



Evelyn CP School Newsletter – Summer 2025

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Letter from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a thoroughly enjoyable Easter break and were able to make the most of the beautiful weather while it lasted. It has been lovely to return to school for the start of the summer term with the sunshine too. We have already taken the opportunity to have all year groups on the field during lunchtime to make the very most of the outdoor space and to increase children's activity and social interactions.

All staff and governors have worked together to create an aspirational and ambitious Vision for our school for 2030. Children's ideas were also shared which they had devised in class following a Vision Assembly. Class pets and animals were a constant feature, along with a gym and outdoor office for me! Artificial intelligence is also extremely popular and I'm sure will play a role in children's education and future career opportunities. I will be delighted to share our Vision for 2030 with parents shortly to gain your valuable feedback.

Good attendance remains a priority this term. There has been a significant increase in our overall attendance since this time last year, which is extremely pleasing. We know that any improvements will have such a positive impact on children's achievement, attainment and enjoyment for school. We strongly believe in working in partnership with parents and will provide support to remove any barriers which are preventing children attend school. Please visit our school website to read our updated Attendance policy and local authority guidance which can be found in the 'key information' section.

There are a wide variety of exciting events over the next term which are detailed in the 'diary dates for the summer term'. As a school we will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE day, which is taking place nationally on the Thursday 8th May 2025. We will be hanging out the bunting and everyone will be asked to wear the colours red, white and blue to symbolise this significant occasion. Children will learn about this day in history and have lots of opportunities during the day to see how it was marked 80 years ago in Prescot as well as cities around the country. All classes will write their own letter of hope which will be displayed in school. It will also be the theme to my Headteacher Challenge – so please try and take part if you can!

Please get in touch if you have anything we could use to create a local history display.

Although this is our shortest term (5 weeks) it is one of our busiest particularly in terms of assessment. Our Year 6 children undertake their statutory tests the week beginning Monday 12th May and Years 1 to 5 have 'Shine Like a Star Week' beginning Monday 19th May. Everything possible will be put in place to ensure that children's well-being is supported and that they feel confident to do their very best. We are always immensely proud of our children, and our Year 6 class have shown lots of determination and commitment in their preparation.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at our next DIY SOS morning on Saturday 10th May.

Miss Macleod

Dates for the Diary – Summer Term

Family Assembly – Butterflies	Thursday 1 st May – 9am
Inspire Afternoon – Robins	Friday 2 nd May
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May
VE Day celebration/ History Day – dress in red/white/blue	Thursday 8 th May
DIY SOS	Saturday 10 th May
Y6 SATS Test Week (Monday to Thursday)	Week Beginning 12 th May
Y6 Breakfast Club (Monday – Thursday)	Week Beginning 12 th May
Inspire Afternoon – Ladybirds	Friday 16 th May
‘Shine Like a Star’ test week (Years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5)	Week Beginning 19 th May
Walk to school week	Week beginning 19 th May
Half Term (Break Up for 2 weeks)	Thursday 22nd May 3.10pm
Return to school	Monday 9th June
Y1 phonics testing	Week beginning 9 th June
Y4 times tables check	Week beginning 9 th June
Nursery Discovery Day	Monday 9 th June
New Reception Parents Meeting	Friday 13 th June – 9.15am
FOUNDATION STAGE SPORTS DAY	Tuesday, 17 th June – 9.30am
KS1 SPORTS DAY	Tuesday, 17 th June – 1.30pm
KS2 SPORTS DAY	Thursday 19 th June – 9.30am
Prescot Choir Festival - Prescot church	Monday 23 rd May – 6pm
Prescot Festival – Young Instrumentalist	Wednesday 25 th June – 9.30am
Family Assembly – Ladybirds	Thursday 26 th June – 9am
Summer School Fair	Friday, 27 th June – 3.15pm - 5.30pm
Reports Home	Week beginning 7 th July
Whole school transfer day	Monday 7 th July
Rec – Year 5 Fun Day	Tuesday 8 th July

Nursery School Trip	To be confirmed
Achievement Assemblies	KS1 Wednesday 9 th July – 9am KS2 Thursday 10 th July – 9am
Y6 School Trip	Wednesday 9 th July
Final Y6 Leaver’s Performance	Friday 18 th July – 9am
Break Up	Tuesday 22nd July – 1.30pm



School Nurse

The School Nurse, Liz Caton, holds a drop-in session on the 3rd Thursday of every month in school. She can also take a phone call if you can’t make it into school. We will send the dates on the weekly reminder sheet.

The School Nurse helpline number is 0151 514 2666. You can contact this number for advice from their department.

There will be a special assembly for KS2 children and their parents

on Tuesday 2nd July 9am – 9.45am, led by the school nurse.

She will be talking about the importance of SLEEP, sleep routines and sleep-related issues. Further details will be sent nearer the time, but we hope parents will come along and support this assembly.

Attendance Update

April 2025

This term has provided us with many challenges in relation to attendance. There has been chicken pox, norovirus, winter Flu and respiratory infection outbreaks which have greatly impacted on children's attendance.

The whole school attendance from September to March is 95.19%, which is just above the DfE target. I am sure we can improve this by the time we finish for the Summer holidays!

We have now collated all the attendance data up to finishing for the Easter break.

We are very pleased to announce that:

38 children received an award for 100% attendance from September to March.

57 children received an award for 100% attendance from January to March.

15 children received an award for working hard to improve their attendance.

Well done to everyone that achieved these awards.

Hopefully, as we move into the Summer season, the numbers of illnesses will decrease, and our attendance will improve.

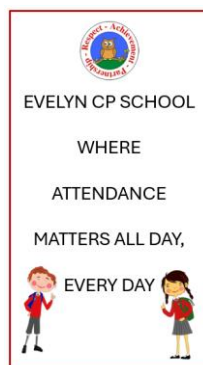
Please remember that we can administer prescribed medication and Calpol if children are well enough to attend school. Staff will monitor them and ring home if they feel your child is feeling worse.

Moving into the Summer term, we will be holding our annual 'Shine Like A Star Week' that provides your child's new teacher with an up-to-date overview of attainment. Please ensure that if your children are well, they attend school. It is proven that good attendance leads to greater progress.

Please visit our school website to see our new attendance policy and relevant documents that have been provided by the local authority.

Thank You to all that are supporting our drive to improve attendance across the school.

Mrs Critchley



Test Week/Shine Like A Star Week

Test week can sometimes worry pupils or their parents. Put simply, tests are just one way for teachers to find out how well their pupils have been progressing. Teachers will have been assessing their class all year and in lots of different ways. The week will not solely be about testing – there will be lots of relaxation and fun activities too.

As a parent you can:

- Encourage your child to do their best and always ‘have a go’
- Make sure they have a good breakfast and bring water with them to school
- Try to ensure your child gets enough sleep and has time to ‘rest’ (i.e. no electronics) before bedtime
- Make sure they have everything they need each day (library sessions and PE will still be taking place)
- Let them talk about their day if they wish, but try not to focus on the tests
- Reassure them that ‘tests’ are to encourage us to think about what we have learnt. There will be things they may not be able to do, and that is NORMAL. Everyone will remember different things.



Visioning Day – April 2025

The school sets its vision for the future every five years. It is an important milestone, setting our course and giving new aspirations. It is vital that all of the community are involved. The children held a Visioning Day before half term where they discussed how they would like to develop the school in the future. All the staff and governors met for a workshop to agree a new strapline for the school and discuss the Vision for each area of school development; Leadership and Management, Personal Development, Quality of Education and Behaviour and Attitudes.

We are completing the details of our new Vision and will update you in September, giving everyone an opportunity to contribute to the final document.

Year 6 PGL Trip

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their residential trip to PGL in March. They completed activities such as; canoeing (which resulted in some getting wet!), orienteering in groups (to compete against each other in teams to locate clues hidden around the site) and the zip wire - which was one of the most popular activities – where children and staff faced their fear of heights.

Year 6 also enjoyed learning how to make fire, riding on the giant swing, and the challenge of climbing a pole and doing a 'leap of faith' from the top.

The fun didn't stop in the evening as the children had lots of fun in the silent disco and toasting marshmallows on a camp fire.





***Thank you to all the nursery children and families for their wonderful Easter bonnets.
We really enjoyed their parade through school.***



Curiosity Approach.

Miss Ridgway went on a course for the 'Curiosity Approach'. This approach was created for parents to support their children with their communication and language.

The curiosity approach is about creating a chance for curiosity to gain attention and is a 1-1 approach for children who are developmentally 2.5 years and below.

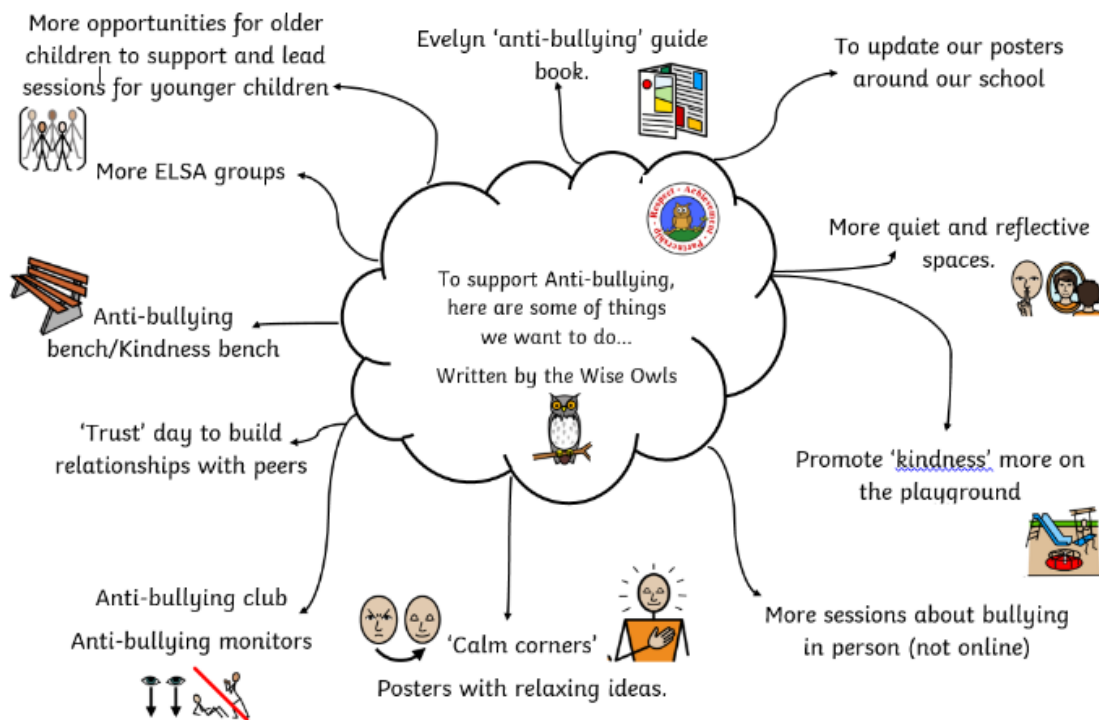
If you would like some further information about this, we can provide some more on how to support your children using this approach. Please contact Miss Ridgway.

Anti-Bullying – update from Miss Ridgway

I have been working on our Anti-Bullying policy. I have worked closely with Mrs Rivers and the Wise Owls to create two mind maps based on what we already do in our school and what they would like more of. Mrs Rivers and I will work together to support the wants of the Wise Owls in regards to Anti-Bullying.

Some children in KS2 have been working hard to make some 'Anti-Bullying' posters. These will be displayed around half term to promote 'Anti-Bullying'.





Online Safety

There is a growing concern on how excessive use of smartphones can affect our children.

In addition to the effects of seeing inappropriate content online, the risk of cyberbullying and grooming, it is important that we also highlight the effects of smartphone use on our children's mental health. If your child is using a smartphone then please try to ensure they maintain a healthy screen time limit.

You can find out more about the positive and negative effects of mobile devices on the Compass website:

<https://www.compass-uk.org/services/compass-changing-lives/what-effects-do-mobile-phones-have-on-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health/>

Tik Tok

You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok.

TikTok is a social media platform for sharing and watching short video clips. Some of the videos may not be appropriate for your child to view and there is also the risk of strangers contacting your child.

If your child is using TikTok then make sure appropriate security/privacy settings are applied.

Family Pairing - This allows you to link your own account to your child's account.

You can then set controls such as restricted mode. You can find out more here:
<https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/account-and-user-safety/family-pairing>

For further information regarding safe use of Tik Tok, please read this factsheet:
<https://safeguarding.thekeysupport.com/factsheets-and-briefings/child-safety-tiktok-parent-factsheet/>

Sports News

The spring term was our busiest yet with teams from Evelyn taking part in 9 competitions and 2 friendly football matches!

In February, Miss Booth and Mr Cahill took a team of girls and boys to the Merseyside Schools Gymnastics Finals, which took place in Birkenhead, an incredible achievement and the first time that a team from Evelyn has competed in gymnastics! The skill and commitment on show was inspiring to watch.

In March, we took part in the Football Association's 'Let Girls Play' initiative for the second year running, which aims to encourage girls to take up football. We hosted a team from Prescot Primary School and after 4 rounds of matches our team triumphed, winning 3 games to 1. Teams from Years 4, 5 and 6 have taken part in tournaments at Liverpool and Everton football academies as well as competing in the Prescot & Whiston Football League and the Sylvia Gore Girls Football League.

***We've lots of competitions to look forward to in the next term, including archery, orienteering, football and rounders.
Stay active everyone!***



Health and Safety Week

A big THANK YOU to our parents/carers/visitors who took the time to visit classes during Health and Safety week. We enjoyed finding out about different careers and how important health and safety is to all of us.

Classes enjoyed visits from a range of professions including the emergency services, the construction industry, medical and road safety teams.

The week culminated in a fun day where all staff and children dressed to show health and safety jobs.

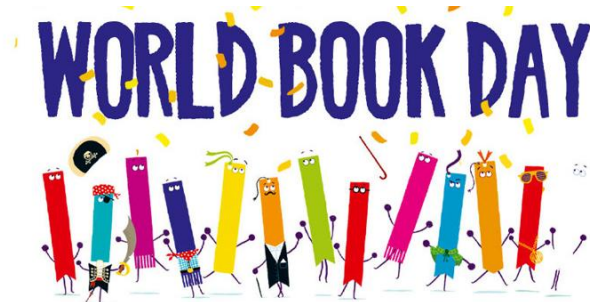


We are committed to the wellbeing and mental health of children, staff, parents, governors and the community.

For your wellbeing and mental health this term:

- **Drink lots of water** – hydrating is the number one way to boost your mood and it leads to mental focus, clarity and help with anxiety. It's also good for skin and nourishes the whole body. As the weather warms up, we need even more hydration.

- **Declutter** – tackle a cupboard, a shelf or even a box. Put some Winter clothes away or consider giving to a charity shop if something hasn't been worn for a while. Get the family involved if possible. Just 10 minutes can make a difference.
- **Do something kind for yourself** – take a few minutes to do something you enjoy or treat yourself. This needn't cost anything. What gives you a smile?



World Book Day was a great success and we raised £77 at the book bring and buy. Thank you to everyone who entered into the spirit of the day with their wonderful costumes and thank you to all who sent in books for the sale.



CINEMA CLUB



Cinema club is held every Wednesday from 3.15 – 5.15pm. For just £3 your child can relax and enjoy a film with their friends, together with a snack and a drink. It's great value and suitable for all ages from Reception to Year 6. All you need to do is make sure you have logged into Parent Pay and paid your £3.

After School Provision – Bright Owls



Bright
Owls

We are pleased to continue to offer '**Bright Owls**' sessions this term.

This wraparound care runs for 2 evenings per week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 3.15pm – 5.15pm.

Bookings should be done via the Parentpay system and payment must be made prior to attendance. In order for us to properly staff/resource these sessions, bookings should be made by Friday of the week before and full payment made for sessions booked.

Bookings/payments can be made for the week, month or term. Once bookings are confirmed, no refunds can be made for non-attendance.

Please contact the school office for more information and an application form.

*****Please note, from September the Bright Owl sessions will extend to cover Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays*****

Early Bird Breakfasts



From Easter we have been running an 'Early Bird Breakfast Club' from 8am – 8.35am, Monday to Friday in our Science Hub.

It is open to all children from Reception to Year 6, although places are limited.

Children are fully supervised and are offered a breakfast choice consisting of cereal, toast and fruit. Please collect a form to register at the office if you wish your child to have a place.

The cost is £3 per day.



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