

Eileen Wade Primary School

Newsletter Autumn Term

Dear Parents ,

What a wonderfully festive end to an eventful Autumn term at Eileen Wade Primary School!

Our Christmas craft morning was the first highlight, with over 30 parent volunteers joining us to create a magical start to our celebrations. Their enthusiasm and support helped ensure our school was beautifully prepared for the festive season.

The fantastic friends of Eileen Wade were thrilled to host our 2nd Winter Wonderland event after school in the Spinney. This community event truly embodies the warmth and togetherness of our school.

Our pupils have been incredibly busy spreading Christmas cheer through our delightful school performance of 'Simply the Nativity', which captured the true spirit of the season. The Christmas school lunch was equally magical - a truly festive occasion that brought our whole school community together.

In the midst of all the Christmas craziness, we were also delighted to welcome OFSTED to our school. We look forward to sharing our report with you in January and celebrating our achievements together.

Staff news

I wanted to share some important staff news. After more than 20 years of dedicated service - and being part of our school community for even longer - Mrs Houghton will be retiring in February. Her commitment and contribution to our school have been extraordinary, and I am sure you will join me in wishing her a wonderful and well-deserved retirement.

This term has been a testament to the incredible spirit and hard work of our pupils, staff, and parent community. We look forward to working together with you all in the **Spring term** which starts on **Monday 5th January**.

Wishing you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas.

Lisa Virnuls

Value of the Month
December - Friendship
January - Perseverance

Important Dates

5 January	Start of Spring Term
6, 13, 20 & 27 January	Swimming Yr 2, 3, 4 & 5
16 - 20 February	Half Term
5 March	World Book Day
10 & 11 March	Bikeability Year 5
12 March	Parent Consultations
26 March	Easter Assembly
27 March	End of Term

Special Events/Activities/News



Acorn class has had a term packed full of exciting experiences! We have loved exploring Forest School, working together and learning in the great outdoors, and had a fascinating visit from the fire service where we learned all about how they help keep us safe. The children were very proud to harvest their own vegetables and see where our food comes from. We were also lucky to welcome our class reader, who shared wonderful stories from her childhood, and we celebrated Michael Rosen Day in the best way possible - by making (and tasting!) delicious chocolate mud cake. What a busy and memorable term!



Year 2 have been busy making a chair in our D.T. lessons. They have thoroughly enjoyed designing, making and evaluating their chair for Vernon Verb!



The year 4s enjoyed their two nights away at the Frontier Centre. They loved being able to canoe along the river, take part in a night walk and getting very muddy in walk the plank



Year 3 and 4 have enjoyed their steel pans lessons. They have worked together to learn how to play and sing different songs.



We've had a really exciting term in Year 5 and 6. Amongst other things, we have created fantastic automata toys in DT, learned all about the Ancient Greeks and The Alps and thought carefully about anti-bullying, as well as created mono prints and studied the design of, and created our own artwork based on the artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser. We have also written fantastic stories inspired by The Nowhere Emporium and learned about how to write persuasively. We were also incredibly lucky to spend an afternoon at Bedford Modern school taking part in some very exciting science experiments.

Reminders

School starts at 8.45 a.m. when the gate is opened allowing your child to enter and line up to go into class. Please have your child at the gate for 8.45 so they can line up with all their classmates.

Please do not park in the staff car park or use it as a turning point when dropping off and collecting your child.

With the cold weather set to continue, please ensure that all children come to school with appropriate coats and jumpers so they can enjoy our wonderful outside spaces. Please also put your child's name on all coats and jumpers so that when they misplace them, they can very easily be returned.