to remember! Please keep an eye out for the duck seller at school, at pick up and drop off, or use the QR code on posters dotted around Enstone.

We are infinitely grateful for any support you can offer - however big or small. The FoES are all about the children and enriching their school experience. Please do get involved!

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DURACELL **A to Z of Recycling**

Celebrate Global Recycling Day with The Big Battery Hunt's A to Z of Recycling.

Join the **Big Battery Hunt** and take action to reduce, reuse and recycle for a more sustainable world! Discover more with this A to Z.

<p>A Alkaline batteries</p> <p>Alkaline batteries power everyday essentials like TV remotes, toys, and torches.</p>	<p>B Battery collection point</p> <p>Take your used batteries to your nearest collection point for recycling.</p>	<p>C Climate change</p> <p>Recycling helps to tackle climate change and is good for the environment.</p>
<p>D Decompose</p> <p>It can take 100 years for a battery to decompose (break down and disappear).</p>	<p>E E-waste</p> <p>Electronic waste, including batteries, should always be recycled responsibly.</p>	<p>F Fruit</p> <p>The world's largest fruit battery was made using a record-breaking 2,933 lemons!</p>
<p>G Global Goals</p> <p>These 17 global goals aim to make our world a better place by 2030.</p>	<p>H Hidden treasures</p> <p>Recycling means that the valuable minerals inside batteries can be reused.</p>	<p>I Inspire</p> <p>Tell others why it's so important to recycle batteries and explain how to do it.</p>
<p>J Join in</p> <p>Join other schools in Duracell's Big Battery Hunt and power change across your school and community.</p>	<p>K Keep</p> <p>Keeping and using what we have is better for the planet than buying something new.</p>	<p>L Lithium</p> <p>Recycling the lithium found in batteries could power thousands of electric cars.</p>
<p>M Measure</p> <p>Celebrate your recycling! Submit your battery count on the Big Battery Hunt website.</p>	<p>N Non-rechargeable</p> <p>Batteries can be non-rechargeable or rechargeable - both types can be recycled.</p>	<p>O Ocean</p> <p>Batteries thrown in the bin can end up in our oceans and cause harm to living things.</p>
<p>P Pollution</p> <p>Chemicals from batteries that have been thrown away can pollute soil and water.</p>	<p>Q Questions</p> <p>Adding questions is a great way to find out more about an issue and how to take action.</p>	<p>R Recycle</p> <p>Recycled batteries can be used to make new things like buildings, roads, and more batteries!</p>
<p>S Supermarket</p> <p>Most supermarkets have battery collection points - look for the red signs when you go shopping.</p>	<p>T Types of batteries</p> <p>There are many different types of batteries. Almost all of them can be recycled.</p>	<p>U Used batteries</p> <p>Once they no longer work, batteries should never go in the bin. Recycle them instead.</p>
<p>V Volta</p> <p>The first electrical battery was made by Alessandro Volta, an Italian scientist, in 1800.</p>	<p>W Waste</p> <p>More than 600 million batteries are thrown away in the UK each year. Help us change this by recycling!</p>	<p>X X-ray sorting</p> <p>A method used in recycling plants to separate battery materials.</p>
<p>Y You</p> <p>Creating a more sustainable world starts with you, me and everyone!</p>	<p>Z Zero waste</p> <p>Zero waste means sending nothing to landfill by reducing, reusing and recycling.</p>	<p>Find out more at www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk</p>



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CHIPPING NORTON MUSIC FESTIVAL: It was great to see lots of parents joining us to watch the Year 4, 5 and 6 children perform at the Chipping Norton Music Festival schools' workshop on Tuesday. The songs were lovely this year, and we had fun learning and performing them.

YEAR 1 DANCE FESTIVAL: Our Year 1 pupils had a fantastic time at the Dance Festival on Wednesday. The children worked with young sports leaders from Chipping Norton School to learn and practise some dance moves to represent the story "Commotion in the Ocean". This was a first partnership event for Year 1, and they were nervous and excited in equal measure. Perhaps you could get your child to give you a demonstration?!

WILLOW WEAVING: Children in Evenlode Class have been taking part in willow weaving workshops this week, supported by volunteers from "Cotswold Arts Through Schools" (CATS) in association with Kingham Sculpture. Next term, the children will be taken to visit their creations on display at "Sculpture at Kingham Lodge". The Year 4 children will also be able to see some of the pottery that they created last week.

VILLAGE LITTER PICK: The Enstone litter pick, organised by the Parish Council, will be happening in Enstone on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd March starting at 10:00am. Chief organiser, Cllr Philip Shaw, has suggested those who are interested in joining the event contact him in advance so that he can let volunteers know where the meeting points will be. His contact number is: 07771 594927

REMINDERS:

- Y2/3 Multi-skills Festival at CNS on Wednesday 19th March.
- Eco Warriors will be river testing on Thursday 20th March – please remember wellies and change of clothes.
- Comic Relief (Red Nose Day) Friday 21st March. See below to find out about School Council's fun plans for the day.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Sarah Mann Headteacher



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES!

Let's talk ducks... Dave will be in Enstone village shop between 9-11am tomorrow selling them (not literally!) and they will also be on sale from 7pm at the Sports and Social club tonight. Don't forget you can also scan the barcode on the poster and pay online.

Please support us and buy a number; make it a Mother's Day gift, it's only £2.50 and you could be a winner!



Chastleton House Teas

Saturday 5th April 12pm - 5pm

Mark your calendars! Join us for a delightful afternoon at Chastleton House (near Moreton-in Marsh, GL56 0SU) on Saturday 5th April and enjoy a cup of tea and a slice of cake - all in support of the **Friends of Enstone School**.

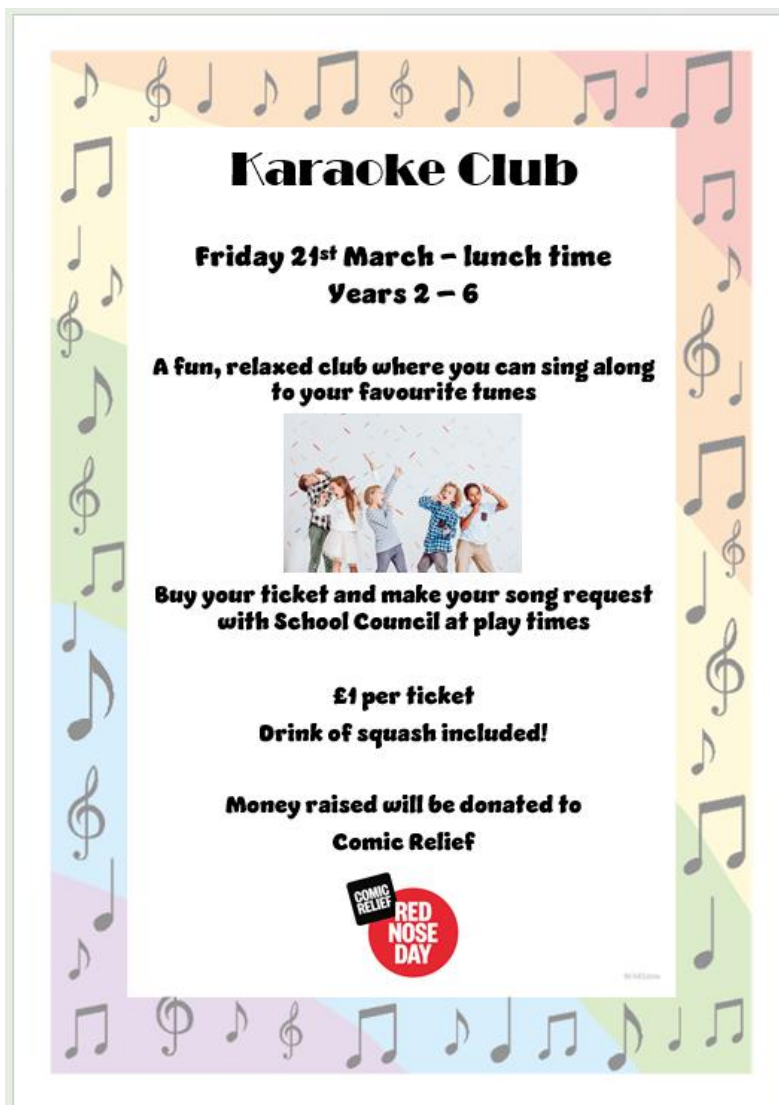
We need **volunteers** to help run the stalls - whether you can spare an hour or the whole afternoon, your support is invaluable. If you're available, we'd love to have you on board!

We're also looking for **cake donations**. Traditional favourites like **Carrot cake, coffee cake, lemon drizzle, brownies, flapjacks and Victoria sponge** would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to **volunteer or donate a cake**, please let **Jenn or Hollie** know (contact them via the **school office**) Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you there!

RED NOSE DAY INFORMATION FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL




CRAZY HAIR DAY - £1
Friday 21st March
Funds raised will go towards Comic Relief
(School uniform as normal)



Karaoke Club

Friday 21st March – lunch time
Years 2 – 6


A fun, relaxed club where you can sing along to your favourite tunes



Buy your ticket and make your song request with School Council at play times

£1 per ticket
Drink of squash included!

Money raised will be donated to Comic Relief





TEA, CAKE & CRAFTS FOR A GREAT CAUSE

SATURDAY 29TH MARCH



11AM - 2PM



**HOLLY TREE HALL, DEDDINGTON
(THE HALL BEHIND THE WALL!)**



Pop-up Coffee Shop

Enjoy tea, coffee & delicious cake

Mother's Day Craft Station

Children can make a special 'mess free' gift
- flowers, bookmarks, key rings and more!

Why join us? We (Lou, Jen, Sean and Bruce)
are cycling London to Paris to raise £7,000
for Katharine House Hospice

**All refreshments and craft making in
return for a donation
(cash & card accepted)**



**Bring your friends & family - everyone's
welcome!**



**Give a Little,
Help a Lot**



in support of
**KATHARINE
HOUSE
HOSPICE**



FarmED
Family
activity
Back for 2025

Minibeast SAFARI

Join us at FarmED for a fun-filled bug hunt!

Discover your inner bug hunter...
Sweep, scoop, and identify all of your favourite colourful critters!

Running on multiple dates throughout the easter & summer holidays.

Tickets: £5 per child (adults go free).
Time: 10:45am ready to set off at 11am
(the bug hunt will be around an hour).
Our Cafe will be open for refreshments.

Find us at:
FarmED, Station Road,
Shipton-under-Wychwood,
Chipping Norton,
Oxfordshire, OX7 6BJ

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Dear Parents/Carers,

WORLD BOOK DAY: We had a super day on Tuesday, celebrating poetry through our World Book Day activities. Published poet Ash Dickinson delivered engaging workshops for all children – many thanks to FOES for funding these. We explored a variety of poetic styles including senses poems, clerihews and tri-cubes (new to the teachers too!) and the children produced some fabulous writing.

Everyone looked amazing in their costumes, and we were so impressed with the effort and creativity that went into these. Thank you so much for your support with this. I'm pleased to announce costume prize winners as follows:

Glyme Class – winner Charlie and runner up Jasper.

Windrush Class – winner Todd and runner up Skye.


Evenlode Class – winner Claudia and runners up Eoin and Isaac.

VISIT TO ST KENELMS: Windrush Class had a lovely visit to St Kenelm's Church on Thursday afternoon, in support of their R.E. topic. Father Mark rang the bell to welcome us in, before showing us around the building and answering the children's questions. Did you know that amongst the "graffiti" etched into the stone walls are "witch marks" intended to repel magical mischief, as well as 13 crusader crosses dating back around 800 years. Thank you very much to Father Mark, and to our parent helpers who accompanied us on the sunny walk to Church Enstone.

INTERNATIONAL GIRLS' FOOTBALL DAY: Today we have been embracing international women's/girls' football day with some special football sessions just for our girls. As you know, we rarely segregate any activity according to gender, but we felt it was important to get behind this movement. Thank you so much to Miss Young and Mrs Slark for organising and running the football sessions. Don't worry – the boys all had fun activities to engage with too including some football-related computing and penalty shoot outs!

This is the feedback from Mrs Slark and Miss Young after their day on the pitch.

Today, all the girls (except year 4, who were at the pottery workshop) took part in the Biggest Ever Football Session, an initiative by England Football to get more girls playing football. We ran fun and energetic sessions with the girls in each class, starting with some basic skills and culminating in fun (and competitive) matches. All the girls were amazing; they were enthusiastic, showed great determination, perseverance, communication and team spirit. Most importantly of all they had a lot of fun.



If any girls are interested in continuing to improve their football skills, please sign up to the Girls Football after school club led by Miss Young when the clubs open for next term.

REMINDERS:

- Evenlode Class will be taking part in the Chipping Norton Music Festival schools' workshop on Tuesday 11th March and will need collecting from the town hall in Chipping Norton at 5:30pm.
- Year 1 pupils will be taking part in the partnership Dance Festival at Chipping Norton School on Wednesday 12th March. They will be returning to Enstone on the bus and will be picked up here as usual at home time.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

S. Mann

Mrs Sarah Mann

Headteacher

Enstone Primary School Newsletter

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28 February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good to see everyone back and I hope you all had a lovely half term break.

WORLD BOOK DAY: We will be celebrating World Book Day on Tuesday 4th March. Our plans include poetry workshops and poetry-themed activities for all classes. Everyone is invited to dress as a favourite book character on Tuesday, and there will be some small prizes in each class for the most imaginative ideas.

BAGS 2 SCHOOL: Thank you for your donations to the BAGS 2 SCHOOL collection this week. It was a small haul this time, so we only raised £13.00 for FOES, but as they say, "every little counts". Our next collection will be on Tuesday 10th June, so please start putting aside any outgrown clothing, etc. for us over the next few months.

POTTERY WORKSHOPS: Children in Y4 will be going to Chipping Norton School next Friday 7th March for their eagerly awaited pottery workshop. Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch next Friday, as we will be eating early, and they won't be able to have a school dinner.

Yours sincerely,

S. Mann

Mrs Sarah Mann

Headteacher



Eco Warriors' News

On Thursday afternoon, we completed our monthly river testing accompanied by members of the Evenlode Catchment Partnership, who interviewed us on camera for a film which will appear on their website. Watch out for a video link soon!

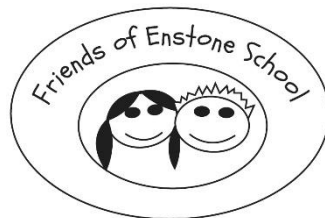
22nd & 23rd March (10am - 12pm) - Parish Council Litter Pick

Join us for the annual Parish Council Litter Pick! It's a great way to keep our village clean and protect local wildlife from plastic pollution. The meeting place is yet to be confirmed—further details to follow.

We'd like as many families as possible to join in with this village litter pick.

Evenlode Class have been learning about the devastating impact litter has on our

wildlife and recently completed a litter pick of our school grounds and analysed their findings. While we live too far from the seaside to take part in a Beach clean up, we are all aware that litter, especially plastics, usually end up in our rivers and ultimately our oceans and therefore taking part in our community litter pick, really does make a difference to our environment as well as making everywhere look tidier!



The Friends of Enstone School (FoES)
Registered charity: 1106984



Duck Race 2025

Read on to find out more ...

Now we have your attention, Enstone Sports and Social Club will kindly be opening their doors and bar to us on Thursday 13th March from 7pm to enable the Friends of Enstone School to hold their Annual General Meeting.

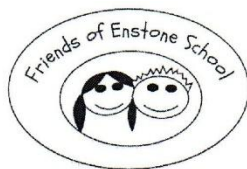
Please do come along to find out how the FoES' activities (including the duck race) benefit the school and the children, ask any questions, share ideas, offer any help, become part of the team - we are looking for new committee members, or simply have a drink with us/other school mums and dads and discuss Easter break plans.

Your support will be greatly appreciated during our meeting as the Charity requires a number of non-committee members to be present in order for the meeting to be viable. We anticipate the actual meeting will take approximately 30 minutes and then we shall be enjoying a social drink and chat.

The 2025 Duck race, which has become a popular annual tradition, is confirmed for Sunday 30th March. Keep an eye out for posters with the details of how to purchase your "ducky numbers".

With thanks,

The FoES



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Enstone School
will take place at the Enstone Sports and Social Club, Coxs Lane, OX7 4LF
on Thursday 13th March 2025
at 7pm.

Please come and join us for the meeting which will be followed by drinks at the Club's bar.

We look forward to seeing you 😊

Many thanks,

The Friends of Enstone School (FoES)

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LIZZIE AND LYDIA PRESENT:



Music to make you smile!

With Lizzie Soden and Lydia Tomita and some "Friends"

An evening of music and songs to make you smile from two well-known local artists that will entertain you and hopefully make you smile

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DATE AND TIME:
Saturday 15 March - 7:30pm

VENUE:
The Town Hall, Chipping Norton

TICKETS:
Adult: £10,
18 & under: Free



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THE YOUNG PERFORMERS' RECITAL



Come and support these motivated performers in developing their skills

An evening where young musicians, singers, actors and more are invited to come together to share the joy of performing to you.

We will present an evening showing the best of local talent which everyone will enjoy

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DATE AND TIME:
Wednesday 19 March - 6:30pm

VENUE:
The Town Hall, Chipping Norton

TICKETS:
Adult: £3,
18 & under: Free



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FAMILY FRIENDLY CONCERT



"More Stories in Music" Following a very successful concert in 2024 we again are planning a family friendly afternoon concert to encourage parent and grandparents to bring along their youngsters. The Adderbury Ensemble will be "telling the story in music" of two more of Vivaldi's 4 Seasons and getting the youngsters involved in this piece of popular music.

Free tea, coffee and cakes and biscuits will be provided by the Festival team. So come along, bring the family and enjoy.

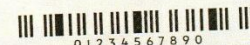
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DATE AND TIME:
Sunday 23 March - 3:30pm

VENUE:
The Town Hall, Chipping Norton

TICKETS:
Adult: £5,
18 & under: Free



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THE ADDERBURY ENSEMBLE



The Adderbury Ensemble will be performing two concerts in their usual enigmatic style. **TUESDAY 11th** - Viv Mclean - piano, Fiona Cross - clarinet, Chris Windass - viola. Performing a Bruch selection from 8 pieces, Brahms Clarinet Sonata in F minor, Beethoven Piano Sonata in G, Op 79, and Mozart Trio in E flat 'Kegelstatt'. **SUNDAY 23rd** - Viv Mclean-

piano, Jenny Sacha - violin, Chris Windass - violin, Rose Redgrave - viola, Jane Fenton - cello. Performing Ravel's String Quartet and Gershwin's Piano Concerto

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DATE AND TIME:
Tuesday 11 March - 7:30pm
Sunday 23 March - 7:30pm

VENUE:
The Town Hall, Chipping Norton

TICKETS:
Available via www.cnmf.org.uk
or by visiting
www.adderburyensemble.com
or by calling on 07711 606996

DON'T FORGET THE FESTIVAL CONCERT
on Saturday 22nd March at 7.30pm

go to www.cnmf.org.uk for details

Tickets for all concerts are available on
our website: www.cnmf.org.uk/concerts
or Telephone 07875 454 094

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THE 2025 CONCERTS



YOUTH BAND CHALLENGE!



Come and hear talented youngsters 'giving it their all' From small combos through to Big Bands Traditionally the opening event each year to the Festival fortnight and showing off the talent from around the county for youngsters performing live on stage, playing blues, jazz and much more.
Now open to bands of any style and genre.

Tickets available via: www.cnmf.org.uk/concerts
or www.chippingnortontheatre.com

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DATE AND TIME:
Friday 7 March - 7:00pm

VENUE:
The Chipping Norton Theatre

TICKETS:
Adult: £7,
18 & under: £1



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THE BEN HOLDER QUARTET



Ben Holder [33] is the most acclaimed and exciting jazz violinist in the UK. His classical studies began at the age of six and were complemented by training at the Birmingham Conservatoire. An introduction to jazz came in his early teens - classic masters such as Benny Goodman, Oscar Peterson and Stephane Grappelli - and led Ben to truly find his place as a musician.

Ben possesses an innate sense of swing rhythm (something which often eludes classical players), breathtaking technical ability and true showmanship on stage. He offers flawless musicianship, heaps of energy and personality and a visible passion for his craft.

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DATE AND TIME:
Sunday 9 March - 7:00pm

VENUE:
The Town Hall, Chipping Norton

TICKETS:
Adults: £13 in advance and £15
on the door
18 & under: £6 in advance and
£7 on the door



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PIANO RECITAL BY EVA MARIA DOROSZKOWSKA



Eva Maria Doroszowska takes you on an exploration of just a few famous and intrepid pianists in this concert and informal talk of "keyboard herstory" With music from the first woman to travel with her piano, stunning audiences from London to St Petersburg circa 1810, to pioneers in pianism of the 20th century breaking boundaries in harmonic colours and textures. Learn all about inspiring female composers from antiquity. Just who was the first Byzantine composer and who published the first keyboard music in England? Was Mozart's most beloved "Jeunehomme concerto" really written for a lady pianist and who was the lady behind the scenes shaping Beethoven's choice of pianos? This event will speed you up to date on a fascinating herstory of the piano explored through the eyes of female pianist composers. An evening not to be missed!

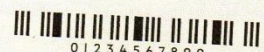
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DATE AND TIME:
Thursday 13 March - 7:00pm

VENUE:
The Town Hall, Chipping Norton

TICKETS:
Adults: £12 in advance and £15
on the door
18 & under: Free



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