

EMPS News

Autumn Half Term 1 2025/26



Dear Families,

We are delighted to welcome you all back for what promises to be another busy and exciting year at Eyres Monsell Primary School. If your child is joining school for the first time this year, a special welcome to you all—I hope that you find our community as helpful and welcoming as I have. As well as welcoming new families, we also welcome a number of new staff to the team; **Mr. Watson (Y3), Miss. Smart (Branches), Miss. Bradshaw (Y6) and Miss. Smith (Y5)**. Although Miss. Kaur has worked with the school for a number of years, we also welcome her to a full time teaching post in Y3 while Miss. Morgan is on her sabbatical.

This term, our focus is on the school value **Teamwork**. We know that by working together—children, families and staff—we can achieve the very best outcomes for our pupils. A strong sense of teamwork will be central to everything we do this year, helping us to build a supportive and positive school community.

We are also launching our **Strong Start** approach to the academic year. This means we will be working hard to embed our school routines right from the beginning to ensure every child feels confident, secure and ready to learn. We will have a particular focus through the whole school this half term on **Wonderful Walking**—moving calmly, safely and respectfully around school—which helps us to create the right atmosphere for learning and sets the tone for high expectations in every area of school life.

Next week on **Wednesday 3rd September**, we will be holding out **Parent Information Sessions**. Details of the timing can be found further on in the newsletter. This will give you the chance to find out more about the curriculum and expectations of your child's new year group, as well as ask any questions you may have. We strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend as these sessions are a great way to build strong home-school partnerships and ensure your child has the best possible start to the academic year.

We are really looking forward to the term ahead and can't wait to see all of the progress and achievements we will make together. As always, thank you for your support.

Ms. Williamson

Parent Information Sessions

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**Wednesday 3rd
September 2025**

**Session 1 3.10-3.30pm
Session 2 3.35-3.55pm**

ALL WELCOME

Come along and hear about the exciting things planned for your child's year group as well as the expectations and routines

Every year, we hold our 'Parent Information Sessions' at the start of the year so that you can learn more about the expectations of your child's year group, hear the exciting things that are planned for the coming year and ask any questions you may have.

There are 2 sessions that run; this gives you an opportunity to attend sessions in different year groups if you have more than one child. The content of each session is exactly the same, so it does not matter which one you attend.

If you are unable to make it but would like to find out more, all of the information will be available on Weduc by the end of next week. As always, duty staff are available on the playground at the start and end of each day if you need to find out more information.

This year, we have a creche running for children in Y1 and Y2 in the hall so if you would like to attend any session for Y1 or 2 you can drop your child off in the hall where they will be supervised by school staff. We are unable to look after other children due to ratios.

Strong Start



Wonderful Walking

- + Walking on the left
 - + Single file
 - + Silent
 - + Smart
 - + Sensible

After the long summer holidays, I'm sure you were ready to be back in a routine, and we know that children thrive best when they have really clear boundaries and certainty in their lives. We are therefore working on having a really Strong Start to the year, where the class rules and key expectations are clearly and explicitly taught and practiced. The whole school routine that we are working on is 'Wonderful Walking' which has 5 simple steps to success. Please remind your child of the importance of this in school.

Medical Tracker

We log all of our medical incidents and injuries using 'Medical Tracker' which then alerts you to anything that has happened in school. We also use Medical Tracker to record any medication your child is taking and any medical condition they may have. **Please inform us immediately if your child has a short-term (infection) or long term (e.g., asthma) medical condition which may affect them in school or which they may required medication in school to manage.** Please contact the school office to provide this information. If your child has a medical condition, we will invite you in to complete an 'Individual Health Care Plan' which will help us understand how we need to manage your child's needs in school.



National Year of Reading 2026

The importance of reading

We are wholeheartedly invested in the National Year of Reading and know the importance of reading and storytelling. Please please support your child by sharing a bed time story or their school reading book every day. It is free to join the library and you can use any library in Leicester City once you have joined. There is a pop-up library every week at the Community Centre (Magpie building) and we will be taking some of our children there regularly to borrow a book. Reading supports every aspect of the curriculum and wider life by exposing children to a rich vocabulary that they can use an also develops their imagination in a way that screen time can't.

Help us to help your children this year by supporting this national initiative.



The school clubs list will be available to sign up to from Monday 1st September. Many of our clubs are FREE, and some clubs are a very small fee to cover the cost of materials.

If you would like to sign your child up for a club, please do make sure that they attend every week. The pick up arrangements remain the same so if you have signed to say your Y5/6 child is able to walk home, they will be able to do so after their club unless you wish to make a different arrangement.

To all local parents and schools in Leicestershire

Most pharmacies can help you with **several common conditions** without needing a GP appointment.



Speak to your pharmacist if you suspect you have

Earache
(Children aged 1 to 17 years)

Visit your Pharmacy First!

Did you know that pharmacies can now offer clinical appointments with medication available if required for four clinical conditions particularly relevant to school age children?

- Ear ache (children aged 1-17)
- Sore throat (over 5s)
- Infected insect bites (over 1s)
- Impetigo (over 1s)

GP practices are busy and it can be difficult to get a same-day GP appointment. When your child is off sick from school with any of the above conditions, by going straight to your local pharmacy you can have a consultation with a trained clinical professional and receive advice and even medication if it is needed, meaning they could be on the road to recovery and back at school as soon as possible.



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Infected Insect Bite or Impetigo
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Sore Throat
(Children and adults age 5 and up)

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For more info on community pharmacy services visit www.leicestershire-rutland.communitypharmacy.org.uk



Attendance

At Eyres Monsell Primary School, our attendance target for all children is 96%. All children will have some days of absence due to illness; it is highly important that they're in school and ready for learning on days that they're medically well; if you are not sure if they are well enough you can refer to the NHS guidance online called 'is my child well enough for school?'

If you're struggling with before and after school arrangements, please get in contact as we now offer both a breakfast and after school care. We want to work with families to ensure your children are in school and striving to reach their potential each and every day. The government has announced changes to penalty notice charges which came into play from the 19th August 2024, which we will be following as a school. If there is anything we can do to support you with your child's attendance, please get into contact with Mr Dowsing would will be able to support with this.

Curriculum overview

This term, we're really excited to be taking the children on a journey around the globe through our geography focus: *Wonders of the World*. Each year group will be exploring a different place, culture, or theme, helping them to see just how fascinating and varied our world really is.

Our **EYFS and Branches** children will begin the year with the theme 'All about me'. They'll be learning about themselves, their families, and their immediate surroundings, while also starting to think about their own place in the wider world.

In **Year 1**, the children will be staying a little closer to home as they explore the UK and its capital cities, finding out what makes each one unique and special as well as learning about King Charles. In **Year 2**, the adventure really takes off! The children will be introduced to the seven continents of the world and then follow in the footsteps of the famous traveller Thomas Cook, thinking about how people first began to explore places far beyond our own shores.

Year 3 are off to Italy, where they'll learn about its landscapes and how geography influences food and tourism – and I'm sure there will be plenty of talk about pasta and pizza along the way! **Year 4** will travel across the Atlantic to explore the incredible physical geography of North America, from mountains to plains, while **Year 5** will be heading back in time to Ancient Egypt to discover why the River Nile was so vital to life and civilisation. Finally, our oldest pupils in **Year 6** will study the fascinating Mayan civilisation and uncover the wonders of their world.

It's a wonderful topic that really sparks curiosity, and I know the children are going to enjoy learning not just about faraway places but also about how people and geography are connected in so many interesting ways.

Rocksteady Music Lessons



We loved our Rocksteady concert at the end of last term! All of our bands showed real perseverance, determination and incredible bravery to perform for the very first time at our Summer Fair and school concert.

We have some spaces due to children leaving; please look out on Weduc if you would like to sign your child up for lessons. There are only spaces available for certain year groups and instruments.

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Autumn Half Term 1 Diary Dates



Please see the important diary dates below. As we know, things sometimes change due to unforeseen circumstances, and we will do our best to give you as much notice as possible about any upcoming changes.

Date	Event
Tuesday 26th August	Autumn 1 starts
Monday 1st September	All Reception children in all day
Monday 8th September	Clubs start this week
Thursday 11th September	Y1 Trip to Abbey Park
Thursday 25th September	Y2 Trip to Great Central Railway
Friday 26th September	Y5 Workshop—The River Nile
Tuesday 30th September	School Photos (family groups from 8am)
Wednesday 1st October	Y6 Trip to Cadburys World
Tuesday 7th October	Y3 Trip to Pizza Express
Wednesday 8th October	Y3 Workshop—Diwali Dance
Thursday 9th October	Y3 Trip to Pizza Express
Friday 10th October	Pre-school Workshop—Diwali Dance
Tuesday 14th October & Wednesday 15th October	PARENTS' EVENING
Thursday 16th October	Y5—Trip to National Space Centre (Careers day)
Friday 17th October	AUTUMN 1 ENDS—3pm FINISH
Monday 27th October	Term 2 Begins
Monday 17th November	INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN