

Endsleigh Holy Child VC Academy



Headteacher Mrs. E Barrs
Newsletter 21st March 2025



Dear parents and carers,

Our first success this week was a monitoring visit from our phonics hub. They were delighted to be able to highlight the progress children are making in learning their phonics sounds and the progression they then begin to make towards early reading. The consistent and systematic nature of our teaching means that the children are gaining an excellent grounding in their phonics knowledge. Well done to the children and all involved in the teaching of phonics. This is the perfect preparation for our new reading model, which we can see is working well.

In other "reading" news, Mrs Broadhead led a special part of our worship on Thursday to give out the new reading books in Key Stage 2. Pupils were excited to start getting to know the new titles and begin to take them home. Please do help us by encouraging your child to look after the books and remember to bring them back into school to exchange.

This week we were also very proud of Miss Jackson's class, who went to the university and represented us in an athletics event. Their attitudes and behaviour really showed our Endsleigh Excellence; well done everyone!

We reflect on the third week of Lent in our school:

Loving Father,
So many times I turn away from you
and always you welcome me back.
Your mercy and love gives me confidence
Thank you for the invitation to share, fast and pray
so that you can form a new heart within me.
Your powerful compassion for my weaknesses
leads me to ask for mercy
and await with great hope the Easter joy you share with us.
Amen.

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your families,

Best wishes,

Mrs Barrs

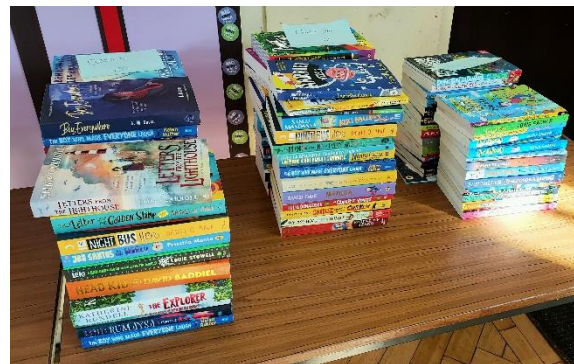
Pupil Voice

Class 1/2

This week we have been learning more about Kenya for our Geography topic, we have had fun creating our own national parks and also researching the big five animals. We really enjoyed spending some time with the Chaplaincy team yesterday in a Godly Play session. We have also come to the end of our writing topic based on Zog and have created some fantastic diary entries and retelling of the story.

Key Stage 2 Reading Books

We are delighted to announce that this week, the children in Key Stage 2 received their new reading books. Please encourage your child to read their reading book at home and talk about it with you, and to discuss it with their teacher when they are ready to change their book. We have invested in a range of new titles that we hope will provide plenty of interest and engagement for our pupils. We ask that you support your child with bringing their book into school every day to ensure that they can take part in independent reading.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Group Photos – Wednesday 26th March

FS2 Tigers Mother's Day celebration – Thursday 27th March at 2.45pm

FS2 Bears Mother's Day celebration – Friday 28th March at 2.45pm

Consultation evening bookings open Friday 21st March 6pm

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

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

Parents Consultation Evening April 2nd 3.40pm – 5.20pm

Parents Consultation Evening April 3rd 3.40pm – 6.50pm

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

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

May day - Monday 5th May

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

Summer Music Concert – Tuesday 17th June

School closes for the summer break on Friday 18th July

School opens for the Autumn Term on Wednesday 3rd September

Easter Egg Raffle

The school council have organised an Easter Egg raffle to raise money for a Buddy Bench. There will be 3 prizes to win and the raffle tickets will cost £1 a strip and the children can buy as many raffle tickets as they would like! These will be sold by the school councillors every morning on the school playground. The winners will be drawn on Friday 4th April.



Parents Consultation Evenings

Wednesday 2nd April 3.40pm – 5.20pm

Thursday 3rd April 3.40pm – 6.50pm

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

Refreshments will be available and there will be a book fair in the school hall during both evenings

Neurodiversity Celebration Week

Neurodiversity Celebration Week is an initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. During this celebration week – and every week of the year – we encourage all to celebrate the strengths and talents of the neurodivergent.

On Thursday, we celebrated this in a whole school assembly during which all pupils had chance to think of their peers and celebrate our differences and strengths. It is so lovely to see the younger generation setting the example for others to follow.

Read, Read, Read

At Endsleigh Holy Child, our 'Read, Read, Read' approach means that pupils have three opportunities to read, every single day!

1. Daily reading lesson
2. Quiet, independent reading
3. Story time

These three opportunities for reading support the children in accessing a breadth of reading materials to enable them to read widely and often, building their fluency and confidence

Designated Roles

SENCO/Safeguarding Lead – Mr. J Fox

Assistant Head – Mr. J. Guthrie

EYSF Lead – Mrs. J Leach