

# Endsleigh Holy Child VC Academy



Headteacher Mrs. E Barrs  
Newsletter 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025



Dear parent and carers,

It has been another successful week in school and the children are busy with their Lenten activities. It was so uplifting to see our Nursery children out on the playground counting their footsteps for the Big Lenten walk. Even the smallest steps can make a difference! Thank you for supporting them with your donations.

Elsewhere in school the children have been keeping up their hard work and learning, showing our Endsleigh Excellence. Year 6 led their own Stay and Pray and were pleased to welcome family and friends to join them.

Yesterday, the staff and children prepared a special sendoff assembly for Mrs Hanson, who has been with us for eleven years and has made an immense contribution to life at Endsleigh Holy Child. We wish her happiness in her new adventures and hope that she will come back to join us from time to time.

On Thursday we held our spring term governing board meeting and were glad to welcome our governors into school. Being a governor is a highly valued role and we welcome the insights and challenges governors can bring from their many different areas of expertise and skills. If this is something you feel you might be interested in, please do let us know.

In this second week of Lent, we continue to give, fast and pray:

Lord, during this week of our Lenten journey, help us find ways to remember that you are with us.

We know that this is big work. Help us practise remembering as we get ready for the mystery of Easter.

During this season, help us learn how to trust you, love you, and share your love with others. Lord, thank you for being with our family as we travel together, preparing our hearts and minds to enter into the mystery of Easter.

Bless us in our work. It is in your holy name, we pray.

Amen.

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your families,

Best wishes,

Mrs Barrs

## Pupil Voice

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic week we've had in Year 1! We have started our exciting new **Spring** topic, which has been inspiring our writing, reading, art, and science lessons.

In art, we had a wonderful time painting **beautiful daffodils**, using bright colours to capture the signs of spring. The children loved expressing themselves through their artwork! 😊

In science, we have been learning all about **plants and growth**, and we are especially excited to start planting seeds—just in time for **Mother's Day!** The children can't wait to see their plants grow over the coming weeks. 🌱

We look forward to another fun-filled week ahead!

## Reading Books

**REMINDER: Children must have their reading books and reading record in school every day.** Children who are learning phonics have their books changed at the appropriate stage in their teaching, and therefore do not have set days for book changes. Please support your child's journey in learning to read by ensuring that they bring their book to school every day.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Stay and Pray Class 4 – 3pm 19<sup>th</sup> March

Group Photos – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Stay and Pray Class 3/4 – 3pm 26<sup>th</sup> March

Stay and Pray Class 5/6 – 3pm 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Parents Consultation Evening 3.40pm – 5.20pm

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Easter Holiday - school closes on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April and re-opens on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Y4 swimming lessons - Tue 22/04/2025 to Fri 02/05/2025

May day - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Half term - school closes on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May and re-opens on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Summer Music Concert – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

School closes for the summer break on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

School opens for the Autumn Term on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

## Mobile Phone

Please can parents and pupils **NOT** use their phones on school premises – this includes the playground. We are sorry to say, if this continues, pupils will be asked to leave them at home. Many thanks for your support.

## Parents Consultation Evenings

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 3.40pm – 5.20pm

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 3.40pm – 6.50pm

Please book via the Arbor App – appointments will be available from 6pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March

**There will be a book fair in the school hall during both evenings**

Our children have rapidly clocked up 601km- triple the original 200km target! Please support us to reach our fundraising target by helping to gather in sponsor money and promoting our Just Giving page where supporters can make online donations.



**THE BIG LENT WALK**

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/endsleighs-fundraising-page>

## Designated Roles

SENCO/Safeguarding Lead – Mr. J Fox

Assistant Head – Mr. J. Guthrie

EYSF Lead – Mrs. J Leach