

EAST HUNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

#WeareEastHunsburyPrimary

Newsletter

20th October 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families

How can it possibly be the end of the first half term already? Time is really flying.

As I reflect back on the start of this academic year, what a brilliant time we have had. From the tallest man in England visiting us to RED October, Harvest Festivals and class assemblies. This week our Year 6 children jetted off on their PGL residential whilst some remained back in school taking part in creative and fun activities! More about how they got on after the holiday.

The children have so much to be very proud of and I am already looking forward to the run up to Christmas.

Meet your House Mates

The week started with a very special set of assemblies! We had our first: 'Meet your House Mates' assembly. Each of our houses met to share a book and have a biscuit.



It was lovely to see children from Reception to Year 6 and members of staff all meet and chat. It really is growing our family feel and strong sense of community.

We have so many exciting events planned and watch this space for tokens and badges (coming soon).

Year 4 and Yellow Class Assembly

On Tuesday, Year 4 and Yellow Class held their assembly and what an assembly it was! The quality and breath-taking performances from the singing to the dancing was simply outstanding. Every child taking part excelled and we are all very proud of you! It is wonderful to showcase and share with our families such talent.

Black History Class Assembly

Every class held an assembly about Black History Month. They discussed the theme 'Celebrating our Sisters,' and focussed in on one inspirational black female – Nicola Adams who is the Featherweight boxing champion. Throughout the month children have been given the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture.



Author visits - Thomas Taylor and Hannah Gold

On Tuesday, Key Stage 2 had the most fantastic visit from Thomas Taylor – the author of Malamander, Gargantis and many more. The children were enthralled in his stories of becoming a writer, what inspires and what you can find when beachcombing! We got to hold mermaid tears, the scales of a Malamander and he even did some of our very own illustrations (come and see them on parents' evening). We love providing even more inspiration to our budding readers and writers.



RED October Mufti

The week ended with a fabulous red / book themed mufti! Some of the outfits were awesome! Well done and thank you to everyone who dressed up and got behind our annual RED October. Winners of all competitions to be announced when we return after the half term break. Every penny of the mufti day will go towards more books for our library.

Alumni 1 - Paige Gibson – SHE DID IT! WORLD FULL CONTACT KICK BOXING CHAMPION!

Thank you ALL so very much for your kind and generous donations to support Paige. We are beyond pleased to tell you that she WON GOLD at the World Kickboxing Championships in Canada this week. We are so proud to say that we have contributed to Paige smashing her £500 Crowd Funding target which is now at £1021 (when I last checked) – thank you everyone! Paige is our first Alumni and we could not be prouder of all that she has achieved – we were honoured that she had the EHPS logo on the back of her shirt and really displayed our values of Work Hard, Believe and Be Kind! Well done Paige - WORLD CHAMP!!



Parents' Evening

- 15th November – Mainstream and Specialist Unit
- 16th November – Mainstream

This week you received a letter about our Parents' Evenings. You can book your time by clicking on [this link](#). We have organised for the Scholastic's Book Fair to be open during both evenings. If you are unable to book an appointment, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher to organise a suitable time. My door and Mrs York's (AHT and SENCO) will be open if you'd like to pop in for a chat. We look forward to seeing you then.



EHPS Spooktacular Event – Saturday 28th October 2pm-4pm

This week you received a letter all about our exciting Spooktacular Halloween event. We are hoping that if it is successful then we will be running more like this and making it even bigger and better. Please come and support us and see more information about it within this newsletter.

[Click here to visit our website to book tickets.](#)



Roofing – no more buckets to catch the water leaks!

Next week, work starts on our new roof (again, please see a letter sent earlier this week all about it). We are so happy that this is finally happening but it will have implications on our school site for approximately 12-15 weeks (excluding holidays).

Please note the following:

- Parking will be very limited due to 12 spaces being used for the contractor's compound. Even if you have a Parking Pass, if you are able to park and walk safely, or even car share, you must do this. Be kind to each other and park responsibly. I have sought support from the Police and Highways Agency.
- The Year 4 courtyard will be out of action. Year 4 children will need to enter via the Reflection Room door (near Year 3) and all clubs to be collected from the main front entrance.

That's it for now. Thank you, families, for all of your support throughout this term.

School opens on **Tuesday 31st October** (training day on 30th!) and all that is left is for me to wish you all a relaxing half-term holiday and please keep up the reading.

Please remember – my door (and email inbox) is always open.

Ms Pennington



SCAN HERE!

to book tickets



FEHPS dates...



Date	Time	Event
17.11.23		Mufti in exchange for hamper items
2.12.23 (Saturday)	10am-1pm	Christmas Fayre
13.12.23 (Wednesday)	3:30-5:30	Christmas Movie Night
9.2.24 (Friday)	5:30-7:30	Family Bingo Night
15.03.24		Mufti in exchange for chocolate
23.03.24 (Saturday)	10am-1pm	Easter Community Café and Easter Egg Hunt event
22.05.24	TBC	Disco
29.06.24 (Saturday)	10am-1pm	Summer Gala

Lost Property

Please label everything (including gloves, hats and scarves) as we are beginning to get a lot of lost property. All unclaimed and unnamed items of clothing will either be donated to our pre-loved uniform collection or charity after 6 weeks.

Parents' Evening *including Scholastic Book Fair*

15th November - 3.50pm - 6.30pm - Mainstream and SU

16th November - 3.50pm - 6.30pm - Mainstream only

Parents' evening will be held in person in school. **Booking opens at 7pm on Wednesday 18th October and closes at 11.55pm on 11th November.**

[Click here to book](#)

**BOOK
NOW**

WE ARE RECRUITING!

EAST HUNSBURY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lunchtime Supervisor
5 days a week - 11.45am - 1.15pm

Lead Lunchtime Supervisor

5 days a week - 11.00am - 2.00pm

Closing date 3rd November @ 9am



[Visit our website to
download an
application pack](#)

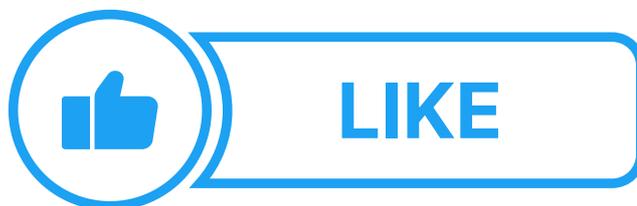
www.easthunsburyprimary.org.uk



Adults and children, including pre-school children, **are not permitted** before or after school on our new forestry equipment OR TO WALK THROUGH THE AREA. This is a learning space. If you are waiting to collect your child, please do not let any siblings play here.



Check out our Facebook Page for updates about what goes on in our classrooms.



SU NEWS

What a busy half term it has been in the SU! We have thrown ourselves into our enriching activities and children have taken part in one, two or perhaps all of the following:

Dance with Ella
Rugby with Jamie
Music with Emily
Yoga with Lisa
Forest School with Cat
Tennis with Maddee
Boost sessions with the Saints



Whilst enriching our learning with the above activities we have also been growing in confidence and skill and working super hard on being "brilliant" in our lessons. I have been particularly impressed with our work in phonics using Soundwrite this term.

A special mention should go to Yellow Class who performed brilliantly in their class assembly with Year 4 this week.

Keep it up everyone, we are extremely proud of all your achievements.

TEAM SU



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.



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.

REMINDER

ALL SNACKS MUST BE NUT FREE

this includes chocolate spread which contains nuts



CAREERS CORNER - SCIENCE

Is Science your passion? Do you see your future career in the world of science?

Science careers are diverse, exciting, and rewarding, as they involve exploring the natural world and solving real-world problems.

You can choose from many fields of science, such as biology, chemistry, physics, geology, astronomy, psychology, and more, depending on your interests and skills.



Science careers can offer opportunities to work in laboratories, field sites, classrooms, offices, museums, hospitals, or even space stations.

Some science careers require a bachelor's degree, while others may need a master's or a doctoral degree, or specialized training and certification.

[CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CAREERS IN SCIENCE](#)



A biologist can take their career in a variety of directions depending on their interests. They generally study animals, humans, plants or even bacteria to develop knowledge and understanding of living processes.

[FIND OUT WHAT A BIOLOGIST DOES](#)

[CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT WHAT A SENIOR ENGINEER DOES](#)



An archaeologist is a person who studies, analyses and recovers recent and prehistoric human past by excavating, dating and interpreting objects and historical sites.

[FIND OUT WHAT AN ARCHAEOLOGIST DOES](#)



A geologist studies the earth's processes, such as landslides, floods, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions to survey the land and create safe building plans.

[FIND OUT WHAT A GEOLOGIST DOES](#)



Attendance News

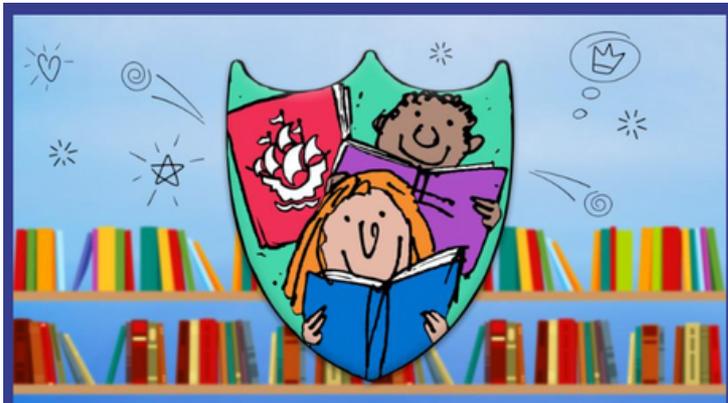
Whole school average attendance this week was

95.08%

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

	Weekly Attendance	Year Group	Weekly Attendance
Reception	98.12%	1	93.35%
2	93.28%	3	96.23%
4	95.02%	5	95.91%
6	95.78%		

REMEMBER, lateness affects attendance and learning



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](#)

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH A CBEEBIES PROGRAMME ABOUT BLACK HISTORY MONTH](#)



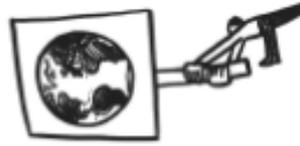
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Optimistic October 2023



SUNDAY **MONDAY** **TUESDAY** **WEDNESDAY** **THURSDAY** **FRIDAY** **SATURDAY**

1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month

2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)

3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you

4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list

5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good

6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better

7 Look for the good in people around you today

8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding

9 Share an important goal with someone you trust

10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently

11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward

12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today

13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing

14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation

15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted

16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting

17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society

18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead

19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future

20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time

21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you

22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague

23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise

24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently

25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?

26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face

27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time

28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?

29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to

30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future

31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

2023 Celebrating our Sisters



Black History Month is celebrated in the UK during the month of October every year.

It is an opportunity for everyone to learn about significant Black and Mixed Heritage people and their contributions to Britain and worldwide.

The theme of this year's UK Black History month is 'Celebrating Our Sisters'.

The aim of this theme is to learn about Black and Mixed Heritage British women who have shaped history. We will learn about their achievements and accomplishments.

Nicola Adams became the first female to win an Olympic boxing GOLD medal at the London Olympics 2012.

The most important thing is to be honest about yourself. Secrets weigh heavy and it's when you try to keep everything to yourself that it becomes a burden. You waste energy agonising when you could be living your life and realising your dreams.

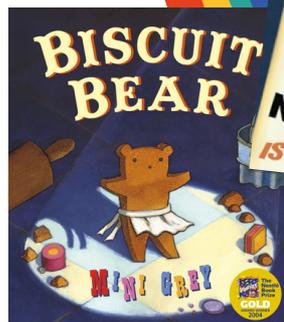
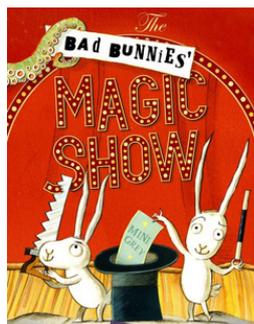
Here are Nicola's words....

I'm quite fearless. I'm like, let's just go out there and do this and see what happens.

Don't let anything stop you from going into the sport and do what you have to do.



BOOKS BY MINI GREY AND THOMAS TAYLOR - OUR VISITING AUTHORS



DID YOU KNOW?

Thomas Taylor designed the first Harry Potter book cover? He is an author AND an illustrator!



Click the links to book places for our November and December sessions

8th November

6th December



East Hunsbury Primary School

ADULTS AND TOTS

Join us for coffee and a chat while your little ones play and make new friends

Held on the first Wednesday of every month (during term time)

9am - 10.15am






Penvale Road, Northampton NN1 0QW
01604 677970 www.easthunsburyprimary.org

Walk in Wednesday dates

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

PARKING

Every week we receive complaints about parking. Staff also receive abuse which will not be tolerated. Park safely, responsibly and considerately at all times.



- 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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Northampton ESCO AUTUMN CAMPS

www.northamptonesco.co.uk

MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER - FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER

Venues:

Weston Favell Primary School

Millway Primary School

9-3:30pm

MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER - THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

Venue:

Cedar Road Primary School

9-3:30pm

BOOK HERE

<https://northamptonesco.co.uk/>

**£18 per child
per day.
Bring own
lunch/snacks
and drinks.**

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

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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Dates for your diary

New dates since last
newsletter

Date	Activity	Time
OCTOBER		
18 - 20.10.23	Yr 6 Residential	3 days
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
17.11.23	FEHPS MUFTI in exchange for hamper items	ALL DAY
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
27.11.23	Yr 5 Space Centre trip	All day

DECEMBER

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	Straight after school until TBC (approx 5:30)
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
09.02.23	FEHPS - Family Bingo Night	5:30-7:30
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
23.03.24	EHPS Easter Community Cafe and Easter egg hunt	10am-1pm
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
MAY		
01.05.24	Walk In Wednesday Science	8.30am - 9.15am
21.05.24	Year 5 and Red Class	9.30am - 10.30am
22.05.12	FEHPS DISCO	TBC
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
08.07.24	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



West
Northamptonshire
Council

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)



NORTHAMPTON
SAINTS



UPCOMING CAMPS 23/24

OCTOBER HALF-TERM

Monday 23rd

Old Northamptonians RFC

Wednesday 25th

Ipswich RFC

Friday 27th

Loughborough University

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WWW.NORTHAMPTONSAINTS.CO.UK/COMMUNITY/CAMP-BOOKING



Travis Perkins

UPCOMING CAMPS 23/24

OCTOBER HALF-TERM

Monday 23rd

- Brackley RFC
- Long Buckby RFC
- March Bears RFC
- Long Buckby RFC
- Diss RFC
- ONs RFC

Tuesday 24th -
26th Thursday

- cinch Stadium at Franklin's Gardens
- Ipswich RFC
- Ely Tigers RFC

Friday 27th

- ONs RFC
- St Ives RFC
- Colchester RFC
- Loughborough University

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