



Eastbury Primary School

Key Dates

December

Friday 19th : Last day of term

January

Monday 5th: Children return to school

February

Friday 13th: Last day of term

Monday 23rd: Children return to school

March

Friday 27th: Last day of term

Monday 13th: Children return

May

Thursday 21st: Last day of term

June

Monday 1st June: Children return

Dates for
your
diary.....

Christmas at Eastbury

As we come to the end of an exciting term, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all our families for their generosity and support for this year's Winter Wonderland. The event was a fantastic success for our whole school community.

Your ongoing support makes such a difference to our school and to the opportunities we can provide for your children. Together with visits to Santa and the Secrets Room have raised over £4,000 and are extremely grateful to you all.

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy, and restful Christmas break with your family and friends, and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 5th January, when the new term starts.



Christmas Nativity and Concerts



A huge well done to all our wonderful children for their fantastic performances in the Nativity and Christmas Concerts. Every child from Nursery to year 6 shone on stage and should be incredibly proud of their efforts, confidence, and teamwork.

It was a pleasure to see how much hard work the children put into learning their lines, songs including British Sign Language. Thank you to our families for your support, encouragement, and for joining us to celebrate these special occasions. They were moments we will all treasure.



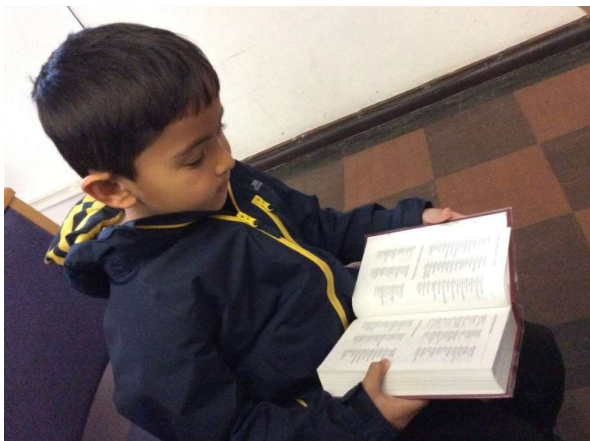
EYFS

The Reception children had a wonderful time visiting Eastbury Manor House, exploring history through storytelling, dressing up, and making shields in the grand Tudor home. They also enjoyed an unforgettable visit from the Travelling Theatre, meeting characters like Aladdin, Jasmine, Jaffar, and Widow Twankey. The children laughed, sang, and danced along, loving every moment of the show!



Year 1

Year 1 had a lovely time when they went to visit St Patrick's Church. They looked at some objects that are special to Christians, including a Nativity scene. They listened to the story of the Nativity and were able to answer questions and then they played instruments and waved colourful flags whilst singing familiar Christmas songs.



Year 2

Year 2 have had a wonderful half term filled with creativity and exciting learning. In DT, the children designed and made chairs for Baby Bear, and in Geography they used atlases to explore the continents of the world. They also enjoyed using the Kindles to create their own algorithms. A highlight of the term was their trip to Vue Cinema to watch Zootropolis 2, which linked to their reading lessons where the children wrote about their favourite character, created a comic strip and answered comprehension questions.



Year 3

Year 3 had a brilliant week of trips, starting with their visit to Barking Abbey ruins, where they explored the site and began thinking about local history as they prepare for their Spring topics on rocks, Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. They also enjoyed a trip to Barking Library, where they were able to browse books, use their library cards and choose something new to read. The children represented the school wonderfully on both trips and had a fantastic time learning beyond the classroom.



Year 4

Year 4 have a great term and are trying very hard to learn all their times tables. They also enjoyed an exciting trip to the Science Museum, where they explored the Wonderlab and took part in a hands-on, interactive show. The children were fascinated by the experiments, demonstrations, and opportunities to test scientific ideas for themselves. It was a fun, inspiring day that brought science to life!



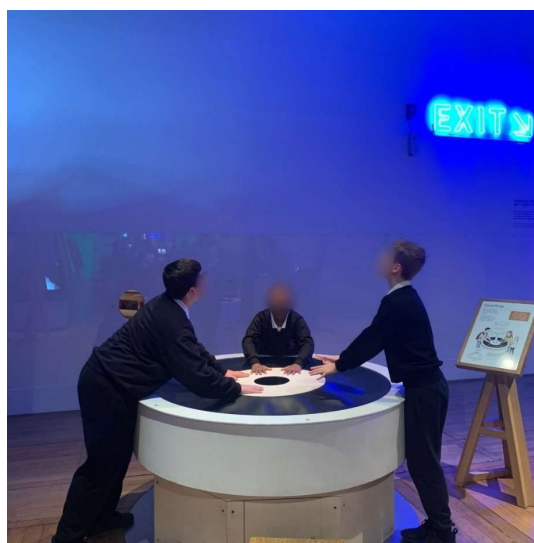
Year 5

This half term, Year 5 had an exciting and memorable trip to the Bank of England Museum, where they learned all about money and even had the chance to lift a real gold bar! The experience inspired their English lessons, as pupils used what they had learned to write engaging newspaper reports. Back in school, Year 5 have also been exploring installation art, experimenting with 3D techniques to create imaginative and creative projects.



Year 6

Year 6 have had such a fantastic term with the children. They have worked incredibly hard, shown great curiosity, and brought so much enthusiasm into the classroom each day. We are really proud of everything they've achieved. One of the highlights of the term was their trip to the Science Museum. The children were absolutely captivated, especially during our visit to the Wonderlab. Their faces lit up as they explored the hands-on exhibits, tested out scientific ideas, and asked brilliant questions. It was a joy to see them so engaged and excited about learning.



Sunshine Room

Our Sunshine Room children enjoyed a delightful trip to Riverside Bridge Adventure Playground and had a fantastic day! The playground is thoughtfully designed to support children with complex needs, ensuring that everyone can explore and play in a safe and engaging environment. The children's faces lit up with excitement as they explored the various areas. From sensory play zones to accessible swings, there was something for everyone. The children had lots of fun discovering new activities, whether it was climbing, sliding, or simply having fun. A big thank you to Riverside Bridge Special School.



Deaf ARP

The deaf ARP children have had an amazing Autumn Term filled with adventurous trips with their mainstream classes and an additional trip to the RED Panto just for the ARP children. The children also invited their deaf peers from Five Elms and Eastbury Community School to celebrate Christmas as a deaf community. It was wonderful to see the children interacting with each other and working as a team to create a long paperchain. It was a memorable Christmas party! The children are extremely fortunate so go on numerous memorable trips which enriches their life experiences.



Attendance

We are committed to providing every child with the best possible education and one of the most important factors in achieving success is regular school attendance. When children attend school every day, they benefit from valuable teaching, class discussions, and opportunities to build positive relationships with their teachers and classmates. Frequent absences can make it difficult for children to keep up with learning and may impact both academic and social development.

Here's why attendance matters:

- Children who miss fewer school days achieve higher outcomes.
- Good attendance builds lifelong habits that help children succeed in school, college, and university
- Every school day counts - learning builds day by day

We understand that there are times when a child must miss school due to illness or emergencies. However, we encourage families to schedule appointments and holidays outside of school hours whenever possible. Let's work together to make sure every child comes to school on time, every day, ready to learn and succeed! If you have concerns or need support in ensuring your child's regular attendance, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are here to help.

Attendance Panda Competition

Well done to Lamaisah in Year 2 for winning our Christmas Attendance Panda competition! Lamaisah will receive a prize and 5 extra raffle entries. A big congratulations to Rebecca in Year 1 and Aadya in Year 5, who were our runners-up and will each receive a small prize. Thank you to everyone who entered, we loved seeing so many children take part!



Lamaisah Year 2



Aadya Year 5



Rebecca Year 1

Happy
Holidays!