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Headteacher's insight

I hope this week has been a positive one for all of you. I'd like to take a moment to say a huge well done to our fantastic Year 4 pupils, who have completed their Multiplication Tables Check this week. They approached the challenge with such confidence, focus, and determination – we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

The Multiplication Tables Check is an important milestone in the maths curriculum, and it gives children the opportunity to demonstrate their rapid recall of essential number facts. Times tables form the foundation for so many areas of mathematics – from division and fractions to problem-solving and algebra. When children know their times tables fluently, they are able to approach more complex maths with much greater ease and confidence. While the check itself takes place in Year 4, the journey starts much earlier. That's why we want to encourage children in all year groups – especially from Year 1 upwards – to regularly practise and develop their times tables knowledge. Whether it's through songs, games, apps like Times Tables Rock Stars, or simple recall practice at home, every little bit helps build a strong base for future learning. By embedding these skills early, we can ensure that when children reach Year 4, they feel ready and positive about taking part in the check. More importantly, it makes everyday maths lessons more accessible and enjoyable throughout their time at school.

Thank you for all the support you give at home – it really does make a difference. Let's continue working together to help all our children become confident, resilient mathematicians!

On a different note – watch this space! Our wonderful PTFA will soon be sharing information about how to purchase tickets for the end-of-year school disco, which will be held on Tuesday 22nd July. It promises to be a fantastic celebration to mark the end of another brilliant school year, and we're all looking forward to a session of music, dancing, and fun!

Mrs Thompson

Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher





News from our classrooms

Spitfires

We've had another busy and exciting week in Spitfires, full of learning, laughter, and adventure!

Phonics Focus

Our older children have been exploring the long and short "oo" sounds in phonics. Meanwhile, our younger learners have been getting into the groove with rhythm and rhyme, enjoying plenty of songs, rhyming games, and stories that help build early language skills.

Maths Moments

In maths, we've returned to the theme of patterns and sequencing. The children have been thinking about the patterns they see every day – from stripes on clothes to routines at home and school. Sequencing our daily activities has helped us talk about "what comes next" and practise using time-related vocabulary.

Superhero Day!

A big highlight this week was our Superhero Day! We read the hilarious story of **Supertato**, and the children loved diving into themed activities in the provision. In the tuff tray, we had great fun splatting Evil Peas and pouring peas between containers—fantastic for building hand-eye coordination and strengthening little fingers. The children also loved making their own Supertatos using real new potatoes and a variety of craft materials, straws, capes, and googly eyes.

Thank you for your continued support. Don't forget to check out the photos of our Supertato fun and muddy adventures on Tapestry.

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Some useful information for you:

- Bus Trip - 10th and 14th July - please remember to reply to the permission form sent out.
- Graduation - Nursery children going to Reception in September will have a Graduation Ceremony on Monday 21st July at 2:30pm. Please 'Save the date' More details to follow.
- Children going to Marleigh or Fen Ditton - please remember to think about completing the 'All About Me' booklet with your child and return it to us as well as the information sheet.
- Is your child ready for school? Have a look at this useful page <https://cambspboro.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/welcome> for things to do to support them to be ready for Reception.
- Children going to Marleigh and Fen Ditton Reception Classes in September - we are looking forward to seeing your child's 'All About Me' books as attached for completion with the 'Welcome' email in April as well as the information sheets.

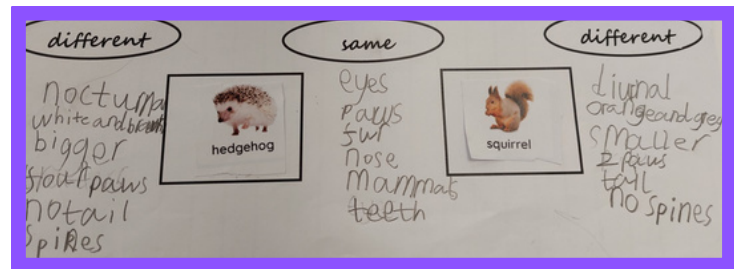




Blackbirds Class

Blackbirds have been enjoying lots of outdoor learning. This week we completed time challenges outside and developed our rounders skills in PE. There was also time to enjoy our class book in the forest.

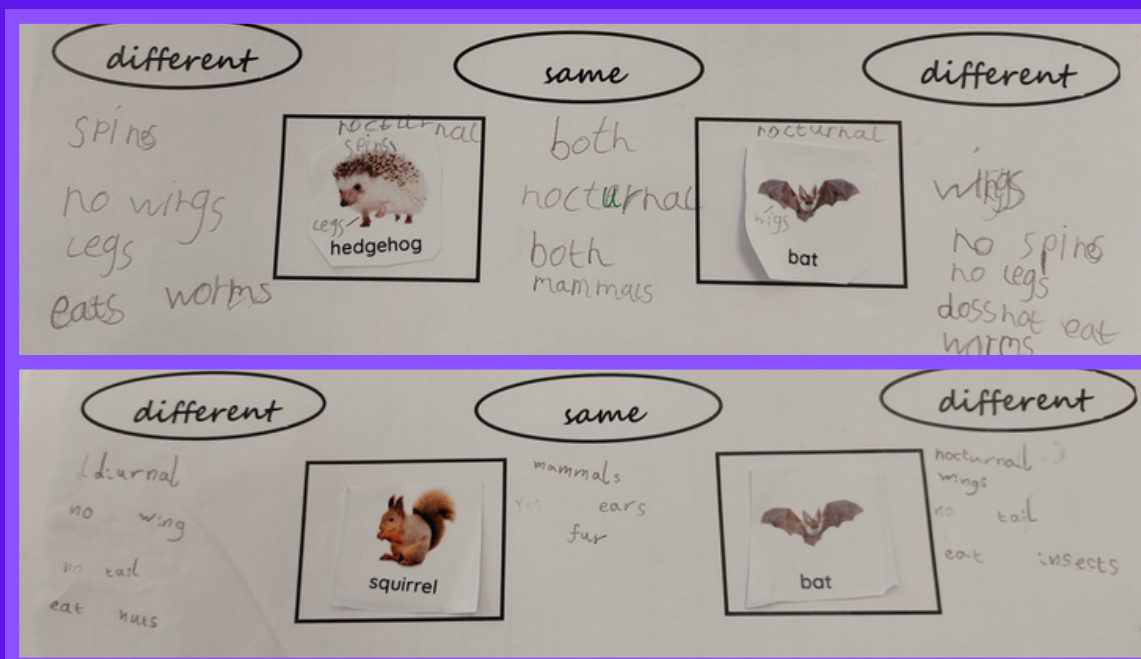




Hurricanes Class

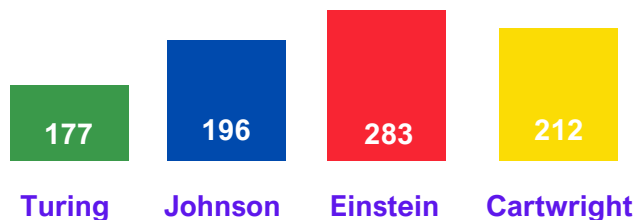
We've had another busy and exciting week in class, full of hands-on learning and creative thinking. In **Maths**, we've been learning all about fractions, focusing on finding halves and quarters of real-life objects, shapes, and numbers. The children have enjoyed using practical resources to explore how things can be shared into equal parts. In English, we've been inspired by the beautiful story "**Grandpa's Island**" by Benji Davies.

After reading and discussing the story, the children imagined what Grandpa might say to Syd after their adventure. They then wrote thoughtful and heartfelt letters from Grandpa to Syd, reflecting on their time together on the island. It was lovely to see the children using their imaginations and developing their letter-writing skills. This week in science, we used a Thinking Frame to help us compare different animals. The children looked at features such as where animals live, what they eat, how they move, and what they look like. The Thinking Frame helped them organise their ideas clearly and spot similarities and differences between various animals. It sparked lots of curiosity and discussion!





House Point Totals



Key upcoming dates

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| Monday, 16 th June | <u>KS2 Athletics event morning</u> Blackbirds class to attend school in their PE kit |
| Friday, 20 th June | <u>School Photos</u> Class and whole school photos. |
| Wednesday, 25 th June | <u>Anglian Learning Dance Festival</u> Invited children to attend school in their PE kit. |
| Thursday, 26 th June | <u>Sports Day.</u> 9:30am start. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us from 9:15am, with the event running through to 11:30. |
| Friday, 27 th June | <u>Linton Zoo trip</u> Comets class trip, please make payments via MCAS. |
| Monday, 30 th June | <u>Year 6s visit their secondary school</u> |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Misk, Ethan & Nathan - **Spitfires**
Aliya - **Hurricanes**
Lucas, Pearl, Hugo - **Hercules**
River - **Vulcans**
Zion, Fayyaz - **Blackbirds**





School dinners

Don't forget to order your child's school dinners before midnight on Saturday, if you have any issues please email [**primary@impactfood.co.uk**](mailto:primary@impactfood.co.uk)

News and information

Wraparound for Nursery.

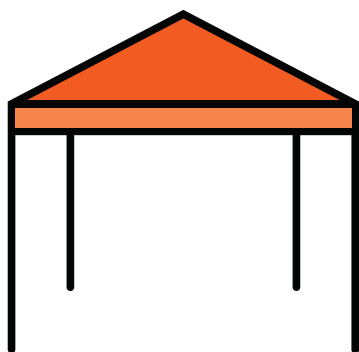
We're pleased to announce that Premier Education will be offering wraparound for nursery children from September. More information, including how to book, will follow in the coming weeks.

Medicine

From September, staff will only administer prescribed medicine for children at school, any non-prescribed medicine (calpol, antihistamine syrups etc) must be administered by parents/carers before school. Parents/carers can administer further doses as necessary throughout the day by contacting the office.

Gazebos needed

If you are able to lend us a gazebo for Sports Day please get in touch with the office, we would very much appreciate your help. Thank you!



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Term Dates 2024/25

Spring term

Monday 6th January to Friday 4th April

Half term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February

Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April

Easter holidays: Monday 7 April – Friday 18th April

Summer term

Tuesday 22nd April to Wednesday 23rd July

Back to school Wednesday 23rd April

Bank holiday Monday 5th May (school closed)

Half term: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

Back to school Tuesday 3rd June

Last day of term 23rd July

INSET Days (closed to pupils)

Tuesday 22 April

Monday 2 June

Term Dates 2025/26

Autumn term 2025

Thursday 4th September to Friday 24th October

Half term: Monday 27th October – 3rd November

Tuesday 4th November to Friday 19th December

Christmas holidays: Monday 22nd December to Tuesday 6th Jan

Spring term 2026

Tuesday 6th January to Friday 13th February

Half Term: Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February

Monday 23rd February to Friday 27th March

Easter Holidays: Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April

Summer term 2026

Monday 13th April to Friday 22nd May

Half Term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

Monday 1st June to Friday 17th July

Summer Holiday: Monday 20th July onwards

INSET Days (closed to pupils)

Monday 1st September

Tuesday 2nd September

Wednesday 3rd September

Monday 3rd November

Monday 5th January

Monday 20th July

School Uniform Donations

Spring cleaning?

Think about donating your old school uniform to the PTFA!



What to donate?

- Branded and non-branded uniforms in good condition (no stains or holes)
- Bookbags
- PE bags

Where to donate?

- School Reception
- **Sports day**-Thursday
26th June

Where to buy?

- **Science Showcase**-
Friday 4th July

Promote sustainability by donating or buying pre-loved uniform and help raise funds for the PTFA!



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GENERATIVE AI SAFETY

Generative AI tools – such as ChatGPT – are now commonly used by children. In fact, 3 in 4 pupils in the 2024 Annual Literacy Survey reported using generative AI, up from just 2 in 5 the previous year. While these tools can boost learning and creativity, they also raise concerns around misinformation, privacy and overuse. This guide explores the key risks and how to support safe use.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISINFORMATION AND ACCURACY



Generative AI can sometimes produce false or misleading content. Children – and even adults – may assume the information is accurate and trustworthy. This can affect learning and understanding of important topics. It's vital to teach children to critically assess all information, even when it comes from AI.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Because generative AI is trained on vast datasets from across the internet, there is a chance it may occasionally generate harmful or inappropriate content. Without supervision, children could encounter disturbing or unsuitable material. Active monitoring and clear usage boundaries can help reduce this risk.

PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

Some AI tools ask for personal details or store users' interactions. If privacy settings are not correctly configured, children's personal data could be exposed or misused. Teaching good digital hygiene and setting strong privacy controls is essential for protecting children online.

REDUCED CRITICAL THINKING



Relying too heavily on AI-generated responses may reduce children's willingness to think independently. If they consistently use AI to solve problems or complete tasks, it could impact their ability to reason, analyse and form their own ideas. Encouraging thoughtful reflection is key.

DIGITAL DEPENDENCY

Regular use of generative AI can contribute to increased screen time and less real-world interaction. If left unmanaged, it may affect physical activity levels, sleep, and social development. Striking a healthy balance between online and offline activities is important for wellbeing.

UNCLEAR ETHICAL BOUNDARIES

Children may not fully understand the ethical implications of using AI to complete homework or creative tasks. This can lead to unintentional plagiarism or dishonest academic practices. Conversations around responsible use and academic honesty are crucial.

IDEAS

Advice for Parents & Educators

ESTABLISH CLEAR GUIDELINES

Set clear, age-appropriate rules for when and how generative AI can be used. Reinforce these regularly to help children develop a healthy, respectful and informed relationship with the technology.



ENCOURAGE CRITICAL EVALUATION

Help children to question the accuracy of AI-generated information and seek out additional trusted sources. This builds essential digital literacy skills and supports better decision-making.



PROMOTE ACTIVE SUPERVISION

Keep an eye on how the children in your care use AI tools. Check in regularly to ensure they're using them appropriately and be ready to step in if something doesn't feel right.



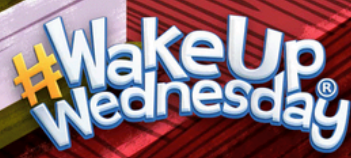
ENHANCE PRIVACY AWARENESS

Talk to children about the importance of keeping personal information private. Make sure privacy settings are in place and explain how data shared with AI tools could be used.



Meet Our Expert

Brendan O'Keeffe, Deputy Headmaster and Director of Digital Strategy at Eaton House Schools, has extensive expertise in digital safety, safeguarding, and generative AI in education. As an author and speaker on digital literacy and online safety for institutions such as The National College, Brendan guides parents and educators in creating safe digital learning environments.



The National College

YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

Venue: Marleigh Primary Academy, CB5 8BG

Dates: 28th - 31st July & 4th - 7th, 11th - 14th August

Times: 8.45am till 3.45pm

Ages: 4 - 11 year olds

Additional info: 15% Discount available online & Fridays @ Fen Ditton



Our 5* Holiday Camps are the perfect place to keep your kids entertained over the summer holidays.

And with the HAF programme, your children can attend sessions free of charge. Each session includes healthy food and enriching activities.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from dodgeball to cricket, basketball to archery.

Book now for a Summer full of fun!



**SCAN HERE FOR
MORE INFORMATION**

or visit premier-education.com/holiday-camps/HAF



Based on over 20,000 reviews

Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love** of reading
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- **95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.



Visit your local library or go online at
👉 summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
to get started from 5 July 2025.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!