

EAST HUNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

15th September 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families

What a start to the week! On Monday, we welcomed our 58 new reception children. They have settled in amazingly and we are incredibly proud of them. The parents were given a little gift as we know Monday was an important day for them as well. We look forward to watching all 58 of them flourish in our East Hunsbury family.

Also on Monday, Paul Sturgess came into school and led a really motivating and exciting assembly. Paul is 7ft 7.26inches tall with size 18 shoes! He has to have his cars, beds and bathtubs specially adapted!

Paul taught us how he uses his difference as his superpower to fuel his success. Watching the children so inspired by him was fantastic and he showed them how he has embraced our values of: Work Hard. Be Kind and Believe. After the assembly, children from Years 1-6 took part in their own basketball workshop.

It was a brilliant start to the week.



Houses – Our Communities within a Community

On Wednesday, we launched our new House system which has been over a year in the making. For us, the purpose of the Houses is to unite our school and allow the children to experience being a community within a community. It will facilitate children from all year groups across the mainstream and SU to mix and get to know each other.

The houses are:

- Whittlewood
- Salcey
- Everdon
- Harlestone



They are named after woodlands in Northamptonshire. We chose woodlands to represent growing stronger together – have you visited any of them? Our houses will become an integral part of our school life and our current Heads of Houses are:

- Rachael Stryjek (Salcey)
- Rachael Linnell and Sarah Halsall (Everdon)
- Lisa Kelly (Whittlewood)
- Erin New (Harlestone)

and Mrs Fenton is over seeing it all.

Although we are starting small to begin with, we have big plans over the next year so watch this space for house events, an award system linked to our values, Year 6 Heads of Houses being appointed through an application and interview process and so much more (Hogwarts has nothing on East Hunsbury Primary School). We have it all planned and ready to go!

In fact, every member of staff has been placed in a house and we all feel very excited to plan our events and work as a team. Which house do you think will win the House shield for the first ever time? You will receive a letter on Monday with more information and... badges will follow soon!

Personal Development Education teams

You may have read [this article](#) which explains how we have launched our 5 Education Teams based on the personal development of our children and their school community. They are run by experienced teachers and are focussed on:

1. Economics and Enterprise – this team will teach the children about financial planning, money and entrepreneurial skills.



2. Health and Wellbeing – this team will focus on teaching and supporting the children's physical and mental health. They will learn about healthy choices and the impact on these for their future.



3. Our World – this team is focussed on developing the children's understanding of their role and place in the world. It explores the communities in which they live, provides opportunities to take part in local events whilst also looking at the role that they play as global citizens.

4. Enrichment and Critical Thinking – this team looks at providing the children with world class enrichment opportunities and experiences to truly develop critical thinking.

5. Careers and Aspirations – we want every child to believe in themselves and to know the choices and opportunities they have for their future.



I look forward, over the next few weeks and months, sharing the exciting enrichment opportunities that these teams will provide your children from: careers fairs/exhibitions to community events, a school shop and talks from banks and continuing our enterprise initiatives.

Brilliance board



Have you seen our new Brilliance Board? The board is designed for children to look at their brilliant reflections and be proud of everything they are and will be. They are surrounded by inspirational quotes from books (many of which are from our 100 reads – a selection of books chosen carefully by our teachers - see page 13 for our 100 Reads poster which was created by Mrs Atkinson).

The board is part of our brilliance ethos – did you ask your child last week what they learnt? Did they reply: ‘I’m brilliant?’ – I hope they did, because they are!

In fact, you will now find lots of new signage around our school, all of which has been carefully designed to link with our curriculum, community and school values as we believe your child’s learning environment is very important and shows them that we care about where they learn and spend their school days.

Homework

This week homework has started – please support your child with completing homework by finding them a quiet place to work and a regular timeslot to do it. If your child needs any extra help then please do not hesitate to speak to your child’s class teacher.

Happy news! Our EHPS family is growing

Finally, it with great pleasure that I can inform you that our wonderful Mrs Atkinson is expecting a baby boy in January. Mrs Atkinson will continue to teach with us until December!

This is going to be a brilliant year!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kathryn Pennington
Headteacher

PROJECT PLAYGROUND

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Currently we have no shaded area on our playground so during the hotter months we have to limit the time our children spend outside. By providing a shaded area, we can allow our children to spend more time on the playground on hot days whilst also keeping them safe.

Our children will also be able to use this area for outdoor learning. Research has suggested that outdoor learning boosts confidence, social skills, communication, motivation, physical skills, knowledge and understanding. It has also been found to boost children's self-esteem, self-confidence, ability to work cooperatively and positive attitude to learning.

[Please click here to make a donation](#) or scan the QR code.



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Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes

Schools Clubs Group

WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING

- Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing
- Jewellery and Accessories
- Paired Shoes and Footwear
- Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk

WE DO NOT ACCEPT

POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES. PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS, BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

If you are unsure what to put in the bags **STOP AND THINK WOULD YOU WEAR IT?**

Please use the clothing bag provided. You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date: 21st September

Please remember - NO UNIFORM

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Bag(s) can be returned to the school **NOT BEFORE WEDNESDAY 20th September** ready for our collection on Thursday 21st September. Please leave filled bags outside the school office.



NO BIKES OR SCOOTERS ARE ALLOWED ON THE SCHOOL SITE

Please make sure that your child/ren dismount them and walk sensibly with them at all times.

PARKING

We have received another complaint from a local resident about inconsiderate and dangerous parking this week.



- DO** park safely and considerately
- DO** be polite to our neighbours
- DO** be a considerate driver and put your children's and other parents' children's safety above everything else.
- DO** your best for your own children by teaching them about road safety.



- DON'T** park across driveways
- DON'T** park dangerously
- DON'T** park on footpaths
- DON'T** park on zigzag lines
- DON'T** block the road

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Attendance News

Whole school average attendance this week was

97.3%

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

REGISTRATION TIME – MAINSTREAM

The register will be taken at 08:45am – all children must be in school by this time, ready to learn (not arriving). This means that their coats and bags need to be away and they are in their classroom ready. School gates will open at 08:30am.

Children arriving after 8.45am will be marked as 'late' in the register and this will affect their overall attendance marks.

Children arriving after 9am will be marked as 'unauthorised absence,' this will also affect their overall attendance marks.

REGISTRATION TIME – SU

The school day timings are **8.40am - 3.30pm** for ALL children in the SU. This means Blue Class children will start and finish at the same time as all other SU classes. Classroom doors will open at **8.40am** and we will take the register at **8.55am** daily. **This means if your child arrives after 8.55am they will be marked as late.**

REMEMBER, lateness affects attendance and learning

	Weekly Attendance	Year Group	Weekly Attendance
Reception	99.56%	1	94.52%
2	98.21%	3	96.9%
4	94.8%	5	99.19%
6	98.33%		

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Read **E**very **D**ay in  **October**



We're having visits from

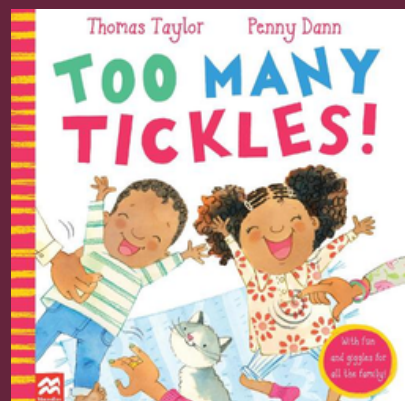
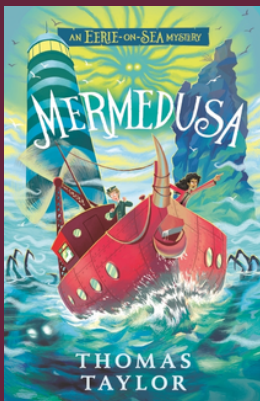
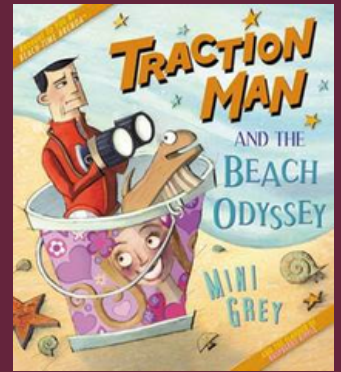
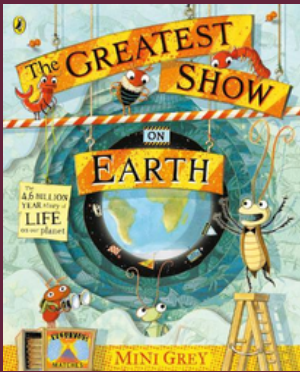
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THOMAS TAYLOR

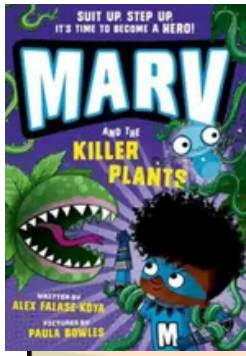


and **WORD GUERRILLA**



Order through school to receive your signed copy.
More information to follow.

Books Recommendations for September



5 picturebooks for the First Week Back With a New Class



Congratulations



Isabelle (Yr 3) has achieved her first gymnastics Proficiency Award.

Well done Isabelle. You're brilliant!





Apply for a Blue Peter Book badge

Introducing the exciting new Book badge, designed by one of the UK's best known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda! To earn your badge, just share your love of books with Blue Peter by answering a few easy questions.

[**CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION**](#)

Walk in Wednesday dates

04.10.23	Walk in Wednesday 1 - reading	08:30-9:15	Classroom
15.11.23	Walk in Wednesday 2 - maths	08:30-9:15	Classroom
24.01.24	Walk in Wednesday 3 - reading	08:30-9:15	Classroom
13.03.24	Walk in Wednesday 4 - Easter Crafts	08:30-9:15	Classroom
01.05.24	Walk in Wednesday 5 - science	08:30-9:15	Classroom
19.06.24	Walk in Wednesday 6 - reading	08:30-9:15	Classroom



HELPFUL LINKS

- [New Parent Code of Conduct](#)
- [Attendance Newsletter](#)
- [Behaviour Policy](#)
- [Spring 2023 Wellbeing Survey](#)
- [Website](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Mobile Phone Policy](#)

Is your child eligible for the
Pupil Premium Grant?

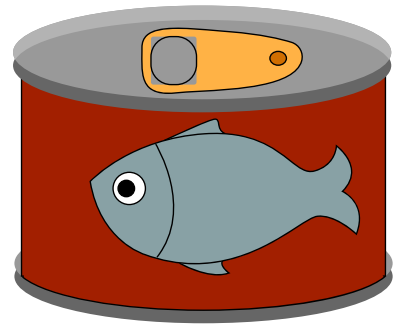
It is quick and easy to find out –
[click here](#).

If you need any help, please pop into the
school office.

ALL DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Thank you to everyone who has already donated to our Foodbank. Please continue to donate if you can. The donation crate is outside the front office.

[Click here](#) to complete the [Wellbeing Form](#) to tell us if the Foodbank is something you think that your family would benefit from.



Remember to nominate your child for a shout out if they have done something amazing – then we can put them into our newsletter.



Always switch your engines off when in a parked car. Leaving your engine running when your vehicle is stationary is called idling. This creates air pollution by increasing the levels of exhaust fumes and harmful gases in the air. No one, especially children, should have to breathe in these fumes.

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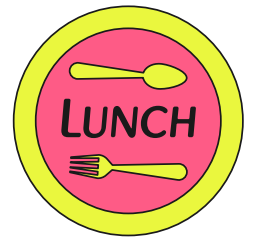
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CENSUS DAY

5th October is Census Day. Part of our school budget is decided on how many infant lunches are ordered. To help our school, please could you book a school lunch for your child on School Grid if they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 in mainstream or SU. They can still bring a packed lunch and eat that instead of eating a school meal.



School lunch for EYFS & KS1 children is free so you will not be charged.

SPACE DAY
5TH OCT

MAINS

- Asteroid Chicken Nuggets
-
- Meteor-Bite Burger
-
- Venus Veggie Burger (VG)
-
- Big Bang Baked Potato Bar (V)

SIDES

- Guardian Fries of the Galaxy (VG) (GF)
-
- Planetary Peas
-
- Black Hole Beans
-
- Tomato Ketchup
-
- Solar System Salad Bar
-
- Fresh Bread

DESSERTS

- Jupiter Jelly & Ice Cream
-
- Cosmic Cookie (VG)
-
- Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)

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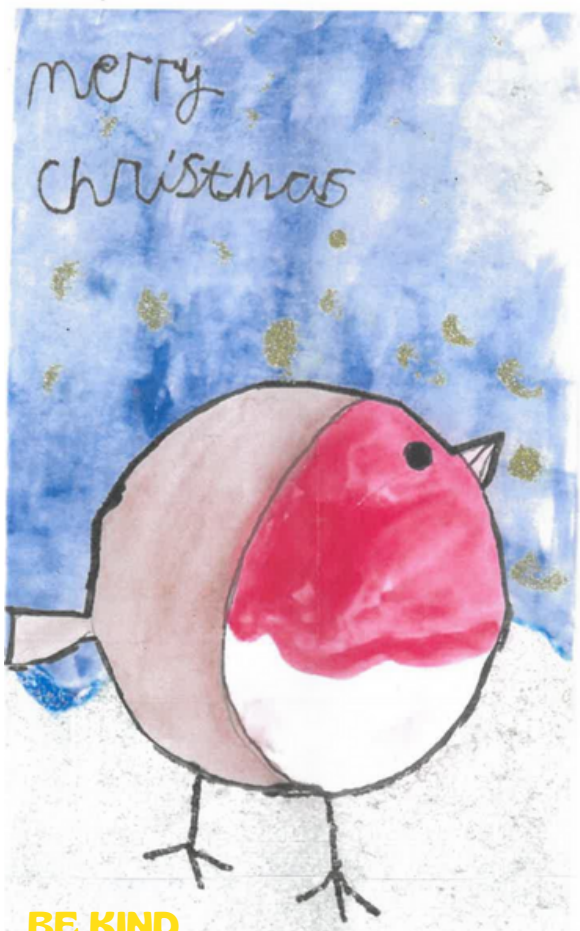
COMPETITION TIME

Andrea Leadsom, Conservative MP for South Northamptonshire, is running her annual Christmas Card competition amongst all primary schools in South Northamptonshire. Last year's winning design and runners up are below.

If you would like to enter this year's competition, send your entry to The Rt. Hon. Dame Andrea Leadsom DBE MP, Victoria House, 138 Watling Street East, Towcester, NN12 6BT by 13th October. The cards with the winning and runner up designs will be used by Ms Leadsom as her Christmas card to send to all her friends and colleagues, including the Prime Minister.

IMPORTANT!

Write your full name, East Hunsbury Primary School and your age on the back of your entry. The runners up and finalists including, your parent/guardian, will be invited to a tea party with games and a presentation of certificates.



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CHRISTMAS CARDS



Ella Oliver



Oliver Pegg



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WE ARE RECRUITING



SU TEACHING ASSISTANT

Closing date 9am 22nd September

SU CLASS TEACHER

Closing date 9am 29th September

[Click here to
download an
application
pack](#)

TO APPLY VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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office@easthunsburyprimary.org

01604 677970

REMHINDER

ALL SNACKS MUST BE NUT FREE



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.

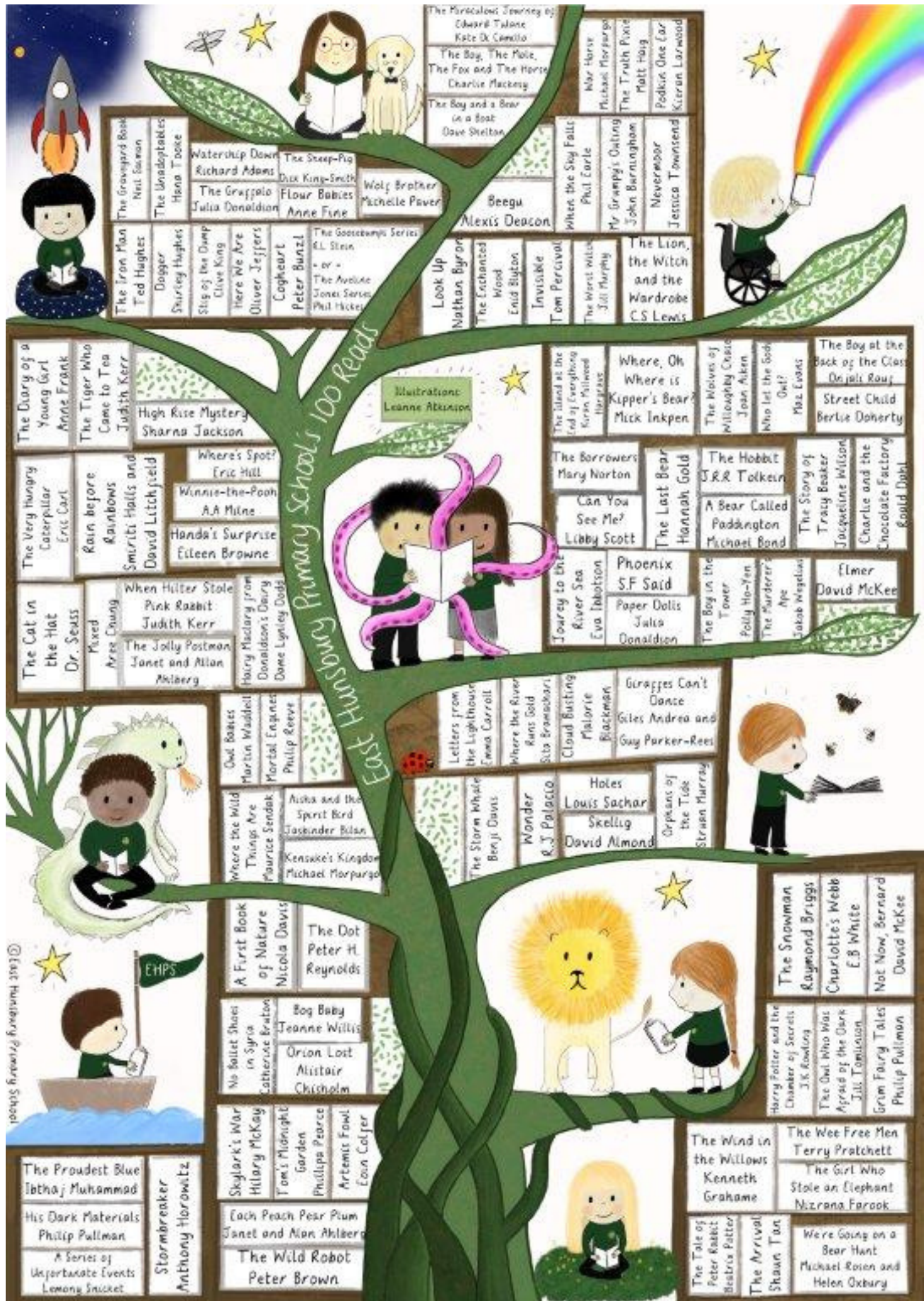
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East Hunsbury Primary School's 100 Reads



The Grumpy Book
Neil Simon

The Unadaptable
Hana Toome

Watership Down
Richard Adams

The Grappalo
Julia Donaldson

The Iron Man
Ted Hughes

Dogger
Shirley Hughes

Slag of the Deep
Clive King

Here We Are
Oliver Jeffers

Cogheart
Peter Bunzl

The Goosebumps Series
R.L. Stein
- or -
The Avenue
James Seresin
Phil Hickett



The Marvellous Journey of
Edward Talone
Kate Ox Camillo

The Boy, The Mole,
The Fox and The Horse
Charlie Mackesy

The Boy and a Bear
in a Boat
Dave Shelton

Woly Brother
Michelle Paver

Beegu
Alexis Deacon

When the Sky Falls
Paul Earle

My Grumpy's Dating
John Burningham

Nevermoor
Jessica Townsend

Mar Horse
Michael Morpurgo

The Truth Pixie
Matt Haig

Podkin One Car
Kieran Larwood



The Diary of a
Young Girl
Anne Frank

The Tiger Who
Came to Tea
Judith Kerr

The Very Hungry
Caterpillar
Eric Carle

Rain before
Rainbows
Smriti Halls and
David Litchfield

The Cat in
the Hat
Dr. Seuss

Mixed
Aree Chung

Where's Spot?
Eric Hill

Winnie-the-Pooh
A.A. Milne

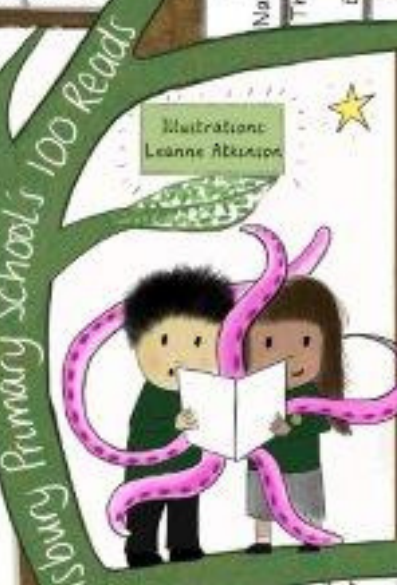
Handa's Surprise
Eileen Browne

High Rise Mystery
Sharna Jackson

Where Hitler Stole
Pink Rabbit
Judith Kerr

The Jolly Postman
Janet and Allan
Milberg

Hairy Maclary from
Donaldson's Dairy
Dame Lynley Dodd



Look Up
Nathan Byron

The Enchanted
Wood
Enid Blyton

Invisible
Tom Percival

The Worst Witch
Jill Murphy

The Lion,
the Witch
and the
Wardrobe
C.S. Lewis

The Island at the
End of Everything
Keren Fitzgerald
Haragras

Where, Oh
Where is
Kipper's Bear
Mick Inkpen

The Borrowers
Mary Norton

Can You
See Me?
Libby Scott

Journey to the
River Sea
Eva Ibbotson

Phoenix
S.F. Said

Paper Dolls
Julia
Donaldson

The Noddy
John Aiken

Who let the
Soot
Owl?
Max Evans

The Boy at the
Back of the Class
Dionisi Rouy

Street Child
Berlie Doherty

The Hobbit
J.R.R. Tolkien

A Bear Called
Paddington
Michael Bond

The Story of
Tracy Beaker
Jacqueline Wilson

Charlie and the
Chocolate Factory
Gould Dahl

The Borrowers
Mary Norton

The Last Bear
Hannah Gold

The Boy in the
Tower
Polly Ho-Yen

The Murderer's
Ape
Jacob Wegman

Elmer
David McKee



Owl Babies
Martin Waddell

Mortal Engines
Philip Reeve

Where the Wild
Things Are
Maurice Sendak

Asha and the
Spirit Bird
Jasinder Bilal

Kensuke's Kingdom
Michael Morpurgo

Letters from
the Lighthouse
Emma Carroll

Where the River
Runs Gold
Sita Brahmachari

Cloud Busting
Malorie
Blackman

Giraffes Can't
Dance
Giles Andrea and
Guy Parker-Rees

Wonder
R.J. Palacio

Holes
Louis Sachar

Skellig
David Almond

Orphans of
the Tube
Strauss Murray



A First Book
of Nature
Nicola Davis

The Dot
Peter H.
Reynolds

No Ballet Shoes
in Syria
Catherine Bruton

Bog Baby
Jeanne Willis

Orion Lost
Alistair
Chisholm



The Snowman
Raymond Briggs

Charlotte's Webb
E.B. White

Not Now, Bernard
David McKee

Harry Potter and the
Chamber of Secrets
J.K. Rowling

The Owl Who Was
Afraid of the Dark
Jill Tomkinson

Grim Fairy Tales
Philip Pullman

The Proudest Blue
Ibthaj Muhammad

His Dark Materials
Philip Pullman

A Series of
Unfortunate Events
Lemony Snicket

Stormbreaker
Anthony Horowitz

Skylark's War
Hillary McKay

Tom's Midnight
Garden
Phillipa Pearce

Artemis Fowl
Eoin Colfer

Each Peach Pear Plum
Janet and Alan Ahlberg

The Wild Robot
Peter Brown



The Wind in
the Willows
Kenneth
Grahame

The Wee Free Men
Terry Pratchett

The Girl Who
Stole an Elephant
Nuzrana Farook

The Tale of
Peter Rabbit
Beatrix Potter

The Arrival
Shaun Tan

We're Going on a
Bear Hunt
Michael Rosen and
Helen Oxbury



E-Safety



Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, UKiE, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES
Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to compete or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Somebody you could play with for a while could provide remote control of a particular game, while the parental control on most consoles allow you to limit what your child or your child or send them friend requests. Some of the most common hazards around online gaming are discussed in our guide to setting boundaries with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS
Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investments from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused if it means a match. A quick break every hour or so is good practice and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS
There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their favourite, so you could agree a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on games (some which are free, some which are not) each week or month. This sort of limit will not only help you to manage their expenses but will also help you to monitor if they are being pressured into spending more than the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS
Children often ignore the age ratings of games or don't understand that each rating is for a different age group. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game, even though it's rated above their age, then discuss that as a boundary experience that you're happy to accept, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. This could add contrast to this boundary by showing games that are rated together while shopping, discussing why some parents might have wanted certain age ratings.

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RECOMMENDED

FACTOR IN FRIENDS
If your child is a team video game, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle. On a friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their parents arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time, being in mind, enough, and they enjoy on a weekend day once they're together. Try checking in with them during screen time, and if you can't, try to have a time when they can't play.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER
Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding experience. Unfortunately, some young gamers may feel less enthusiastic if a parent or carer joins in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Some games or tasks might be useful, if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together. If Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which doesn't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS
Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to speak to other players? For example, can they rejoice when they beat an opponent? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can bring joy, but others can be frustrating. Try to see your child's gaming as a chance to talk about how they feel about these emotions.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS
A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately mean. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes them feel uncomfortable or negative. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable, what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what steps to take to become upsetting or abusive.

Advice for parents and carers

- Promote safer game choices
- Encourage regular breaks
- Enjoy gaming together
- Be prepared for trolls

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and treated adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe treated adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What parents need to know about MINECRAFT

There's a very good chance you've heard of Minecraft. The block building phenomenon is, arguably, the most beloved video game of all time which has managed to maintain its popularity since its first release back in 2011. Nine years later, it still has a huge worldwide base of 132 million people playing the game every month. Accessible to those 7+, Minecraft can be a gateway into a world of learning and exploration which encourages players to use their imagination to build three-dimensional worlds with virtual building blocks. While Minecraft is considered relatively safe generally speaking, there are some safety precautions parents may want to consider before allowing their children loose on the game.

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AGE RESTRICTION

OPEN TO HACKING
Minecraft is a real-time game that can be played on any device. While this makes it accessible to many children, it also means that anyone can join your game at any time. This means that you need to be aware of the risks of hacking and other malicious activities that can occur when playing online.

RISK OF GRIEFING
Griefing is a term used to describe the act of intentionally destroying or sabotaging other players' creations. This can be done in a variety of ways, including using cheats or exploiting game mechanics. It can be a frustrating experience for players and can lead to a negative gaming experience.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS
Many players aged 7 and over will be able to play the game online. This means that your child could be in contact with other players from all over the world. It's important to discuss with your child the risks of talking to strangers and the importance of not sharing personal information.

ADDICTIVE NATURE
Minecraft can be an incredibly addictive game. It's easy to get lost in the game and forget about other things. It's important to discuss with your child the importance of taking regular breaks and not spending too much time on the game.

'SCARY' CHARACTERS FOR YOUNGER GAMERS
For the most part, Minecraft is a very safe game. Despite this, there are certain characters in the game that younger children in particular may find frightening. Creepers, zombies and other 'hostile' mobs can be scary for some children. It's important to discuss with your child the importance of not being afraid and the fact that these characters are just virtual.

Safety Tips for Parents

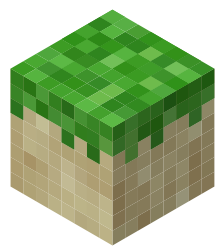
- BLOCK STRANGERS AND UNWANTED CONTACT**
Despite the fact that your child's game may be open to the public, you can still set boundaries. Encourage your child to only play with friends and to avoid talking to strangers.
- LEARN FROM YOUTUBERS / TWITCH STREAMERS**
There are a lot of Minecraft YouTubers and Twitch streamers. Encourage your child to watch these videos and to learn from the tips and tricks that these creators share. However, remind your child to be critical and not to believe everything they see.
- PLAY IN CREATIVE OR PEACEFUL MODES**
Playing the game in Creative or Peaceful mode means that your child won't have to worry about hostile mobs. This can be a good way to introduce your child to the game without the risk of being scared.
- MONITOR GAME TIME**
Being able to play on a wide variety of platforms can be helpful because it can allow your child to play the game on their phone or tablet. However, this also means that you need to be aware of the risks of playing on mobile devices. Encourage your child to play for a limited amount of time and to avoid playing in bed or while driving.
- CREATE A PRIVATE SERVER**
The best way to avoid unwanted strangers or griefers on a server is to create your own. Private servers are much safer than public servers and allow you to control who can join your game. There are many websites that offer private servers for free.
- LEARN TO PLAY YOURSELF**
Minecraft is an incredibly easy game to pick up and play. However, it's important to encourage your child to learn the game themselves rather than relying on others. This will help them to develop their problem-solving skills and their ability to learn from their mistakes.
- CREATE SERVER WHITELISTS**
Sometimes you know who you want your child to play with. You can create a whitelist of these players and only allow them to join your game. This will help you to control who your child is playing with and to avoid any risk of contact with strangers or unwanted griefing.

Meet our expert
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Parents



- Block strangers and unwanted contact
- Learn from YouTubers/Twitch streamers
- Play in Creative or Peaceful mode
- Monitor game time
- Create a private server
- Learn to play yourself
- Create server white lists



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done!

Sophie (Yr 4) submitted a short story which she wrote to East Hunsbury Parish Council's short story competition and they were so impressed with it she received a special mention in the July-Oct issue!



JOB WELL DONE!



The Mystery of the Faraway Kidnapper by Sophie

A strange thing happened to me a few days ago and I think I'd better tell you all about it.

On the way back from school I took a short cut home through Grangewood and stopped for a little snack by a tree. Suddenly I heard a distinct rustle. What was it? The thought of the new girl who started in my class last week flashed through my mind. It was very unusual as she had her first day and then never came back. I listened more closely and heard the sound again followed by a scream. 'I'd better dash,' I thought and I ran through the woods, dodging tree routes and rocks. I looked over my shoulder and saw someone following me. Or were they chasing me? I didn't look twice to find out.

Without hesitation, I ran for my life and did a double take when I caught a glimpse of the new girl covered in blood from head to toe. What could I do? I dived towards her and pulled her to one side.

'What's happened to you? Are you alright?' I gasped, shaking in fear.

'I was walking home last week and was captured by kidnappers. Now they're back looking for more children,' explained Ruth, the new girl.

I was so shocked but happy I had found Ruth. We watched anxiously as the kidnapper came into sight, confused by losing us both. Before long though, he spotted us and just before the man could catch us, we dodged his grubby hands and ran for our lives, running down Rowtree Road towards home.

Once we got to Ruth's house, her Mum rang the police and explained what had happened. Relieved to be safe, Ruth and I became great friends, connected by the terrifying experience.

The next day, I got ready to go to school as normal, planning to walk with Ruth, but just before I could leave, the phone rung and it was Ruth's Mum.

'The police haven't caught the kidnapper so he has got away. East Hunsbury is now a crime scene,' she said.

As I finished the call, I glanced out of my window only to see the police putting up posters; KIDNAPPER WANTED! Would East Hunsbury ever be the same again?

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NOTE - This information is for pupils due to start secondary school in September 2024
If you have any queries, please call the schools direct. Parents to apply for Secondary School places by 5pm on 31st October 2023 @ www.northamptonshire.gov.uk



Year 6 Transition information for the Secondary Schools in Northampton 2023

Name of School	Open Evening Date 2023
Abbeyfield School 01604 763616	Thursday 21st September 2023 With talks from the Principal at 5pm, 6pm and 7pm and the opportunity to tour the building, speak with students and staff about life at Abbeyfield School from 5:30pm to 6:45pm
Billing Brook School 01604 773910	TBC
Kingsthorpe College 01604 716106	Wednesday 27th September Headteacher Talks at 5.30pm & 6.15pm. Eventbrite tickets available now, book via www.kingsthorpecollege.org.uk
Malcolm Arnold Academy 01604 778000	Thursday, 28th September 5.30 – 6.30pm – Please check their website to confirm nearer the time - www.malcolmarnoldacademy.co.uk
Northampton International Academy (NIA) 01604 212811	Thursday 28th September 4pm – 7pm
Northampton School (new)	Presentation Evenings: Monday 25 th September 2023 6:00pm to 7:00pm Monday 25 th September 2023 7:30pm to 8:30pm Wednesday 27 th September 2023 6:00pm to 7:00pm Wednesday 27 th September 2023 7:30pm to 8:30pm
Northampton School for Boys 01604 230240	Presentation Evenings: Monday 18 th September 2023 - 6:00pm to 7:00pm Monday 18 th September 2023 - 7:30pm to 8:30pm Wednesday 20 th September - 6:00pm to 7:00pm Wednesday 20 th September - 7:30pm to 8:30pm Open Morning Tours: Monday 25 th September 2023 - 9:00am and 9:45am Tuesday 26 th September 2023 - 9:00am and 9:45am Wednesday 27 th September 2023 - 9:00am and 9:45am Thursday 28 th September 2023 - 9:00am and 9:45am
Northampton School for Girls 01604 679540	Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd October 2023 5:00pm till 8:00pm
The Duston School 01604 460004	TDS' open week takes place during the week commencing 25/9 and will run twice a day, every day, in the school day. Parents will be invited to attend via Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-duston-school-secondary-open-days-tickets-712913422237?aff=oddtcreator
Northgate School Arts College 01604 714098	Wednesday 20th September 2023 Parents need to phone in and book either 6pm or 7pm slot (01604 714098)
The Northampton Academy 01604 210017	Wednesday 27th September and Thursday 12th October.

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Apply for a school place

Is your child's 4th
birthday on or before
31 August 2024?



It's time to apply for a Reception place



Application Deadline:
15 January 2024



www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions

Applications open on **8th September 2023** and close at **midnight on 15th January 2024** for children who will turn five from 1st September 2024 – 31st August 2025.

National offer day for these children will be **16th April 2024**.

All applications for admission must be made through [West Northamptonshire County Council](http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk)

Dates for your diary

New dates since last
newsletter

Date	Activity	Time
SEPTEMBER		
25.09.23	Diwali Lantern Making	All day
OCTOBER		
03.10.23	NSPCC Workshops Yr 5 & 6	Yr 5 - morning Yr 6 - afternoon
04.10.23	Year 3 Harvest assembly	9.03am - 10.30am
04.10.23	Walk In Wednesday Reading	8.30am - 9.15am
10.10.23	KS 2 Reading Information	4.30pm - 5.30pm
9/11/12.10.23	Individual Photographs	All day
12.10.23	KS1 Reading Information Meeting	4.30pm - 5.30pm
13.10.23	Mufti Day	All day
17.10.23	Year 4 & Yellow Class Assembly	9.30 - 10.30am
18 - 20.10.23	Yr 6 Residential	3 days
20.10.23	Mufti Day for library	all day
31.10.23	School of Life - East Hunsbury Library	10 - 11.30
NOVEMBER		
04.11.23	Diwali Lantern Parade	5.00PM

12.11.23	Remembrance Event - Grangewood Park	10.45 - 11.15
15.11.23	Walk In Wednesday Maths	8.30am - 9.15am
15.11.23	Positive Noticing Day	all day
15 & 16.11.23	Parents' Evening (Mainstream)	3.50pm - 6.30pm
15.11.23	SU Parents' Evening	3.50pm - 6.50pm
21.11.23	School of Life - East Hunsbury Library	10 - 11.30
22.11.23	Reception Phonics	9.00am - 11,00am
24.11.23	Flu Vaccinations for all children	All day
25.11.23	Choir Singing at Hunsbury Festive Fair at Hunsbury Library	3pm
DECEMBER		
01.12.23	Mufti Day (in exchange for Christmas hamper items)	All day
02.12.23	Christmas Fete	10am - 1pm
11.12.23	Reception Nativity	9.30 - 10.30am & 4 - 5pm
12.12.23	Year 2 & Purple Class Assembly	9.30 - 10.30am
12.12.23	Year 1 & Green Class Carols by twinklelight	6.00pm - 7.00pm
12.12.23	Reception & Blue to West Lodge Farm	All day
13.12.23	FEHPS Christmas Film night R & KS1 3.30 - 5pm / KS2 5.30 - 7pm	Various
14.12.23	Year 6 Christmas Carols & Crafts	TBC
18.12.23	Christmas Party Day	All Day

JANUARY

11.01.24	Yr 4 Multiplication Check information meeting	4.30pm - 5.30pm
11.01.24	Young Voices Birmingham	All day
13.01.24	FEHPS Glow Disco	TBC
24.01.24	Walk In Wednesday Reading	8.30am - 9.15am
30.01.24	Yr 6 SATs Information meeting	4.30pm - 5.30pm
31.01.24	School of Life - East Hunsbury Library	10 - 11.30

FEBRUARY

08.02.24	Year 1 Phonics Test Information Meeting	4.30pm - 5.30pm
12 & 15.02.24	Year 6 Parents' Evening	3.50pm - 6.30pm
13.02.24	Year 3 & Orange Class Assembly	9.30 - 10.30am

MARCH

6 & 7.03.24	Mainstream Parents' Evening (not Yr 6)	3.50pm - 6.30pm
06.03.24	SU Parents' Evening	3.50pm - 6.50pm

13.03.24	Walk In Wednesday Easter Crafts	8.30am - 9.15am
15.03.24	Mufti Day in exchange for chocolate	all day
25.03.24	FEHPS Easter Cafe (Reception 9.15 - 10, Yr 1 10.30 - 11.15, Yr 2 1.30 - 2.15, Yr 3 2.30 - 3.15)	Various
26.03.24	Year 1 & Green Class Assembly	9.30 - 10.30am
27.03.24	FEHPS Easter Cafe (Yr 4 10.30 - 11.15, Yr 5 1.30 - 2.15, Yr 6 2.30 - 3.15)	Various
MAY		
01.05.24	Walk In Wednesday Science	8.30am - 9.15am
21.05.24	Year 5 and Red Class	9.30am - 10.30am
27.05.24	Year 4 Spring Assembly	9.30am - 10.30am
JUNE		
10 & 11.06.24	Class photos	All day
10.06.24	Sports Day Year 1	1.30 - 3.00pm
11.06.24	Sports Day Year 5	1.30 - 3.00pm
12.06.24	Sports Day Year 3	1.30 - 3.00pm

12.06.24	SU Sports Morning	9.30 - 11.30am
13.06.24	Sports Day Reception Sports Day Year 2	9.30am - 11.00am 1.30pm - 3.00pm
14.06.24	Sports Day Year 6	1.30am - 3.00pm
19.06.24	Walk In Wednesday Science	8.30am - 9.15am
19.06.24	Sports Day Year 4	1.30pm - 3.00pm
21.06.24	Summer Mufti in exchange for tombola prizes	all day
JULY		
29.06.24	Whole School Summer Fayre (Country dancing & Maypole by Years 2, 5, Purple & Red)	10.00 - 1.00pm
02.07.24	Reception & Blue Class Assembly	9.30 - 10.30am
11.07.24	Music Gala	5.30pm - 7.00pm
16.07.24	Yr 6 Leavers' Performance	6.00pm - 7.30pm
17.07.24	Yr 6 Leavers' Performance for toddlers to attend	9.30am - 11.00am
18.08.24	SU Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly	9.30am - 10.30am
22.07.24	Year 6 Leavers' Party	7.00pm - 9.00pm
23.07.24	Mainstream Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly	10.00am - 11.30am