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NEWSLETTER: Friday 4th September 2026



Welcome Back!

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new academic year. We hope that everyone has enjoyed a wonderful summer holiday and has had the opportunity to relax and spend time with family and friends.

It has been lovely welcoming the children back to school today and seeing so many smiling faces. As I walked around the school, I was incredibly impressed by the children's excellent manners, positive attitudes, and exemplary behaviour. They have made a fantastic start to the year and should all be very proud of themselves. Well done, everyone!

Medical Information

Please ensure that the school is informed as soon as possible of any changes to your child's medical information.

For example, if your child has sustained an injury such as a broken bone, it is essential that we are aware of this before they attend school so that we can put appropriate measures in place to keep them safe throughout the school day.

If there are any updates to your child's medical needs, please contact the school office by phone or email at your earliest convenience.

Years 5 & 6 Walking Home Consent

Letters have been sent home to parents and carers of children in **Years 5 and 6** regarding permission for children to walk home from school independently.

Please note that children will **not be permitted to walk home alone until a signed consent form has been returned to the school**. This process helps us to ensure that your wishes as parents and carers are clearly understood and followed, while also supporting us in keeping all children safe.

If you have not yet received a letter, or require another copy, please contact the school office. We would be grateful if completed forms could be returned as soon as possible.

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Allergy Update

New statutory guidance regarding allergies has recently come into force. During our INSET days, all staff completed training to ensure that we are fully prepared to meet these new requirements and continue providing a safe environment for all pupils.

A copy of our new **Allergy and Anaphylaxis Policy** is being sent out with this newsletter for your information. The policy will be presented to governors for final approval at the governing body meeting on **24th September**.

If you have any questions about the policy or how it will be implemented in school, please do not hesitate to contact me.

PSHE and RSE Curriculum Consultation

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to our consultation on the new **Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)** and **Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)** curriculum.

We greatly appreciated your feedback and were pleased to see such positive responses to the proposed policy. The comments and suggestions provided have been extremely valuable. In particular, we have responded to requests for greater clarity around how we teach children about consent from the earliest stages of their education, including in Year R, and this has now been incorporated into the curriculum and policy.

The policy will be presented to governors for ratification on **24th September** and, once approved, will be published on the school website.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like further information, please feel free to speak to me or your child's class teacher.

Diary Dates

We are in the process of finalising a lot of the dates for this term and will send out the usual word document with them on next week. Remember you can also keep up-to-date with events in the school by downloading our calendar from the website. Just visit: Events for September 2026 – Emsworth Primary School to subscribe, and events will be added during the year.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a successful and exciting year ahead for all of our children.

Best wishes,

Rebecca Mitchell

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Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage One)

Welcome back! It has been lovely to welcome our Rabbits and Squirrels back to school! We hope that everyone had a lovely, restful break over the summer and is feeling ready for an exciting year ahead.
We wanted to share a few reminders and updates with you as we settle into Year 1:

Reading
Reading every day is one of the most important ways you can support your child's learning. Just 5–10 minutes of reading each day has a significant impact on their progress across the curriculum. We strongly encourage children to read at home every day and ask that this is recorded in their reading record.

Colour banded Spot Books can be changed **Monday to Thursday**. Please bring your child's reading book and reading record into school on these days if a book change is required. There is **no expectation for books to be changed every day**. We know that children benefit from rereading familiar books, developing their fluency, expression and confidence, or sometimes reading a book in smaller chunks across a few days. Please continue to enjoy reading together at home at a pace that works for your child.

Phonics Books
Phonics books need to be **brought into school on a Friday**, ready for them to be changed. Today, your child will be coming home with their first **new phonics book**. All children will initially receive a **Phase 3 phonics book**. This is because our phonics learning in Year 1 begins with a recap of the Phase 3 sounds and skills before we move on to new learning. Please encourage your child to practise their sounds and blending regularly at home, as this will help them to build confidence and fluency.

Library
The children will visit the school library **every Monday**. They will have the opportunity to choose a book to bring home and enjoy with you.

PE
Our PE days will be **Thursday and Friday**. Please make sure that children come to school wearing their full PE kit on these days.
We are so excited for the year ahead and look forward to working closely with you to support your children as they continue to grow, learn and flourish in Year 1. **The Year 1 Team** 💛

We've had a lovely first day back in Year 2! Today, we checked in on any first-day jitters, got to know each other, shared stories about our unbelievable summers and gently eased back into school life. It has been wonderful to see so many happy faces! 😊 As a reminder, Spot books can be changed every day and bug club books will come out weekly.

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Years 3 and 4 (Key Stage Two)

We are so excited to welcome the children in Year 3 back to school today and hope you all had a wonderful summer break! We are ready to hit the ground running with our first exciting unit of the year, the Stone Age. We have some fantastic activities and tasks planned that we are sure the children will love, and we can't wait to get started! As always, all important information and updates will be available on our Year 3 webpage. A reminder that our PE days are Monday, when the children will be coached by Havant Hockey, and Friday, which will also be an outdoor PE session, so please ensure children have the appropriate kit for both days. Our library day is Friday. Spot books will be changed when required. The children will bring home a reading record next week - when your child reads at home, please sign their reading record, their book can then be changed the following day. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us. We are always happy to help. We are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning, fun and adventure together!
Mrs Mitchell and Miss Whyte 😊

We are so excited to be back at school in Year 4 and hope everyone had a fabulous summer break. Today, we spent lots of time getting to know our new classes and helping the children settle into life in Year 4. We practised our important routines and expectations, including transitions, moving around the school and getting ourselves organised and ready to learn. We also spent some time focusing on our handwriting and times tables, which are especially important in Year 4. Please keep an eye out for key dates regarding upcoming parent drop in sessions where we will share more information about the Multiplication Tables Check. We have had a fantastic first day and cannot wait for all the exciting learning and wonderful memories that the year ahead will bring.

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Years 5 and 6 (Key Stage Two)

It was wonderful to welcome the children back to Year 5 today and hear all about their summer holidays. We spent some time settling into our new routines and sharing our expectations for Year 5, and we have been incredibly impressed by the children's positive attitudes and how quickly they adapted to the new school year. We hope they all came home feeling happy, confident and excited about the year ahead.

We have now updated the Year 5 webpage with important information about this term, including our PE days, library day and the topics we will be exploring in class. There is also a home learning section, which will be updated further once we have shared the home learning expectations with the children.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Year 5 team. We look forward to an exciting and successful term ahead.

What a fantastic start our new Year 6 pupils have made! They have had an incredible first day and have already demonstrated excellent role model behaviour for the rest of the school.

We began exploring our new writing text, *Darwin's Dragons*, which has generated lots of excitement and enthusiasm for the term ahead. We also discussed the expectations for Year 6 and some of the small changes we have introduced to help prepare pupils for the transition to secondary school. In particular, we are focusing on pupils taking responsibility for having the correct equipment and wearing the correct uniform each day.

We have sent home login details for Spelling Shed, our new interactive spelling programme, which we look forward to using throughout the year. We are incredibly proud of the positive attitude, maturity and effort shown by everyone so far and are excited for the year ahead. A reminder that our PE days this year are Tuesday and Thursday.
We are very proud of such a great start to Year 6! 🎉

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