

Headteacher Newsletter

Spring Term: March 2026



I would like to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all **parents and carers** for your amazing support and generosity! This term has been a busy one in terms of fundraising and events and we are incredibly grateful for your continued support!

World Book Day Reading Challenge

Thank you to the PTA for their suggestion of the Year Of Reading Challenge and a **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone for your incredible support!! I am delighted to announce the amount raised, which was beyond our expectations: together we raised £1450! Thank you so much for your support and generosity!

This amount raised, in addition to the very generous donation from Mrs Colbridge's family in honour of her, has enabled school to purchase a new climbing Trim Trail for the children to play on during playtimes and lunchtimes. It will be located between the two playgrounds so all children, Years 1-6, can access and enjoy it. I will update you again with an installation date once it has been confirmed!

Here's a visual of the Trim Trail we have ordered:



Book Donation

I would like to give a **special thank you** to one of our families who has very kindly and generously donated money to school for us to purchase new books. School Council have been tasked with the responsibility to make a wish list for their class library, taking on board the suggestions given from their class peers. Thank you to our School Council for rising to this challenge!

Attendance

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child has excellent attendance.

From the start of the year to date, all classes have at least 95% attendance! Attendance in Nursery, Reception, Year 5 and Year 6 are all above 96%. This is fantastic! Thank you.

Decorate an Egg Competition

Reminder: If your child would like to enter the competition, please send in their entry on Wednesday 25th March. School Council will judge the competition. All children from Nursery to Year 6 are welcome to enter the competition. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd winner from each class.



May Bank Holiday – extended weekend!

Reminder: School will be closed on Friday 1st May as well as the Bank Holiday on Monday 4th May. We hope you enjoy your extended weekend with your children.

Walk, Scoot or Cycle

As we approach Spring, and hopefully some drier weather, I ask our families to walk, scoot or cycle to school if it is possible. Scooters and bikes can be stored at school in our bike/ scooter shelter near the EYFS gate entrance. Thank you for helping us to look after the environment.

Share Your Talent - Video

Every Friday, we give children the opportunity to perform in front of the school during our Friday celebration assembly. We call this 'Share Your Talent' and it is organised between the children and the class teachers. From this week, we have introduced a new system to give you the opportunity to see a recording of your child's performance via a password protected page on our school website. From this week, if your child performs in 'Share Your Talent', you will receive a message from the class teacher via MCAS – the message will include the link to the webpage and the password so you can watch the video. The password will be changed each week. We use YouTube to host the video for that week, but it is private and cannot be searched for on YouTube.

Water bottles – water only please!

Please ensure your child's water bottle that is sent into school daily has **only water** in it, not juice or cordial – inline with our healthy school's policy. Juice / cordial is allowed in lunch boxes, for lunchtime only. Thank you for your support with this!

Events Coming Up [Events calendar – Eatock Primary School](#)

Please check our **school website's Events Calendar on a regular basis** to ensure you are aware of the events coming up. Click the blue link below to visit our Events Calendar:

[Events calendar – Eatock Primary School](#)

There are lots of events on there for March and April, so please have a look!

Safeguarding and safety

Encompass

Reminder: Schools have a duty to inform parents/carers about our participation in [Operation Encompass](#). Working together to safeguard children, Greater Manchester Police will inform the Key Adults within schools about any incidents involving the police.

Online Safety:

This month's Online Safety Tip is aimed at children who access social media on their own device.



FOLLOW WHO THEY FOLLOW

A good way to see first-hand who may be influencing your child is to create your own social media account and follow the same people they do. This will give you a strong indication of what is shaping how your child behaves, what they like and what they are taking an interest in.



More online safety tips can be found here: [#WakeUpWednesday - Free resources for trusted adults](#)

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hickman

