



Newsletter January/ February 2026

Please continue to check the website regularly as there are updates, information and calendar dates being added throughout the year!

Learning Themes

Information about our 'Learning Themes' can be found on our website under 'PARENTS' and 'LEARNING THEMES'.

School Fund

As you know we ask parents for a contribution to our 'School Fund' as explained back in August at our 'Family Visit Days'. We are extremely grateful to all parents for making this donation, as the school budget situation has become extremely bleak. The school fund not only pays for your child's weekly snack- which every child receives, but also allows us to fund resources for the many activities in Nursery that all children participate in every week. It is also used to subsidise the many events and visitors we have in the nursery along with funds raised by our PTA. Unfortunately, our Education Authority funding is no longer enough to cover the cost of the very basic equipment that we require such as paper, paint, toilet roll etc. Therefore, your support in contributing a small amount each month really does go a long way in supporting your child in their 'whole' pre-school education.

Big Bedtime Read

We hope that you and your child are enjoying the book packs. Please remember to return your book pack every Monday to school so that there are enough to go home again on the following Thursday.

PTA

Our 'PTA' has already raised a fantastic amount so far this year! Smarties tubes challenge raised just over £1000!

They will be continuing with fundraising events over the coming months! Please check out their Facebook and Website page for further information! These funds enable the PTA to support the school by the purchasing of additional activities and educational equipment for all the children.

Visits and Visitors

We will be welcoming some exciting visitors and activities to our Nursery over the coming months- these are/ will be listed on our Website on the 'calendar'. Special dates for your diary are also listed on this newsletter.

Clothing Bin

The clothing 'recycling' bin is located at our Main Car Park Entrance Gate. This is for family and local community use. Every time the bin is emptied the school receives a small donation from 'Cash for Clobber' so please use it whenever you are having a clear out!

Bad Weather/ Possible School Closure

Thank you to everyone for their understanding and co-operation during and after we had to close the school and then the car park, due to the severe weather. In the event of further bad weather, we will keep you informed as quickly as possible (via the school messaging app and the school website) if we need to close the school or make different arrangements for dropping children off. It is very difficult to predict how our car park and school grounds will be in the event of severe weather. The safety of children, families and staff will always remain the top priority when any decisions are made. These decisions are not made lightly and we very much appreciate your understanding in these challenging situations.

World Book Day 2026

This will be on Wednesday 4th March this year. We ask all children to dress up as their favourite book character! We will be having lots of 'literacy' fun activities going on that day! We are delighted to welcome actor and storyteller Stephen Beggs who will be joining us. Stephen will then be back in school the week beginning 15th June to

facilitate "Arts Week" for the children (more details will follow).

We are also excited to welcome Mr Hullabaloo who is coming on Friday 6th March to present his Springtime show!

Nursery and Primary School Applications

The 'Parent Portal' is open for applications for both Primary and Nursery school applications. If you have not yet made an application for Primary School, you must do so before the closing date: Weds 21st January 12:00 noon.

Admissions Helpdesk

If additional information is required or any difficulty is experienced, parents can contact the admissions helpdesk via the email addresses below:

028 9047 0177

Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm

- Pre-School Admissions
preschooladmissions@eani.org.uk
- Primary School Admissions
primaryadmissions@eani.org.uk

Parent/ Carer Teacher Telephone Meetings

On Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March we will be offering Parents/ Carers the opportunity to speak to their child's teacher regarding their progress in Nursery School so far this year. These are held via telephone and appointments will be made available to book online nearer to the time. An app message will be sent when these are live on our website. Please note that on **Thursday 19th the morning session (Kiwi, Orange and Apple classes) will be CLOSED.** On **Friday 20th March the afternoon session (Lime, Pineapple and Cherry classes) session will be CLOSED.** This is to enable staff the time to facilitate these appointments.

Diary dates: Further info and details will be sent nearer to each event

January

Thursday 15th- Fairview Primary School P7 'Buddies' will be visiting to work alongside the children today

Friday 16th, 23rd, 30th - Jo Jingles in school

February

Thurs 5th- World of Owls visiting nursery

Friday 6th – **Nursery CLOSED for Staff Training Day**

Mon 9th- **Nursery CLOSED all week for mid-term break**

Mon 16th February- Children return to school

Friday 20th and 27th - Jo Jingles in school

March

Wednesday 4th - World Book Day- *children to dress up*

Friday 6th - Mr Hullabaloo Spring Show in school

Thursday 19th- **Morning session CLOSED** (Kiwi, Orange, Apple Classes) for Parent/ Carer- Teacher Telephone progress meetings.

Friday 20th- **Afternoon session CLOSED** (Lime, Pineapple and Cherry classes) for Parent/ Carer- Teacher Telephone progress meetings.

Friday 27th March- **NURSERY CLOSING FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS. Session times on this day: Morning 8:45- 10:15, Afternoon:12- 1:30.**

April

Monday 13th - Nursery reopens for Summer Term

Friday 24th – Jo Jingles in school

May

Friday 1st – Mon 4th- **Closed for Bank Holiday Weekend and Staff Development Day**

Tues 5th – **Nursery re -opens.**

Friday 8th and 15th -Jo Jingles in school

Monday 11th and 18th - Rugbugz in school

Fri 22nd- **Nursery CLOSED for Staff Day**

Mon 25th - **Bank Holiday**

Thursday 28th- Jo Jingles in school

Friday 29th- Graduation photos being taken (These will be available to purchase online in time for the Graduation Days in June)

June

Monday 1st and 8th - Rugbugz in school

Monday 15th June- 'Arts Week'

Friday 19th- 'Pirate' day- children can dress up!

Wednesday 24th- Party Day with Jo Jingles
(Last day for any children returning to us next year)

Thursday 25th June- PM children Graduation Day- and **last day of school** for PM children (no AM session on this day)

Graduation Day for Lime, Pineapple and Cherry Classes- Children will arrive at the following times with a max of 2 adults to accompany them: Cherry: 9:30am, Pineapple: 10:15am, Lime: 11:00am (Each class will be here for approx. 1 hour- coffee man and van will be available to buy refreshments for adults)

Friday 26th June- AM session children Graduation Day and **last day of school**

Graduation Day for Kiwi, Orange and Apple Classes- Children will arrive at the following times with a max of 2 adults to accompany them: Apple: 9:30am, Orange: 10:15am, Kiwi: 11:00am (Each class will be here for approx. 1 hour- coffee man and van will be available to buy refreshments for adults)

Further details will follow about the arrangements for the party and graduation days.