

EAST HUNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

23rd January 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

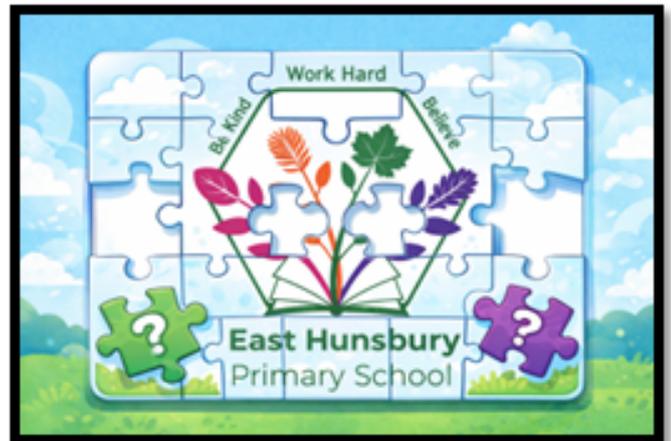
Dear Families

I am delighted to see so many children living out our school value of **Work Hard** and engaging their Growth Mindset from the very first week back. All we ever ask is that our children try their best, we cannot ask for more and it is lovely to reward them with our Proud Points!

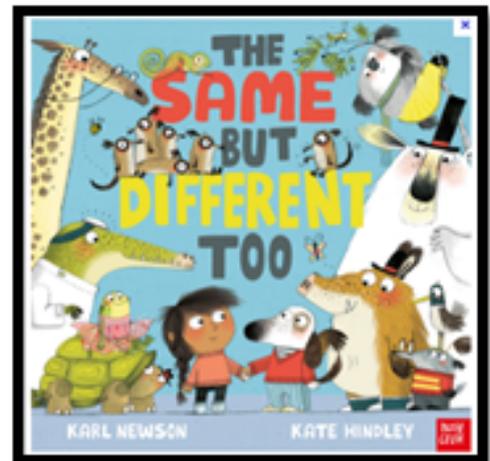
A reminder that you must not park in the staff bays and only those with a blue badge or parking permit are allowing in the car park – thank you.

Monday Assembly – You belong

At East Hunsbury, we want every child to feel a strong sense of belonging and to know they are a valued part of our school family. On Monday, our assembly focused on helping children learn more about one another and deepen their understanding of their classmates. We explored the brilliance of diversity and the importance of celebrating what makes each person unique. Back in class, children have continued this work by finding out more about their peers, strengthening friendships and building an even more inclusive and caring community.



I also recommend reading the book:



Exciting New Inclusive Books in Our Library!

I am thrilled to announce a new section in our library dedicated to inclusive reading. This collection currently features 12 board books and 5 paperback books, all designed with symbolised and simplified dyslexia-friendly text to support diverse learners.

Each book includes a QR code that gives access to a free audiobook and signing video, making reading even more engaging and accessible. These are truly brilliant books and we are proud to be an inclusive school committed to growing this section further.

A huge thank you to our brilliant librarian, Ruth DeChastelain, for her time and dedication to bringing books to all our children.

Building Links for Safety

This week our PCSOs visited us once again and spoke to some children about being safe online and walking home safely. These sessions are so important to us because we want children to understand how to keep themselves safe. We value our strong links with the PCSOs and appreciate their ongoing support.

Walk-In Wednesday

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend Walk-In Wednesday this week! The focus was reading and it was wonderful to see so many brilliant books being shared. Your involvement makes a huge difference to our children's love of reading – thank you.



Friday Assembly

We ended the week with another assembly led by Rowena from St Benedict's Church. In the assembly Rowena... spoke to the children about Working Hard and Perseverance. We learned about the bible story, Noah's Ark with some fabulous acting from Year 6!



Looking Ahead

As we move into next week we will continue to celebrate kindness, curiosity and hard work. Together, we are building a community where every child feels supported and inspired.

After this week, I thought these two quotes were particularly pertinent:

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." **Nelson Mandela**

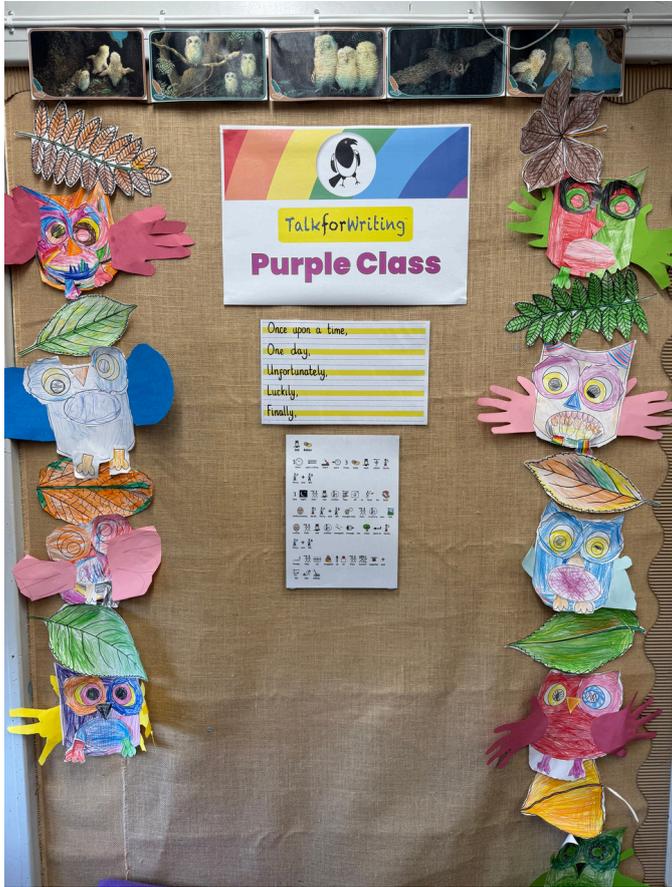
"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." **Aesop**

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Ms Pennington

The Hive News - PURPLE CLASS

Purple Class have enjoyed a brilliant start to the New Year and have been working incredibly hard. We have started our new Talk for Writing text which is the classic story 'Owl Babies'. So far, we have immersed ourselves in the text by making nests and crafting our own owls.



This has also linked really nicely with our Science where we are learning about habitats.



In Geography we have started to learn all about maps and even designed some maps showing our classroom. The children have all loved our music lessons with Gideon and are getting really good at remembering rhythms and they love playing the instruments.



I'm really proud of all of the work that Purple Class are doing...keep up the good work!

Neil - Purple Class Teacher



BINGO NIGHT

**£5 PER PLAYER – INCLUDES 1 BINGO BOOK
(ADDITIONAL BOOKS CAN BE PURCHASED ON THE
NIGHT**

Join us for a night of fun and games at the FEHPS Annual Bingo Night! Our professional Bingo callers will guide you through multiple rounds of the classic game, and there will be plenty of opportunities to win big.

**FRIDAY 6TH FEB 5.30–7.30PM (1ST GAME BEGINS @6PM)
IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

**FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE
TO PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT
(CASH AND CARD PAYMENTS ACCEPTED)**

***PLEASE NOTE - THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT ALL CHILDREN MUST BE
SUPERVISED BY THEIR PARENTS/CARERS AT ALL TIMES.
THERE WILL BE NO CRECHE FACILITIES AVAILABLE***

**Tickets can only be purchased on Arbor – please go into
the “trips” section and select FEHPS Bingo Night, then enter
the amount you wish to pay.**

1 player = £5, 2 players = £10 etc

For further information please contact: FEHPS@hotmail.co.uk

Instructions for buying tickets on Arbor

1. Log into your Arbor account.
2. Go into "Trips"
3. Select "FEHPS Bingo Night"
4. You will need to manually enter the amount to pay - £5 for 1 player, £10 for 2 players, £15 for 3 players etc.
5. Once you have selected the amount you can add this to your basket and make the payment.

If you have any questions please contact FEHPS on FEHPS@hotmail.co.uk who will be happy to assist you.

EHPS HOUSE POINTS TOTALISER



PARKING REMINDERS

If you have a car park pass so that you can enter the car park to drop your child off and collect them from school please adhere to the following:

- You are only allowed to park in the car park with an agreed parking pass or blue badge, registered to yourself (which MUST be displayed in the car window), between 8:20am - 08:45am and 3:15pm-3:45pm.
- Park safely around the edge of the car park, ensuring you are not blocking the view of taxis/SEND transport who need to access the far end of the car park by The Lodge.
- *Do not park in bays as these spaces are for staff between 8.30am and 4pm.*
- If there is not a suitable/safe space please park on the road and wait until the car park clears slightly or, if it is safe to do so, walk into school with your child.
- Park considerately. Considerate parking helps reduce congestion. Please leave enough space for neighbouring vehicles when parking in order to prevent damage and to enable children to enter/exit the vehicle safely.

Thank you for your support with the above.

Walk in Wednesday dates

11.03.26	Walk in Wednesday 4 - Easter Crafts	08:30-9:00	Classroom
29.04.26	Walk in Wednesday 5 - Reading	08:30-9:00	Classroom
24.06.26	Walk in Wednesday 6 - Science	08:30-9:00	Classroom

Attendance News

Whole school average attendance this week was

96.96%

We are aiming to be at **96% + every week.**

	Weekly Attendance	Year Group	Weekly Attendance
Reception	96.73%	1	97.96%
2	97.99%	3	95.54%
4	96.33%	5	95.76%
6	98.61%		

DO NOT PARK

Due to a number of instances where parents are parking in the car park at the doctor's surgery on Rowtree Road, they are implementing remote monitoring in the car park. If you park in the car park and are not using the surgery for an appointment **YOU WILL BE FINED!!!!!!**

January Issue



This newsletter focuses on all the amazing events, clubs and groups that families, children and young people can access across the county that are free or affordable to attend.

[CLICK HERE FOR WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S NEWSLETTER](#)



Do you have any unwanted wellies and outdoor waterproof coats that your children have outgrown, ages 4 - 11 years.

Please leave any donations, in a bag, by the bench in the Year 4 courtyard. Any queries, please contact Julia Fenton, Assistant Headteacher.



Who's been brilliant this week?

You Are Brilliant!

WB 19/01/26

★ Blue Class ★
★ for fabulous ★
★ writing progress ★

Mrs Roberts for ♥
all she is doing to
spread even more
kindness and the
Kindness Ambassadors
and Kindness club. ♥

Year 2 musical stars:-
Sebastian, Charlie, Poppy,
Zekiah

★ Heather for ★
all her work ★
on the website ★

Red class
for fabulous
Pizza Cooking!

♪ Ollie (NEST) ♪
being a superstar
in music ♪

Year 1 musical stars:-
Poppy, Daniel, Bobby

Y1-Y2

Good job in
sing and sign.

Reception children
learning new
woodwork skills

Rec musical stars-
Ezra, Alissiya,
Joseph, Lewis

Everyone for a
brilliant walk
in Wednesday!

Kindness Shoutouts ★

Joseph (YR) Daisy (Red)
Liv (Y5)
Bella (Y2)
Juliet (Y2)
Penny (Y2)
Mia (Y2)
Mia (YR)
Kim (E)
Mrs Pennington (Ct)
Mr Cook (E)
Sople (YR)
Mrs Senbon
Zakery (Y4)
Mrs Warriner
Chris (Y2)
Kin (E)

Be Kind. Work Hard. Believe.



Mufti Days

13.03.26	Donations for Chocolate Hampers	
20.03.26	Wear odd socks for World Down Syndrome Day	No charge
27.03.26	Autism Awareness Day - Wear Bright Colours	No charge
21.05.26	UN Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development – wear something/colours which reflects your culture	No charge
16.07.26	Mufti for winning House (winning House announced on 13 th July)	No charge

Show your support for our Half Marathon runners



Miss McIntyre, Mrs Wardell, Mr Horsler and Mr Guilder will be taking on the challenge of the Pitsford Half Marathon to raise vital funds for new Early Years outdoor resources, helping us continue to enhance our provision and create inspiring spaces for learning and play. Please show your support for our amazing runners by donating and cheering them on! Every contribution makes a difference.

[Click here to donate](#)



No Dogs (except guide dogs) are allowed on the school site even if they are being carried. Please do not tie them up outside the gate.

CAN YOU HELP?

WE NEED ITEMS FOR OUR OPAL PROJECT TO IMPROVE PLAYTIMES

These items include:

- Wellies/Waterproof Clothing
- cable drums
- wooden pallets
- sturdy plastic crates, bins or boxes (any size)
- planks of wood (ideally without splinters)
- guttering/water pipes
- used tyres (can anyone donate a tractor tyre?)

Times for dropping off are:

8.30am – 8.45am or

3.30pm - 3.45pm

**Please drop any items off in
the courtyard outside year 4**

If you have any queries or questions, please contact Julia Fenton, Assistant Head, at the school.

ANNUAL DATES



Below you will find all of the dates we know so far for the whole of the academic year. We hope that these will support you in your family forward planning. As we are releasing these dates so far in advance, they may change but if they do we will colour any additions or amendments in red so that you can see them and communicate changes in advance. We do hope that you find this useful.

Date	Activity	Time
JANUARY		
27.01.26	Choir to Young Voices	
30.01.26	Kindness Workshop - 52 Lives	Morning
FEBRUARY		
03.02.26	School of Life	10 - 11.30am
06.02.26	FEHPS Bingo Night	5.30 - 7.30pm
09.02.26	Year 3 & Purple Class Assembly	2.30 - 3.30pm
09.02 - 15.02.26	Childrens' Mental Health Week	
10 & 12.02.26	Year 6 Parents' Evening	3.50pm - 6.30pm
10.02.26	Year 1 Phonics Test Information Meeting	3.30 - 4.30pm
16.02 - 20.02.26	HALF TERM	
23.02.26	School reopens to all pupils	
MARCH		
03.03.26	Yr 4 Trip	All day
4 & 5.03.26	Mainstream Parents' Evening (not Yr 6)	3.50pm - 6.30pm

04.03.26	The Hive & Nest Parents' Evening	3.50pm - 6.50pm
04.03 - 11.03.26	Bookfair	After school
11.03.26	Walk In Wednesday Easter Crafts	8.30am - 9.00am
13.03.26	Mufti Day in exchange for Chocolate	
16.03 - 22.03.26	Neurodiversity Week	
19.03.26	iRock Concert	2.45 - 3.15pm
20.03.26	Odd Socks Day for World Down Syndrome Day	
21.03.26	Easter Cafe	11.00 - 1.00pm
23.03.26	Year 1 Class Assembly	2.30 - 3.20pm
23 or 24.03.26	Yr 5 Shakespeare Production	
24.03.26	Yr 6 & Yellow Faith Tour	All day
25.03.26	Reports go out to families	
26.03.26	The Hive Show	9.30 - 10.30am
27.03.26	Autism Awareness Day - Wear Bright Colours (No Charge)	All Day
30.03 - 10.04.26	EASTER HOLIDAY	
APRIL		
13.04.26	School reopens to all pupils	
21.04.26	School of Life	10- 11.30
22.04.26	Earth Day	All Day
29.04.26	Walk in Wednesday Reading	8.30 - 9.00am

MAY

07.05.26	New Intake Evening (Reception 2026)	5.00pm - 6.00pm
11 - 14.05.26	Yr 6 SATS	Mornings
18.05.26	Year 5 and Yellow Class Assembly	2.30pm - 3.30pm
19.05.26	School of Life	10 - 11.30am
21.05.26	Census Day All Reception, Yr 1 & Yr 2 Book school lunch via School Grid	
21.05.26	UN Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development – wear something/colours which reflects your culture	
25 - 29.05.26	HALF TERM	

JUNE

01.06.26	School reopens to pupils	
01 - 12.06.26	Yr 4 Multiplication Check	
04.06.26	Reception Sports Day	9.30 - 11.00am
08 - 12.06.26	Yr 1 Phonics Check	
10.06.26	SU Sports Morning	9.30 - 11.30am
13.06.26	Northampton Carnival	
16 or 17.06.26	Yr 5 NMPAT Festival	
18.06.26	Year 6 Sports Day	1.30pm - 3.00pm
19.06.26	Class Photos	All Day
22.06.26	Reception & Yr 6 Height & Weight checks	Morning
22.06.26	Sports Day Year 1	9.30 - 11am

22.06.26	Sports Day Year 2	1.30 - 3pm
24.06.26	Walk In Wednesday Science	8.30am - 9.00am
25.06.26	Sports Day Year 3	9.30 - 11.00am
25.06.26	Sports Day Year 4	1.30 - 3.00pm
26.06.26	Careers Fair	TBC
27.06.26	Whole School Summer Fayre (Country dancing & Maypole by Years 2, 5, Purple & Yellow)	11.00 - 1.30pm
29.06 - 02.07.26	Yr 5 Bikeability	
JULY		
29.06 - 02.07.26	Yr 3 Residential Trip	(2 nights per class)
02.07.26	Yr 4 & Orange Class Assembly	2.30 - 3.30pm
03.07.26	Music Gala	5.30pm - 7.30pm
06.07.26	Reception & Blue Class Assembly	2.30 - 3.30pm
09.07.26	Yr 5 Sports Day	1.30 - 3.00pm
09.07.26	iRock Concert	2.45 - 3.15pm

14.07.26	Yr 6 Leavers' Performance	6.00pm - 7.30pm
15.07.26	The Hive Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly	9.30am-10.30am
15.07.26	Yr 6 Leavers' Performance for toddlers to attend	5.00pm - 6.30pm
15.07.26	End of year reports go to families	
16.07.26	Mufti for winning House	
16.07.26	Year 6 Leavers' Party	7.00pm - 9.00pm
17.07.26	Mainstream Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly	10.00 - 11.00am
17.07.26	END OF TERM	

YOUR YOUTH CLUB IS CHANGING!
ART & CRAFTS • SPORTS • FREE TIME

Danes Camp Leisure Centre

FREE YOUTH CLUB*

Every Tuesday
7-13 years, 5.30pm-7pm
Flexible drop-in session - drop in at any time and stay for as long as you like!

TRIOLOGY ACTIVE Funded by:
East Hunsbury Parish Council

Danes Camp Leisure Centre, Clannell Road, NN4 0RX
WWW.TRIOLOGYACTIVE.CO.UK
OR CALL US ON: 03330 439 900

*Please note these sessions are only available for children and young people residing within the East Hunsbury Parish. You will be asked to supply an eligible postcode to attend.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Outfit Recycle

RECYCLE - READ - REUSE

We're offering a book character outfit recycle to help families save money and reduce waste. Bring in unwanted book character outfits that children have outgrown or are fed up with, and pick up another one from the rail.

Donate book character outfits
From 19th January
East Hunsbury Parish Council Office,
Hunsbury Library, Overslade Close, NN4 0RZ

Choose a new book character outfit
From 16th February up until
World Book Day - 5 March
See the book character outfit rail in the library
(Whilst stocks last)

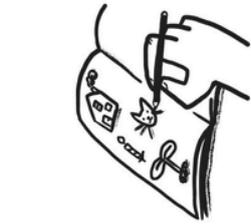
And don't forget to pick up a book on your visit!
Ask the library for more information on joining the library if you are not already a member.

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Happier January 2026



MONDAY



5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths

TUESDAY



6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe

WEDNESDAY



7 Learn something new and share it with others

THURSDAY

1 Find three things to look forward to this year

8 Say positive things to the people you meet today

FRIDAY

2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself

9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)

SATURDAY

3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day

10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why

SUNDAY

4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why

11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime

12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat

13 Take a different route today and see what you notice

14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today

15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful

16 Contribute positively to your local community

17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes

18 Get back in contact with an old friend

19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough

20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge

21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone

22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you

23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment

24 Take a small step towards an important goal

25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down

26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today

27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside

28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently

29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better

30 See how many people you can smile at today

31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together