



East Haddon CEVC Primary School

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'Love each other as I have loved you' John 15:12

Our school virtues are: Love, Moderation, Courage, Justice, Hope, Faith, Wisdom.

Our British Values are: Tolerance, Rule of Law, Liberty, Mutual Respect, Democracy.

Our current PSHE topic is 'Dreams & Goals'.

Newsletter w/e 16th January 2026

Mrs Truslove writes

We have been thinking about spirituality in school recently, and as we move through Winter and into Spring, red and green class will be exploring the seasonal changes around us in their Forest School sessions. Mrs Underwood will be leading us as we watch in awe and wonder the beauty of our surroundings and the magic that happens in every corner of the forest school area – even when she is working with green class to recreate the Great Fire of London or the plague!

Mrs Truslove/Mrs Banks – Red class

Our topic this term is Polar Explorers/ Snow and Ice. If your child has anything at home related to this topic they are more than welcome to bring it in to share with the class to support our learning.

Phonics

Reception have learnt the new sounds ai, ee, igh and oa. They have practised reading and writing words containing these sounds.

All reception children will be coming home with a 'Tricky Word' bookmark over the next couple of weeks. The bookmark will contain words which we have taught in school which they need to learn. These words are 'tricky' because they cannot be sounded out and must just be learnt from sight. Once your child can read these words (in and out of order) they will receive the next bookmark with new words to learn. Please practise these at home as much as possible. Thank you.

Year One have learnt the following alternative sounds/ spellings- /e/ ea eg head, /w/ wh eg wheel and /oa/ oe ou eg toe, shoulder. They have also learnt the tricky words any, many and again.

Maths

Reception- This week the children have practised counting to 100 and comparing and ordering numbers to 20. They have had a lot of practise subitising numbers to 6. They have also been estimating numbers of objects and images and understanding that teen numbers are 10 plus some more.

Year One- This week the children have been practising saying the number one more or one less and two more or two less using a number line or 100 square. They have also been locating 2-digit numbers and understanding them as some tens and some ones.

Mrs Gibbins – Green class

Tables this week are the 4x. Homework is in the blue book.

We had a great time in forest school this week, we recreated the Great Fire of London. We were amazed at how quickly the fire spread on such a damp day. There are photographs on the web site.

Thank you for the cereal boxes, please keep them coming if you can.

Mrs Pickles/Mr Wilkinson – Blue Class

Next week in maths we will be working on Measure.

Times tables: Year 4 return to the 8x table.

Years 5 and 6 moving on to the 8x table in division form, e.g.: $32 \div 8 = 4$, $64 \div 8 = 8$

Homework this week: The normal spelling/writing sheet (although we have Week 16 this week and will do Weet 15 next week) and the following:

Yr6: Maths: 2 pages in the CGP book on Percentages Problems (p.46-47)

English: 4 pages in the Grammar book on Punctuation Practice (p.36-39).

Yr5: Maths: Worksheet on Factors and Multiples.

English: 4 pages in the Grammar book on Punctuation Practice (p.36-39).

Yr4: Maths: Worksheet on Factors and Multiples.

English: 3 pages in the CGP book on Negatives and Capital Letters and Full Stops (p.35-37).

Friday PE request: As we are doing hockey this term on Fridays, if any of the children have **mouth guards** or **shin pads**, they may be brought into school for these sessions. The children have been taught about using hockey sticks safely and this will be monitored closely but, particularly when we start playing small-sided games in a couple of weeks, there is still the possibility of accidental injury.

Class Photos

Just a reminder that on Friday 30th January the Photographer will be in school to take Class photos.

Please see the flyers attached to the email regarding:

[Pacesetters February Half Term Clubs 2026](#)

[Long Buckby AFC U7's recruitment](#)

Academic Year 2025-26

TERM 3	Training Day	Monday	5 th January
	Re-open	Tuesday	6 th January
	Close	Friday	13 th February
TERM 4	Re-open	Monday	23 rd February
	Close	Friday	27 th March
TERM 5	Training Day	Monday	13 th April
	Re-open	Tuesday	14 th April
	May Day	Monday	4 th May
	Close	Friday	22 nd May
TERM 6	Re-open	Monday	1 st June
	Close	Friday	17 th July
	Training Day	Monday	20 th July

Academic year 2026-27

TERM 1	Training Day	Tuesday	1 st September
	Re-open	Wednesday	2 nd September
	Close	Friday	23 rd October
TERM 2	Training Day	Monday	2 nd November
	Re-open	Tuesday	3 rd November
	Close	Friday	18 th December
TERM 3	Training Day	Monday	4 th January
	Re-open	Tuesday	5 th January
	Close	Friday	12 th February
TERM 4	Re-open	Monday	22 nd February
	Close	Thursday	25 th March
TERM 5	Training Day	Monday	12 th April
	Re-open	Tuesday	13 th April
	May Day	Monday	3 rd May
	Close	Friday	28 th May
TERM 6	Training Day	Monday	7 th June
	Re-open	Tuesday	8 th June
	Close	Wednesday	21 st July