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NEWSLETTER: Friday 27th March 2026



What a lovely end of term we have had in school today with crazy hair day and non-uniform day for some lucky classes, and then end of term reward time for everyone. It has been great seeing the children enjoying themselves and a lovely way to end what has been a very short, but rewarding, term!

As it is the end of term, here are some updates for you:

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously for our Children in Need collection last week. Altogether we raised £490.72.

Working Party Projects

This term we have launched our working party projects and all of them are progressing – thank you to everyone who has helped with these this term - we look forward to continuing them after Easter.

Project 1 *- **Developing the outside areas** for the children to use at breaktimes and in lessons (starting with the pond area, then looking at developing the rest of the outdoor site, including creating mud kitchens etc)*

The working party has met on two occasions now to clear the pond area and make this useable. Staff training on using the pond is taking place on the inset day in April and we are hoping that classes will be able to start using the pond area once this has been completed.

The next date for this working party is Sunday 19th April, from midday until 4pm. On this date, we will be finishing off any work around the pond and then moving onto the field to start the work in this area – including setting up the new forest school fire circle. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

Project 2 *- **Creating a low-maintenance reflection garden** as a calm and relaxing place for the children to spend time in (and also for any children who have suffered a loss to use).*

The plan for this area has now been finished and includes a large trellis, climbing plants, seating and a water feature. This project is now at the stage of getting companies to quote for the different aspects e.g. the fencing. We also have some wonderful parents and grandparents helping to pay for benches and plants to go in this area – thank you! Once the quotes from these companies have been finalised, and we have the dates for this work being completed, we will be

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able to set some dates for the working party to pull it altogether. Miss Diver has also included this project in her planning for Emsworth Primary School's own art week and we are hoping that during this week, all of the children across the school will be able to contribute to some art work to go in this area.

Today we had a visit from Mr and Mrs Freeman, the parents of Olivia, who came in to hear how the plans for the reflection garden are coming along. They also bought with them some knitted chicks containing little Easter eggs for all of the children in Olivia's class.

Mr and Mrs Freeman are raising money for Chestnut Tree House – the children's hospice who helped them during Olivia's life and since her passing. They will have a stall at Prinsted Sea Scout Hut tomorrow from 11am until 4pm selling different bric-a-brac items and a large Easter bunny to raise money. If you are in that area, do say hello.





Project 3 *- Creating a* ***decorating party to revamp inside areas such as the Year 4/5 shared area.***

Mr May has been working hard in school to complete a lot of the preparation work needed prior to the painting starting in the Year 4/5 shared area. We have chosen this area of the school to be the first focus as it is in one of the oldest parts of the school and is quite shabby. Painting this area and making it into a nicer space will not only benefit all of the children currently in Years 4 and 5 but also all of the younger children who will then go through this area.
The date for this working party is Wednesday 15th April at 18:30 if anyone is free to join – just come along with your paint brush!

Summer Term Diary Dates

All of the summer term diary dates we have so far have been added to the usual word document and sent out with this newsletter. These have also been added to our electronic calendar that you can subscribe to, so dates are automatically added to your electronic calendar. Visit our website for the link. Some dates are yet to be confirmed and therefore have 'TBC' next to them – these are subject to possible changes but the dates provided will give you an idea of the events planned so far and their possible dates.

An important reminder - Monday 13th April is an INSET day so the school is closed to all children; we look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 14th April.

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Mrs Farrugia

Here is a message from Mrs Farrugia: *Thank you to everyone in the EPS community who made my last day a memorable one.*
I was quite overwhelmed by the gifts, cards, hugs and kind wishes I received.
I will never forget my almost 13 years at Emsworth Primary School and the wonderful people I have met.

And finally, a big thank you to all of the community for your continued support this term - We hope you have a lovely Easter break and look forward to seeing you nice and early on Tuesday 14th April 2026.

Best wishes,

Rebecca

Headteacher

Award	Child or Class Receiving the Award	Reason
Attendance Award	Toucans – 100%	For achieving the highest % of attendance this week!



Early Years (EYFS)

We've had a fantastic week celebrating Spring and an early Easter! The children have been busy creating beautiful spring gardens and flowers using a variety of construction materials. They also enjoyed making chocolate nests - a definite highlight! Some children experimented with creative printing by using forks to make colourful tulip patterns, while others used shredded paper to build cosy nests for baby birds. It has been wonderful to see so much imagination and enthusiasm.
On Thursday, we held a special Easter celebration with our teddies. The teddies joined in with an egg-and-spoon race, helped hunt for hidden eggs, and even enjoyed sharing some hot cross buns. A lovely time was had by all!
We wish everyone a wonderful and restful break!

A Big Thank You!

💛 **Thank you to Elena's parents** for providing the magnetic writing boards for our phonics area - the children are already enjoying using them.

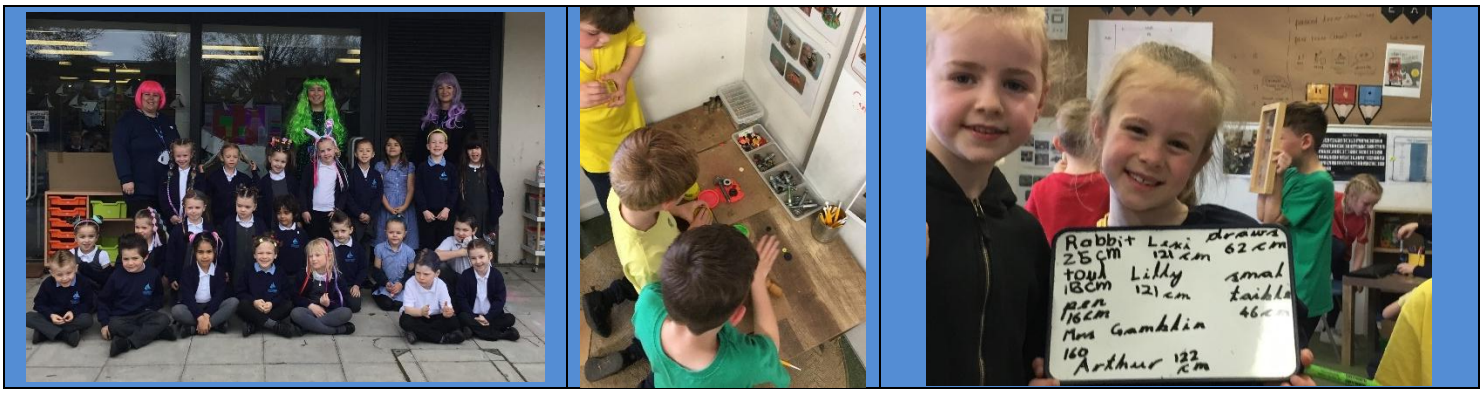
💛 **Thank you to Mia M's parents** for the two amazing microscopes for our Discovery Area. They have sparked so much curiosity and excitement!

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Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage One)

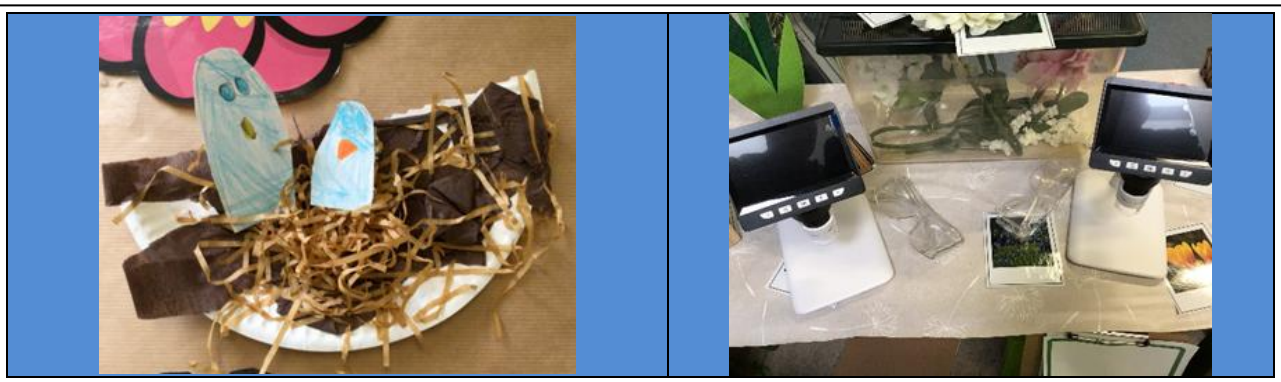
In Year 1 maths this week, we have been exploring mass, using balance scales and cubes to measure and compare the mass of different classroom objects. In English, we have been practising writing sentences using the word *because*, and the children especially enjoyed explaining why animals cannot travel on different types of transport (the sillier the better!). During our afternoon sessions, we have been learning about citizenship, starting with discussions about rules and why they are important, before moving on to the needs of others, including animals and babies, and how we can help to take care of them.

A quick reminder that if you would like to help on the upcoming beach trips, please let your child's class teacher know. Thank you for your continued support!

We have begun our exciting new topic all about *Deserts* in Year 2. As part of this, we are reading the lovely story *Meerkat Mail*. The children have been thinking carefully about Sunny the meerkat and whether he should leave his mob or stay with his family. We explored his thoughts and feelings by creating a conscience alley, where the children dramatised different viewpoints and gave Sunny advice. It was wonderful to see such thoughtful ideas and confident speaking!

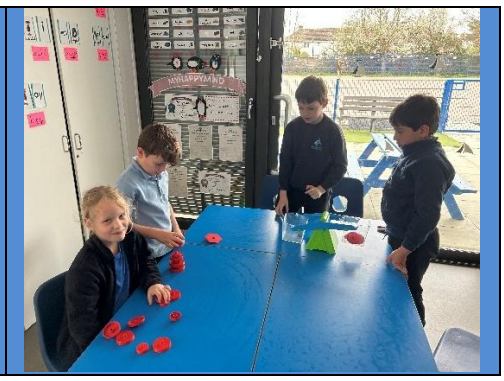
In maths, we have started learning about division. We began by sharing counters equally into groups to help us understand the concept in a practical way. The children then moved on to recording division sentences and representing their learning in a more abstract way. They have shown great determination as they build their confidence with this new skill.

In PE, we have launched our new Yoga topic. The children went on a safari adventure and practised a range of animal-inspired poses. It was a fun and calming session, and the class did brilliantly with their balance, focus and stretching!



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Years 3 and 4 (Key Stage Two)

It has been a busy and exciting final week of term in Year 3!
Tigers have now finished their swimming lessons, showing fantastic water confidence and clear improvements in their swimming technique – we are so proud of their progress. Meanwhile, Lions have been putting the finishing touches on their rhythmic gymnastic routines, using balls, ribbons and hoops with great creativity and control.
In DT, both classes have been working incredibly hard to design and create their own pouches to keep a special item safe. The children have shown excellent patience and resilience throughout this project, particularly when learning to thread a needle – which proved to be quite a challenge! It has been wonderful to see their determination and pride in their finished products.
In maths, we have been exploring equivalent fractions. The children began by using concrete resources to build their understanding, before moving on to bar models and then number lines to represent their ideas more abstractly. They have worked incredibly hard to make connections between these different representations and deepen their understanding.
Unfortunately, our cricket workshop on Thursday had to be cancelled, but that didn't stop the fun! We took the opportunity to practise our cricket skills in class instead, and the children thoroughly enjoyed it. They impressed us with their enthusiasm and teamwork – and it certainly felt like summer is on the way!
Well done, Year 3, for a fantastic end to the term. We hope you all have a lovely and well-deserved break!

We can't quite believe we're breaking up for Easter already and are two-thirds of the way through Year 4 - time really does fly when you're having fun! We have loved seeing the children engage so brilliantly with all our topics this half term. They produced some wonderful diary entries and short narratives, writing as the main character from The Golden Horsemen of Baghdad, before moving on to The Saga of Bjorn, which captivated them and inspired their own fantastic mini sagas. In PE, we have enjoyed exploring different jumps and ways to travel, as well as learning a range of throws in Netball and how to move effectively around the court. In PSHE, we have been learning about the value of money, how to save and sharing our diverse, and sometimes rather bizarre, career aspirations. In History, we travelled back to the 8th century to learn about early Islamic civilisation and its lasting impact on the world today.
I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Meaden and Ms McKeown, who have been utterly wonderful. They have provided unwavering and consistent support to the Koalas class - we are very grateful. We are thrilled to have Mr McKay back for longer periods after Easter - the Koalas parents' evening information will be sent out in due course.
We have now emailed all parents regarding access arrangements for the MTC; if you were expecting an email but did not receive one, please speak to your child's class teacher. These arrangements have only been offered to a number of children.

We hope you have a lovely (and hopefully sunny) Easter and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 14th April.

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Years 5 and 6 (Key Stage Two)

Year 5 have had a fantastic and hard-working week! In maths, the children have been getting to grips with percentages, learning not only how to calculate them but also how to apply their understanding to real-life situations. They have also proudly completed and written up their finished river poems, showcasing some wonderfully thoughtful language and imagery. In science, our focus has turned to the life cycle of humans, where we have explored the stages of growth, including puberty and the changes involved in becoming a teenager. It's been a busy and productive week, and Year 5 should feel very proud of their efforts. Have a happy Easter holiday from all of the Year 5 team!

This week, Year 6 completed their final set of assessments ahead of the SATs in May. The children have worked incredibly hard throughout the term, and this was clearly reflected in their results. It was wonderful to see them approach each test with such confidence and maturity - a true testament to their conscientious attitudes.
As mentioned at Parents' Evening, we will be sending home all of the spring term assessments so the children can share their work with you over the Easter break. Many pupils have made excellent progress and are keen to continue practising in preparation for the SATs. To support this, we have uploaded a range of helpful revision resources to Google Classroom for the children to use if they wish. We will also be updating the booster groups for the last push ahead of SATS; if your child has been invited to the sessions, you should have received an email today. The Year 6 team are immensely proud of every child and the fantastic effort they have shown once again this term. Thank you for your continued encouragement and support. We hope you all have a wonderful Easter holiday and look forward to welcoming the children back after a well-earned break filled with Easter fun!





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Golden Ticket – Be Mr May Experience!

Sienna recently enjoyed a very special reward after winning time with Mr May thanks to her Golden Ticket – what an achievement! She chose to share this exciting experience with her friend Everley, making it even more memorable.
The girls got straight to work helping Mr May with one of his very important weekly tasks – testing the school lights. However, before they could finish, the fire alarm sounded - it was just a practice!
Without hesitation, Sienna and Everley stepped up to assist Mr May, helping to ensure everyone had safely evacuated the building.



Golden Ticket - Office Experience!

Rhylie enjoyed a very special reward this week after winning *Golden Ticket Time* with Mrs Baldwin and Mrs Austin in the school office - and she was *very* excited! She chose to share this fantastic experience with her friend Zara, making the afternoon even more memorable.
The girls got straight to work, helping with counting and sorting the lunch tokens, answering the telephone, and welcoming visitors onto the school grounds. Their next big task was tackling the *mountain* of shredding - they were absolutely fascinated by the shredder!
Once their office duties were complete, they set off to deliver lunch tokens, Easter raffle tickets, and even some lost property around the school.
What a fantastic job, girls!
Mrs Baldwin and Mrs Austin said you are welcome back anytime. **Well done!**



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🐣🐣 **EPSA Easter Update!!** 🐣🐣

Easter Raffle & Cake Competition 🍰

A huge thank you to everyone who generously donated prizes for our Easter raffle. Your support truly helps the school, and we are incredibly grateful.

We are delighted to share that we raised an amazing **£880** from the raffle – a fantastic achievement that will go towards supporting our school community.

Prize winners have been confirmed via WhatsApp groups and on the EPSA Facebook page, and a full list is also available at the school office. Any prizes not collected today have been safely stored at the office and can be picked up after the Easter holidays.

Congratulations to all of our prize winners! 🎉🎉🎉

We would also like to say a big thank you for all the wonderful cake donations. The Easter cake competition was a huge success, and the standard was incredibly high – there were some truly amazing creations!

Well done to everyone who took part, and congratulations to our winners ⭐⭐

We hope everyone enjoys their well-earned treats!

Thank you again for your continued support, and we wish you all a happy and relaxing Easter.



Best Big cake



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