Enstone Primary School
Newsletter

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9th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

PARENTS' EVENINGS: It was great to see most of you at one of our Parents' Evenings this week. We hope you found these meetings helpful. Notes/records from the meetings will be sent home next week.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES: On Monday, our school health nurse delivered a very informative session to our Year 5 and 6 pupils all about medical conditions such as epilepsy, asthma and diabetes. This session was designed to raise their awareness of signs and symptoms and help them know when to seek help for a friend. In the next few weeks we have a trip to the "Living Rainforest" coming up for Cherwell Class and a trip to Hill End for a Vikings workshop for Evenlode Class, plus several sports activities and tournaments – lots to look forward to so keep an eye on the calendar!

MRS MURPHY: After five years with us, Mrs Murphy will be leaving at the end of this half term to begin a new adventure. We are very sad to see Mrs Murphy go but wish her every success in her new job. Today, we have interviewed for a new teaching assistant to join our team, and will look forward to introducing you to our newest staff member soon.

THANK YOU FROM GUIDES: Mrs Slark and the guides would like to thank everyone who supported their cake sale on Friday 25th September. They raised an amazing £155.00 for the RNLI. 😊

REMINDERS:

- **School photographs – Monday 12th October.**
- **Boccia Tournament at CNS – Wednesday 14th October.**
- **Colour Run – Friday 16th October (weather permitting!).**

Please read on for a message from FoES/

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

S. Mann

Mrs S. Mann Headteacher

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Next FoES meeting – Wednesday 14th October at The Crown, Church Enstone. All welcome!



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2nd October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

HARVEST ASSEMBLY: It was lovely to see many of you at the Harvest Assembly this afternoon. Thank you for your kind donations to the food bank, and for your contributions to our Oxfam Unwrapped fundraiser. We have so far raised £130.00 for this, with possibly a little more money to add from today. Plenty for a goat – and more besides! Thank you, Eco Warriors, for going out with the clipboard.

U11 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT: What a triumph! Our U11 boys and U11 girls' football teams played a magnificent tournament on Wednesday at Chipping Norton School, against other small schools in our partnership group. I am delighted to say we won both the boys' and the girls' sections of the tournament. Very well done to all of the children who played in this – a combination of Y6, Y5 and even Y4 pupils in this U11 event. We are very proud of you all.



P.E. KITS: Please make sure your child has a full P.E. kit and trainers in school every day. Although we generally have set P.E. days, these can be subject to change.

SAFE PARKING: If driving to school, please park your car safely both in the carpark and out on the Lidstone Road. Parking close to the carpark entrance/exit obscures vision for those trying to leave and could lead to a nasty accident. Please also avoid blocking other vehicles in, as recently some staff members have found it difficult to leave work at the end of the day! Thank you for your consideration.

REMINDERS:

- **Parents' Evenings next Monday and Thursday – make sure you have booked your slot with your child's teacher.**
- **School photographs (individual and sibling groups) – Monday 12th October. Set yourself a reminder if you want to avoid a "toothpaste on the jumper, scarecrow hair" kind of picture)!** 😉

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

S. Mann Mrs S. Mann Headteacher

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Don't forget to buy your tickets and join in the spooky fun!



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25 September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

BIKEABILITY: Well done to the group of Year 6 pupils who did their Bikeability training earlier this week. Everyone listened well, followed instructions and showed the necessary skills and knowledge to achieve their Level 2 Certificate.

PLAY LEADERS' TRAINING: Our Year 5 pupils attended a "Play Leaders" training session at Chipping Norton School on Wednesday. The children focused on developing their leadership skills, as well as learning some new games to share with their younger peers on the playground. Congratulations to Scarlett Silman Faria, who has been chosen as our Play Leaders' Captain for this year.

HOUSE AFTERNOON: This afternoon, our children spent some time together in their house groups. This was the first house activity for our new children and gave them an opportunity to meet, play and work with some of their older peers. As ever, our older children impressed us with their warm and caring support of their new little members.

HARVEST FESTIVAL ASSEMBLY: We would like to invite you to join our Harvest Festival assembly on Friday 2nd October at 2:15pm. Children from years 1 to 6 will be involved in the whole assembly, with children in Reception joining us part way through (too much sitting otherwise!!). The children will sing some autumn/Harvest songs and talk to you about our fund raising for this year. (See poster below for information)

REMINDERS:

- **Bring £2.00 if you want to have a go at the "Guess the Name of the Goat" competition and help us raise money for Oxfam Unwrapped. Eco Warriors will be out with the clipboard all week and we will announce the winner in the Harvest Festival Assembly on Friday 2nd October.**
- **Please bring any donations for the Food Bank collection to the school hall on Thursday 1st October. List of suggested donations below.**
- **U11 Football Tournament at Chipping Norton School on Wednesday 30th September. See your letter from Mrs Slark for all the details.**

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,

S. Mann Mrs S. Mann Headteacher

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Harvest Festival

Celebrating and sharing what we have

Harvest Festival Assembly

Friday 2nd October at 2:15pm

Parents and carers are very welcome to join us.

Food Bank Donations

North Oxfordshire Food Bank

Please bring donations for the North Oxfordshire Food Bank on

Thursday 1st October

A list of suggested items will be in this week's newsletter.



Guess the Name of the Goat!



We are raising money fo buy a virtual gift for a farming community in a developing country through

OXFAM Unwrapped

£2 per entry

Choose a name from a list of suggestions.

The winner gets the goat!

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Please support our Harvest

Food Bank Collection

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD BANK COLLECTION

- Tins of fruit
- Tins of custard or pudding rice
- Tins of soup
- Pasta sauce
- Tins of meat and fish (e.g. tuna)
- Tins of vegetables
- Tinned potatoes or instant mash
- Tins of baked beans
- Tins or cartons of tomatoes
- Rice
- Pasta
- Breakfast cereals (NOT OATS)
- Coffee
- Small packets of sugar
- Long life semi-skimmed milk
- Long life fruit juice
- Biscuits
- Jam
- Tea bags
- Toiletries
- Feminine hygiene products



Please do not send in any fresh or frozen produce – items need be long-life.

We will be making our food bank collection on

Thursday 1st October 2026.

Please bring goods to the school hall at the beginning or end of the school day. Thank you for your support.

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FAMILY FUN & HOBBY DAY

CHIPPING NORTON LEISURE CENTRE

30 OCTOBER 2026 • 11:00 - 15:00



INFLATABLE POOL CHALLENGE

Subject to age and swimming ability

- ★ **Family Activities**
- ★ **Tennis • Football • Pickleball**
- ★ **Local Clubs & Hobbies**
- ★ **Craft Stalls**

PIZZA VAN ON SITE!

Delicious pizzas available to buy throughout the day.

Swimming activities must be booked in advance

DISCOVER THE POSSIBILITIES OF LEARNING TO SWIM

All details will be available in the centre on the day.
Meet our very own swim teacher, Jess,
who will be on hand to answer your questions.

family day!

GLL
better for everyone

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18 September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

WELCOME MEETINGS: Thank you to all who attended our class welcome meetings this week – we hope you found these helpful. It was great to see many of you there, but for those who couldn't make it we have put the presentations on the class pages on the school website.

FOOTY KIDS: The Footy Kids inflatable pitch made a visit on Tuesday and all children in years 1 to 6 had a fun session with coach JJ. Footy Kids will be operating as a lunchtime club this autumn term. No need to sign up – we rotate around the classes to give everyone a chance to join in. Please make sure your child has their P.E. kit and trainers in school every day, so they don't miss out on their turn.

JUNIOR CITIZEN: Year 6 pupils attended a personal safety workshop called "Junior Citizen" on Thursday morning. This workshop teaches them important skills about keeping themselves safe and also coping in an emergency situation. Our pupils did some amazing work with one group scoring 76 out of 80 on the quiz/assessment at the end. Well done Year 6!

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS: On Thursday, we held elections for our new School Council and Eco Warrior pupil groups. Very well done and thank you to everyone who made a poster and/or gave an election address. Our new pupil leadership groups are as follows:

School Council 2026-27	Eco Warriors 2026-27
Brandon YR	Brianna Y1
Zachary Y1	Seth Y2
Fred Y2	George Y3
Sophie Y3	Beren Y4
Todd Y4	Ava Y5
Anna Y5	Edward Y5
Penny Y6	Scarlett Y6
Ruben Y6	

REMINDERS:

- Bikeability for Year 6 pupils – Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd September. It sounds obvious but please don't forget to bring your bikes and helmets! Also, children who wear a skirt to school should bring some joggers or leggings to wear whilst doing their cycle training.
- Young Sports Leaders training for Year 5 – Wednesday 23rd September. Please remember to bring a packed lunch and refer to your letter for transport and timings information.
- Nasal Flu Vaccinations for all pupils – Thursday 24th September. (Worth noting that for the little ones we refer to it as "Tickle Spray"!)

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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EXCITING NEWS – THE EVER-POPULAR FOES HALLOWE'EN DISCO IS BACK!

Please see the poster below for all the details.



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NO SCARY MASKS PLEASE!
halloween disco
£5 ENTRY
INCLUDES DRINK & HOTDOG
ENSTONE SCHOOL HALL
FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER
5PM TO 6.30PM
SAVE THE DATE!!
SPOOKY CAKES FOR SALE
PRIZES FOR THE BEST COSTUME
BAR FOR THE ADULTS!
RAISING MONEY FOR FRIENDS OF ENSTONE SCHOOL. REG. CHARIRTY NUMBER 1106984

EMPOWERING YOUTH THERAPIES

The Village

Cuppa - Chat - Connection

For Parents & Carers of Neurodivergent Children & Teens





Monday 21st September

7pm to 8:30pm

Bromley's Cafe, Chipping Norton, OX7 5AD

£5 per person

Refreshments available to purchase.

Book your place:

georgina.eyt@outlook.com

Georgina

Occupational Therapist

RCOT/HCPC



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A friendly space to connect and belong.
Parent SENse
Witney
Parents supporting parents.
Parent-led support for parents & carers of children and young people with SEND.
Whether your child is happy and thriving, things are tough, you're waiting for support or assessment, or you simply want to meet other parents who get it – you're very welcome.
You don't need to be struggling to come along.
Meet other parents who get it.
Relaxed and informal – come for a cuppa and a chat.
Share experiences, ask questions or simply listen.
In-person meet-ups in Witney.
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11 September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

GREEN FLAG SUCCESS: I am delighted to tell you that our Eco Schools assessment, submitted at the end of July, was a huge success. We retained our Green Flag status, with distinction! Congratulations to everyone for all their efforts over the past year, and especially to Mrs Pearson and the Eco Warrior Team who oversaw our progress in all the target areas.

SCHOOL COUNCIL AND ECO WARRIOR ELECTIONS: Next Thursday, we will be holding elections in Windrush, Cherwell and Evenlode classes to choose our new School council and Eco Warrior representatives for the coming academic year. We hope lots of our pupils will be keen to stand for election, particularly if they haven't held one of these roles before. Please have a chat with your child and help them to prepare for the election. We would like pupils putting themselves forward as candidates to come prepared with either an election poster or an election speech, which they will present to the other children in their year group.

REMINDER ABOUT CLASS WELCOME MEETINGS: As advised last week, we would like to invite parents and children to our start of the year "Class Welcome Meetings". Please do your best to attend the relevant meetings with your child and find out more about what will be happening this term.

Glyme Class (Reception, Mrs Griffith) – Wednesday 16th September

Windrush Class (Years 1 and 2, Miss Chamberlin) – Tuesday 15th September

Cherwell Class (Years 3 and 4, Mrs Callaghan) – Friday 18th September

Evenlode Class (Years 5 and 6, Mrs Walsh) – Monday 15th September

All meetings will be from 3:15 – 4:00pm.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

S. Mann

Mrs S. Mann

Headteacher

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Hi everyone,

We hope you've all had a lovely summer and that your children are settling back into school and enjoying the start of the new autumn term.

This is our **first update from the Friends of Enstone School (FOES)** for the new academic year. FOES is a registered charity run by parents, with the aim of raising funds to support the school and provide additional opportunities and experiences for all the children.

We're delighted to share that the **summer fete raised an amazing £4,000!** Thank you once again to everyone who supported the event, whether by sponsoring, volunteering, donating, running a stall or simply coming along and enjoying the day. It was fantastic to see the school and wider community come together.

Some of the money raised has already been put to great use, with the children in **Glyme Class receiving some much-needed new furniture**. It looks fantastic - we'll share some photos and officially unveil the new furniture at a later date!

Our first meeting of the year

We'll be holding our first official FOES get-together of the new academic year next week:

🗓️ **Wednesday 16th September**
🕖 **7pm**
📍 **The Crown, Church Enstone**

We'd love to see all our familiar faces, but we're also **always keen to welcome new members**. If you're a new parent at the school, or you've been meaning to find out more about FOES, please do come along and see what we're up to.

We're a friendly and welcoming group, and **coming along to a meeting doesn't mean signing up to a big commitment!** We're all busy, and everyone contributes in whatever way they can. Whether you can offer some time, share an idea, help at an event or simply lend a hand occasionally, every bit of support makes a difference.

Jenny Dod - secretary (**On behalf of the FOES committee)**

Brownies

Girlguiding



1st Chadlington Brownies

Mondays 6-7.15pm

chadlingtonbrownies@gmail.com

Join Brownies

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04 September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

WELCOME: Welcome back to school everyone! Or in some cases, welcome for the first time to our school community. We are delighted to have 18 new Reception pupils joining us this September, as well as some new children in Cherwell and Windrush Classes. Whether you know us of old or are just getting to know us, we look forward to a very happy school year with you and your children.

Two days in, there isn't much news to report other than to say how very impressed we have been with the children's enthusiasm and positivity as we started our new term. Here are some events we want to flag up to you quickly, as they are happening soon. More news to follow and the school calendar will be updated asap.

SWIMMING: Children in Cherwell Class will be swimming on a Monday morning this term. Please see the letter your child came home with yesterday for all the information and the "goggles permission slip". Please note that we start lessons this coming Monday 7th September, so don't forget your kits in the mayhem of Monday morning.

CLASS WELCOME MEETINGS: We would like to invite everyone (parents and children) to our class welcome meetings which will be held w/c 14th September. During these meetings, class teachers will talk to you about plans for the term, specific arrangements relating to that class (e.g. PE days, homework expectations) and will let you know more about what your child will be learning during the autumn term. Meeting dates and times are as follows. Please do your best to attend the relevant meetings.

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