

EMPS News

Summer Term 2025/26



Dear Families,

We ended last term with a wonderful look at our project '**Eyres Monsell: What's your story?**' which was a culmination of our local history curriculum understanding how the Eyres Monsell estate was founded and named. It was a fascinating look back in time and it was lovely to look at some old photographs and speak to some of the residents who have lived on the estate all of their lives and seen the changes over the years.

This term is busy for different reasons as we head into the final term of the academic year. Our pupils in **Year 1 will be undertaking their phonics screen**. This is such an important measure of a child's ability to decode words in order to develop fluency in reading and writing. Children in **Year 4 will be completing their Multiplication Check (MTC)**; know your times tables with fast recall up to 12 x 12 is an essential building block for fast and accurate mental maths. And finally, children in **Year 6 will be completing their end of KS2 SATS** which is the culmination of all that they have been learning since Year 3. Please support your child by ensuring that you are doing regular practise of sounds in Y1, timetables in Y4 and helping with home learning activities in Year 6. Of course, in all year groups, children should be reading and writing regularly at home and anything that you can do to engage your child to be curious about the world around them is wonderful.

Our **Year 5 pupils have been taking part in an amazing project called 'Planet Parade'** and have worked alongside the artist R Harvey Hobbs to create an amazing installation that is currently on display in the Pheonix. More information about this can be found inside the newsletter. The Year 5's are also once again taking part in the '**Young Marketeers' project** and we are currently growing so much produce in our garden for them to take to Leicester Market. Last year they sold out in record time, so this year we'll be taking even more! We have also had our amazing polytunnel donated and built by our friends at **GEDA construction**, who are currently working on a housing project here in Eyres Monsell. We are going to be completing the grand opening of this on **Friday 8th May to coincide with Go Green, Go Donate day**.

And finally, we know that affordability is so challenging right now for so many families. If you do need help and support with something, please do come and see our **Parent Link Worker Mrs. Boddice**. We ask this because we want to make sure that all of our children are coming to school happy, healthy and ready to learn, and if you have concerns about this, do let us know so that we can try and help you in any way that we can. The Eyres Monsell ward has recently announced more support for families with additional support workers who are well placed to offer advice and signposting. Let us know if you're interested in this.

Thank you as always for all of your support for our community,

Emily Williamson



GO GREEN, GO DONATE—Friday 8th May

We had a whole assembly about the amazing work of Sir David Attenborough last Friday who is celebrating his 100th birthday on Friday 8th May. Did you know he grew up right here in Leicester city!

We learnt about the importance of our environment and the work that we can do to undo some of the damage that has been caused by humans.

We are going to do some of those things this week! This includes litter picking, planting, turning off the lights and recycling. In order to help us celebrate this Friday, you can:

- **Wear something green;** green school uniform is fine, or something else!
- **Donate something green;** this could be something that is coloured green like a packet of biscuits, sweets or a toy. Or, it could be 'green themed' like a packet of seeds or a plant.
- **Do something green;** help our environment by picking up some litter or minimising food waste

End of Half Term Reading Café and Activities—Friday 22nd May 2-3pm



On the last day of this half term, the community library service are coming into school to hold a reading café, and there will be a chance to take your child along to this and pick up a pack of reading activities that you can complete with your child over May half term.

Reading has been our focus for this academic year as we develop children's knowledge, skills and love of reading which is so important for all areas of the curriculum, and for life! It's a brilliant way to relax and unwind and really develop your imagination.

Meet your child's next class teacher—Wednesday 1st July at drop off and pick up

Over the next half term, we will begin to prepare your child for their transition into the next year group. This will involve meeting their new class teacher alongside the pupils that will be in their class.

We understand that some children will find this an exciting time, whilst other children might be worried about this. It's completely normal to feel a range of emotions. We want to try to reduce any worries your child may have by ensuring that there are both formal and informal opportunities for your child to go through this with our full support.

It is also a time that some parents may worry too—for lots of different reasons. We would therefore like to give you the opportunity to have an informal catch up with your child's new teacher so that you can put a face to a name and they can introduce themselves to you. Therefore on **Wednesday 1st July**, at drop off and pick up times, all of our teachers will be out on the school playground and you'll have the chance to **pick up a pack of transition information about what you can expect from their new class**. This should help settle any nerves that might crop up over the long summer break. We hope that you'll find this useful.

Summer Fair—Thursday 2nd July (Summer Fair Donation Day Friday 26th June)



I know we say it every year, but we want to make this year's Summer Fair our most exciting one yet! We will of course have all of our usual favourite games, and we'll be bringing out some new ones too!

We'll let you know beforehand how you can help with donations, and if you have any spare brand new toys, or unused gifts that we can use on our raffle or tombola, please do consider donating to us. Every single penny is spent on our children in many different ways. **We'll have a**

non-uniform day on Friday 26th June to remind you that it's Summer Fair DONATION DAY!

Leicester City—Planet Parade 30th March—31st May

Eyres Monsell Primary School were chosen as one of only 3 schools to work with local artists and create a planet as part of a city-wide art installation called 'Planet Parade'. Our Y5 children worked weekly with R. Harvey Hobbs to create the beautiful planet Uranus, which is now on display at the Pheonix Leicester.

With half term coming up in a few weeks, it is the perfect time to go on the walking trail through the city to find every planet, and go and see our installation.



Planet Parade is a free, city-wide trail that transforms Leicester into a walkable solar system. Created by around 250 local children working alongside artists, each planet is represented through bold, imaginative artworks installed at venues across the city centre. Families are invited to explore all eight planets - plus the Sun at the National Space Centre - while discovering Leicester's proud space heritage, learning fascinating science facts, and enjoying creativity at every stop.

To all local parents and schools in Leicestershire

Most pharmacies can help you with common conditions without the need for GP appointments.



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.



The majority of Leicestershire community pharmacies offer the Pharmacy First service. Remember - if your child has an ear ache, sore throat, impetigo symptoms or suspected infected insect bite think



Pharmacy First!
For more info on community pharmacy services visit www.leicestershire-trustandcommunitypharmacy.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 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 will be able to support with this.

Summer Term 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
Wednesday 22nd April	Reception – Stonehurst Farm Trip
Tuesday 28th April	Y4 SB Glenhills Nature Reserve Trip KS1 The Big Sing @ de Montfort Hall Y6 Brilliant Club graduation ceremony
Wednesday 29th April	Y4 Bradgate Park Trip
Thursday 30th April	Y1 Sea Life Centre Trip
Monday 4th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Wednesday 6th May	Y6 Leavers and Class Photo Day
Friday 8th May	Go Green, Go Donate (Attenborough Day)
Monday 11th May	Start of KS2 SATS (ends Thursday 14th May)
Tuesday 12th May	Y5 Planet Parade and local sites Trip
Wednesday 13th May	Y2 Botanical Gardens Trip
Friday 22nd May	Whole School Reading Café (2-3pm)
Monday 25th May—Friday 30th May	HALF TERM
Monday 1st June	Y4 Multiplication Check Week
Monday 8th June	Y1 Travelling Toys visit to school
Monday 15th June	Y3 Lunt Fort Trip
Wednesday 17th June	Y6 Bosworth Battlefields Trip
Wednesday 24th June	1st Transition morning to new class
Wednesday 1st July	2nd Transition morning to new class Parent meet new teacher sessions at drop off/ pick up
Thursday 2nd July	Summer Fair (End of school—4.15pm)
Friday 3rd July	Y6 End of Year event in school—Colour Run
Tuesday 7th July	Reports out to parents
Thursday 9th July	TERM ENDS—Optional 1pm finish
Friday 10th July	Summer Holidays begin
Tuesday 25th August	Autumn 1 begins