EMSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Enjoy, Persevere, Succeed

NEWSLETTER: Friday 25th September 2026



What a fantastic week it has been at school! It has been wonderful to see the high levels of engagement, positive behaviour and enthusiasm for learning across all year groups. The children continue to demonstrate our values of **Enjoy, Persevere and Succeed** every day, and we are incredibly proud of them.

I am delighted to share that our new footballs have arrived and are already proving very popular. The children have been reminded of our expectations for using these appropriately and safely. As a gentle reminder to parents, children must be in **full school uniform** and be demonstrating that they can follow school expectations before they are permitted to play football at break and lunchtime. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain these high standards.

On Wednesday evening, we held the **Emsworth Primary School Association (EPSA) Annual General Meeting**. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate another fantastic year of organising enjoyable events and creating lasting memories for our children. We also reflected on the significant amount of money raised to support the school and enhance opportunities for all pupils. We are incredibly grateful for the support of EPSA and all our parents. It is only by working together that we can continue to make our school the very best it can be for our children.

On Thursday evening, governors held their first meeting of the academic year. I would like to thank **Brendan Gibbs**, who has served as Chair of Governors for the past two years, for his dedication and support of the school. We are pleased to announce that **John Overton** has been elected as our new Chair of Governors. We are excited to work alongside John in this role. He has already visited every class this year and has seen first-hand the high standards of behaviour, learning and ambition that exist across our school.

This week also saw the first of our Year 6 parents' evenings. This gave parents the opportunity to meet with their children's class teachers and discuss how well the children have settled into the year, the expectations for Year 6 and the steps they can take to ensure they have the most successful year possible.

On that note, I simply have to mention again how proud we are of our Year 6 pupils. They have made an exceptional start to the year, are working hard and are fully focused on being the very best Year 6 cohort they can be.

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Earlier this week, after a long deliberation process, we were able to award the first set of Year 6 pupil leadership roles. These decisions are always very difficult and we use a mixture of the child's own application letter, along with their behaviour and attitude over their time in the school to make the decision – these children must be the very best role models for others. I am pleased to announce the following roles:

Role	Falcons (DL)	Eagles (CB)
		Head Boy and Girl
Head Boy/Head Girl	Jude Michael	Erin Lichfield
Deputy Head Boy/Head Girl	Abigail Glanville	Harry O Hagan
		Prefects
Prefects	Elliott Dallen	Finn Larkin
	Hugo Walker	Ava Allen
	Alfie Broughton	Sofia Batey
	Josephine Coackley	Heidi Waldron
	Poppy Linnington	Archer Woods
	Chloe Howard	Thomas Chalcraft

We are now very close to finalising the remaining roles, for example our Heads of House, Sports Captains, Librarians and other important responsibilities. These will be confirmed in Monday's assembly before being formally announced next week.

Well done to every Year 6 pupil who applied for a role. The quality of the application letters was exceptionally high, and many were extremely persuasive! For those children who were not successful on this occasion, we understand that this can be disappointing. However, dealing with disappointment positively is an important life skill. We encourage all pupils to use this as motivation to continue demonstrating their strengths, working hard and striving to achieve their very best each day.

Next week, I will be out of school for two days attending training. The rest of the leadership team will be available should anyone require support or assistance during that time.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to welcoming everyone back, bright and early, on Monday morning.

Best wishes,

Rebecca

Headteacher

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Celebrating the Children

Our Stars of the Week this week are:

Class	Name	Reason
Badgers	Harry Wells	Harry, you have gained in confidence and independence throughout the school day. Well done, Harry!
Hedgehogs	Finn Lamb	Finn, you are a super role model to others. You have made such a good start to your school journey - brilliant!
Squirrels	Theo Williams	Theo, you demonstrate our school value of Enjoy through your enthusiasm and the fun you bring to playing and learning with your friends. Well done!
Rabbits	Jaxson Price	Jaxson, you have shown a brilliant attitude towards your writing this week and this is showing in the work you produce. Well done!
Foxes	Robin Stocker	Robin, you are fantastic! You have worked hard, come into school with a positive attitude, and tried your very best. Keep up the amazing work!
Moles	Arthur Heywood	Arthur, we love how you approach everything with such enthusiasm and always give it your best. You are setting a great example with your positive attitude and determination.
Robins	George Nicholas	George, you are such a fantastic role model to your peers. You consistently work hard, show enthusiasm towards your learning and are a kind and supportive member of our class - well done George!
Wrens	Alicia Bailey-Ebner	Alicia, you are conscientious, kind, and a fantastic classroom helper. You always try your best and are a wonderful role model to others.
Kingfishers	Teddy Babb	Teddy, you have blown us away with your positive attitude, superb reading and excellent mastery of Roman numerals this week. Well done!
Kites	Simone Edmonds	Simone, you are a truly wonderful member of our class. You show our values of Enjoy, Persevere and Succeed in everything you do, and you are a shining example to everyone around you!
Owls	Hunter Caiger	Hunter, you are working hard and listening carefully. Well done for having such a great start to Year 5. Keep it up!
Swallows	Laydon Goodall	Laydon, what a positive start to Year 5! You are working so hard and we are so proud of your progress. Keep it up!
Eagles	Ellie Lancaster	Ellie, you have shown an incredibly positive attitude, enthusiasm and enjoyment since starting Year 6. We can see your maturity growing and we are so proud of you!
Falcons	Sydnee Farrugia	Sydnee, we are so proud of you! You have made exceptional effort in all subjects so far this year - well done!

Award	Child or Class Receiving the Award	Reason
Headteacher's Award	Alana Williams	Alana consistently demonstrates our school values of **Enjoy, Persevere and Succeed**. Her positive attitude, determination and commitment to always giving her best makes her an outstanding role model for others. Alana is a delightful member of our school community who brings kindness, enthusiasm and encouragement to those around her. Alana, we are incredibly proud of the example you set every day, well done!
Star Class Award	Kites	The Star Class Award is presented to the class who have shown the most respect for their learning environment this week. They have looked after their belongings and kept both

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		their classrooms and their cloakrooms clean and tidy for everyone. The winning class this week was chosen by our site team.
Attendance Award	Robins 100%	For achieving the highest % of attendance this week meaning that all of the children have the best chance of making progress and achieving well.







Early Years (EYFS)

Another great week in Early Years! We have made the most of the warm weather and enjoyed plenty of outdoor play. The children have been busy both inside and outside the classroom, developing new skills and having lots of fun.
This week, we have used graters during our cooking activities, created self-portraits to display in our classroom, and explored 2D shapes as part of our *Magic Maths* learning. It has been wonderful to see the children growing in confidence and independence as they take part in these activities.
Next week, we will be starting **Phase 2 letter sounds**. Please keep an eye out for the resources and phonics book that will be sent home to help support your child's learning and early reading journey.
We hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to another exciting week ahead! 😊







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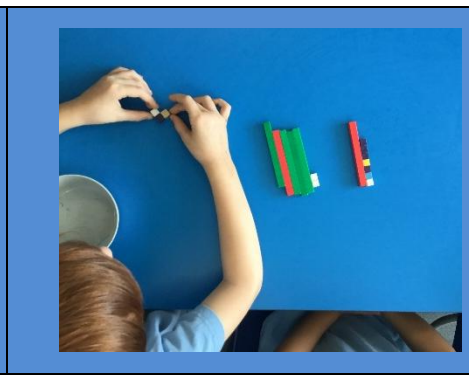




Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage One)

It has been a lovely week in Year 1, with the children enjoying lots of fun and creative learning! In English, we have been exploring the book Ketchup on Your Cornflakes and practising writing simple sentences. The children came up with some wonderfully funny ideas, which certainly made us laugh! In maths, we have been representing objects using tens frames and developing our understanding of numbers by recognising them when written as words. In art, we stepped into the world of creativity by discovering primary colours and exploring the styles of artists Paul Klee and Piet Mondrian. The children enjoyed experimenting with lines, shapes and colours to create their own vibrant artwork. We have been so impressed with the children's enthusiasm and creativity this week. Well done, Year 1!

We had another brilliant and successful week in Year 2! In English, we have used our neatest handwriting to publish our character descriptions, and we have now started the exciting story The Pirate Cruncher. In maths, we have finished our learning about place value and have been working hard to understand the value of each digit in a number. In PE, we have started gymnastics, exploring different jumps and balances and developing our control and coordination. In art, we have become texture detectives, exploring our school environment to find and record all the different textures around us.


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Years 3 and 4 (Key Stage Two)

Another fantastic week in Year 3! In Maths, we have been looking at number lines to 1,000, ordering numbers and comparing them. We were very impressed with how well the children applied their previous learning and understanding. In English, the children created a set of instructions on how to wash a woolly mammoth, using time connectives, imperative verbs, adverbs and impressive adjectives. We were delighted to see the children using these features so confidently in their writing. In History, we compared artefacts and features that help us understand and identify different civilisations from prehistoric Britain. Well done to everyone for another fantastic week in Year 3 - it has been lovely to be able to play in the sunshine. We look forward to another successful week next week.

It has been another busy and brilliant week in Year 4. In English, the children have finished publishing their wonderful interviews with our class animals, and we have been so impressed by their developing authorial voices and the pride they have taken in their work. We have now begun our exciting new learning journey with *There's a Rang Tan in My Bedroom*. In maths, we have continued working hard on place value and times tables, exploring number lines, comparing numbers, rounding and Roman numerals. In science, we developed our classification skills by grouping plants into flowering and non-flowering plants. In gymnastics, the children worked collaboratively with a partner to explore and perform dynamic balances. In geography, we used globes and maps to locate South America and Brazil, building on our geographical knowledge and map skills. In music, the children have been developing their vocal technique, confidence and control by singing in rounds and performing musical loops. We continue to be incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and determination the children are bringing to their learning each week.

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Years 5 and 6 (Key Stage Two)

This week in maths, the Year 5 children have been comparing and ordering numbers to 100,000. They have also been looking at rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and 100 and solving a range of reasoning problems.
In English this week the children have planned and drafted their own narratives based on the opening chapter of our class story *Wild Boy*. We have been really impressed with their excellent use of figurative language to create a dark and mysterious mood and have really enjoyed reading their writing.
The children should have brought home their Bug Club logins this week so that they can continue reading online at home and play the spelling games we have practised in class. If your child has not brought their login home, or the login is not working, please speak to one of the Year 5 team.

This week, Year 6 have continued to make a fantastic start to the year, and we are extremely impressed with the effort, maturity and positive attitude they bring to their learning each day. In maths, the children have been developing their understanding of factors, multiples and prime numbers, applying their knowledge to solve a range of challenging problems. We would encourage them to keep practising their times tables at home, as strong times table knowledge is key to success in this area of maths. In English, inspired by our class text *Darwin's Dragons*, the children have created rich, vocabulary-filled descriptions of mythical creatures, using ambitious language to bring their imaginative creations to life. Meanwhile, in geography and science, they have continued investigating how both animals and humans are adapting to the challenges of climate change, exploring the ways living things respond to changing environments around the world.

✨ **EPSA Newsletter** ✨

💙 **Thank you for supporting our AGM**

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to our **AGM**. It was lovely to see you there and to have the opportunity to look back at everything EPSA has achieved over the past year.

We'd also like to give a very warm welcome to our **new committee members**. Thank you for being willing to give your time, energy and ideas to EPSA. We're looking forward to working together to create another year packed with **fun events for the children**, while continuing to raise much-needed funds for our school.

Our new EPSA committee for this year are:

Chair- Fiona Sheehan
Secretary- Sam Scales
Treasurer- J-P Rogers
Social Media Coordinator & Stock Buyer- Sarah McKellar
Volunteer & Parents' Social Coordinator- Jaziara Hancox
Co-volunteer and parents' social coordinator- Philippa Newell
Pre-Loved Uniform Coordinator- Gemma Ashton
Raffle, Sponsorship & Grant Coordinator- Ellie Foster and Alan Miles
Disco Coordinator- Danni Roberts

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🎉 **What a year we had!**

Last year was incredibly busy! From the Summer Fair and Rainbow Disco to the Christmas Market, Easter Raffle, Colour Run, cake sales, Wonky Bars and more, our school community got behind event after event.

And what a difference that support made

💰 **How much did we raise?**

The poster below shows just how much our different events and activities raised throughout the year. Every ticket bought, cake baked, raffle entered, chocolate bar purchased and event attended contributed to these fantastic totals.



We are so grateful to everyone who helped make these events happen and, of course, to all the families who supported them.

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🌈 **Where does the money go?**

Fundraising isn't just about seeing the total go up. **The most important part is what that money enables us to do for the children and the school.**

Over the past year, EPSA funding has helped provide or support things including **new interactive whiteboards for Year 5, £6,000 towards new iPads, a contribution towards a new mud kitchen for the forest school area, Year 6 SATs breakfast, Year 6 leavers' books, Year R stay-and-play refreshments, ice lollies for the children during the hot weather, and the Year R Tears and Tissues coffee morning.**

We also helped bring a little extra Christmas magic to school! 🎄



These are brilliant examples of how supporting an EPSA event comes **full circle**. The money raised through the fun activities our children and families enjoy is put back into enriching school life and providing things that might otherwise not be possible.

❤️ **Here's to another brilliant year!**

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🎃 🪩 **EXCITING NEWS — HALLOWEEN DISCO TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!** 🪩 🎃

Get those dancing shoes ready… **Halloween Disco tickets are now available to buy!** 👻 🎶 ✨

For our **Reception and Year 1** children, tickets will include a **Tuck Shop Box** containing a juice carton, Freddo bar, packet of crisps and a packet of sweets. 🧃 🍫 🍬

Allergies? No problem — there is an opportunity to provide allergy information when completing the booking form so we can make appropriate substitutes.

For **Years 2-6**, there will be a tuck shop available on the night where you can either spend your new EPSA blue tokens or bring cash to buy items on the night. Tokens are worth 50p each and items will be priced in multiples of 50p. We will be selling packets of tokens in £5 and £10 envelopes at our pre-loved Halloween outfit and uniform sale on Friday 9th October. Allergy info is provided on the ptaevents website.

🎟 **BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW via PTA Events!**



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