

# EMPS News

February 2026



Eyres Monsell  
Primary School

Dear Families,

It's a short newsletter this half term as it's such a quick one! Just before half term we had a super **'Read Together, Create Together'** event and made the most beautiful canvases which were inspired by a book. All of these canvases will now go on display in the vending machine area (with the vending machine behind you, turn around and look up!) and the books that inspired them will be available on the shelves. Ask your child all about the decoration that they created and see if they can tell you about the book.

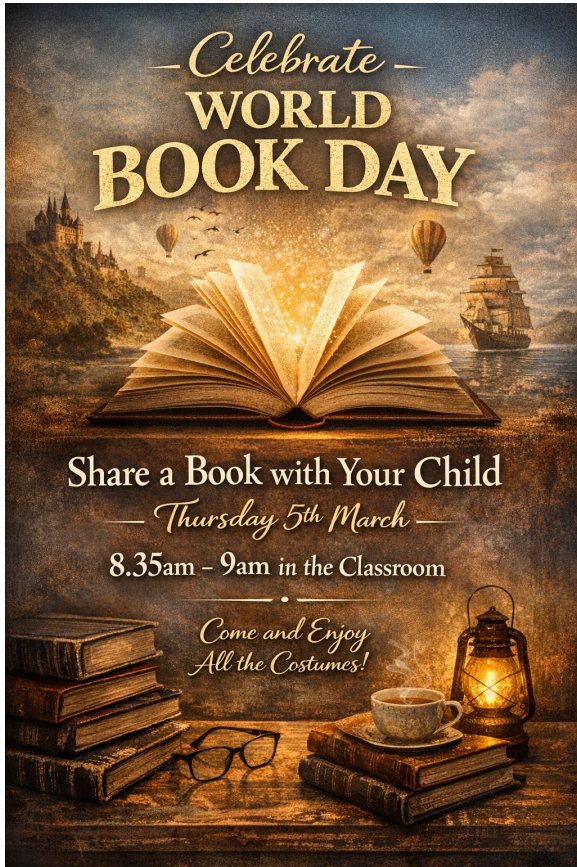
We had super end to our outdoor grounds project last half term which was worked on by children throughout the school and ended with Y6 making a wonderful presentation to a panel of experts about how we could improve our environment. As a result of this, we have forged a great relationship with the sustainable construction company 'GEDA', who are currently undertaking the building of a new estate on The Newry, in Eyres Monsell. They have been amazing and have sent teams of ground workers to build a polytunnel and some raised planters for us to continue our work in the garden and will be sending us some spring seed bombs and bird boxes too! We can't wait to see how our produce grows over the spring ready to take to market with our Y5 Young Marketeers project again this half term.

There have been some changes made to the logistics of **Parents' Evening this half term** following feedback we received after the last meeting. Many families said that they struggled to attend appointments after school due to working patterns and childcare issues, and therefore we have made the decision to put appointments on Tuesday 17th March during the school day (1-4pm). Please see over the page for more information about this. We'll trial it for this time around as we want as many parents to be able to attend as possible. If this doesn't turn out to be the case, we'll change it back for the Autumn term.

We also have our **Easter 'Look in on Learning' Event as usual from 12-1pm with an optional 1pm finish on Friday 27th March**. As always, there'll be loads going on in the hall and in classrooms, and performances from some of the children. We'll confirm final arrangements with you in a couple of weeks, but it's always a lovely way to end the term. It is the final LIOL event of the academic year, as we don't have one in the Summer Term due to having the Summer Fair instead, which is our wonderful community event.

Ms. Williamson

## World Book Day: Thursday 5th March



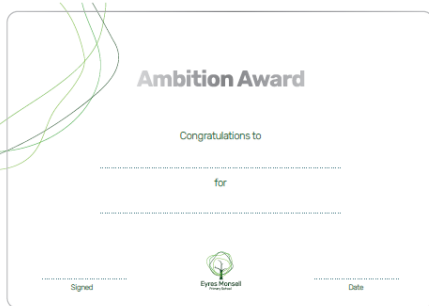
- Costume sorted
- Extreme reading photo sent in
- Book to swap in the Book Nook

Are you ready for World Book Day 2026? There is so much going on this year, including our favourite dressing up day of the year, a classroom door decorating competition, class reading buddies, pass-the-book-parcel and this year every child will choose their own WBD 2026 book from the library space.

Your child also brought home a WBD 2026 book voucher worth £1. Please make sure you take it to the shops as soon as possible to get one of the £1 books or get £1 off any book of your choice. There are some fabulous titles in the £1 book offer this year with some wonderful children's authors and illustrators commissioned.

Please do join us at 8.35am in your child's classroom to share a book with them and help us to instil a true love of reading. It really is a life long skill and you get to travel the world and have amazing adventures without ever having to leave home! If your child hasn't yet sent in an extreme reading photo please send it to [admin@eyresmonsell.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:admin@eyresmonsell.leicester.sch.uk)

## School Value for this half term—AMBITION



**This half term we are celebrating the value of 'AMBITION'. Every Monday for the next 4 weeks in Y1-6 assembly, we have invited people in to school (and meet online!) to find out what jobs they do, and how they got there. In this every changing world, there are a whole host of jobs that need different skills—but we may not know what's out there or how to achieve it if we don't hear from the people who are doing them! Ask your child who they met in assembly each week and how they got to achieve their ambition.**

## Curriculum Highlights – Eyres Monsell—What's our Story?

## Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evening is going to look slightly different this time around following feedback we received from the last session which many parents struggled to attend due to it being after school and not having childcare options for those that wanted to attend the appointment without their children. We are therefore trialling swapping one of our usual after school sessions to a day time session (1-4pm) to see whether this is a more popular option.



Tuesday 17th March, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

In the School Hall - NO CHILDREN CAN ACCOMPANY



Thursday 19th March, 3:00pm - 7:00pm

In Your Child's Classroom

*We'd love to see you there!*

It's important for all parents to attend.



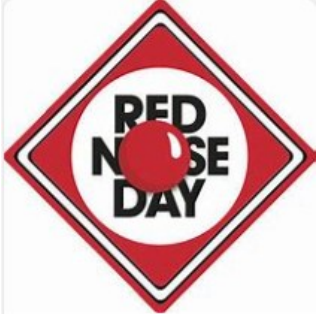
### **Tuesday 17th March 1-4pm**

All appointments will be held in the school hall, so if you struggle to access parts of the school, this might be more suitable for you to attend. We'd also kindly ask that if you are attending an appointment on this day, you do so without additional children if it is possible to do so. The hall will be very busy and we are hoping to maintain a quiet and calm environment.

### **Thursday 19th March 3-7pm**

The session on Thursday 19th March will be held in classrooms and there are no restrictions on who is able to attend so you are welcome to bring other children if you need to.

## Red Nose Day—Friday 20th March 2026



This year we are going to be doing what we are asked and going to 'Take Yourself Funny for Money' We are going to hold a joke-a-thon in the school hall and aim to listen to non-stop jokes for a whole hour! Why don't you practice telling a few jokes with your child at home and with family and friends to see which ones get the most laughs.

We'll let you know of the arrangements nearer the time and how you can secure yourself a ticket!

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# ASPENS

Aspens are currently designing a new menu for schools in Leicester City which will launch at the start of the Summer Term. This is due to a decline in uptake of hot meals across the city since they have become the primary caterer. We don't quite know the reasons why this might be, so if you do have any feedback about the meals, please do let us know at the school office so that we can let them know.

There will be some changes to the choice of halal meals but we will ensure that we give you plenty of notice so that you are fully aware of how to proceed.

## Spring Half Term 2

### 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
Monday 23rd February	Spring 2 begins
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day Y1JT Assembly
Friday 13th March	Rocksteady Catch Up lesson Y1 KP Class Assembly
Tuesday 17th March	1-4pm Parents' Evening
Thursday 19th March	3-7pm Parents' Evening
Friday 20th March	Red Nose Day—Joke-a-thon Y5 LL Class Assembly
Wednesday 25th March	Y6 Trip to Warning Zone
Friday 27th March	Spring 2 ENDS 12—1pm Look in on Learning (Optional 1pm finish)
<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	<b>Monday 30th March—Friday 10th April</b>
Monday 11th May— Thursday 14th May	Y6 SATS
Monday 1st June— Friday 12th June	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
Monday 8th June— Friday 12th June	Y1 phonics screen
Thursday 9th July	Summer 2 Ends (3pm)