

# The Evercreech Echo



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## Friday 24th January 2025—Spring Volume 3

### Headteacher's message

What a busy week for us here at Evercreech CofE Primary. We have welcomed visitors from Guide Dogs UK, hosted the Year 6 Bikeability programme and our KS2 children took part in a Tag Rugby Tournament at Ansford Academy.

Tonight, we are excited to host our first School Disco of the year! The cost is £4.00 per child which includes a drink and a packet of sweets with all profits going to towards PTFA funds for our lovely children. Payment is on arrival (cash only). Children will be supervised by school and PTFA staff so can be dropped off and left once signed in.

- Reception and KS1—4.30-5.30pm
- KS2 (Yr3-6) - 5.45-6.45pm

With kind regards,

Mrs Sarah Hann, Headteacher



### Guide Dogs Assembly

It was a real pleasure to receive a visit from Sarah from Guide Dogs UK and her Ambassador Dog, Sandy.

Sarah explained how the dogs are trained as puppies to learn a series of 37 tasks. If they successfully complete these tasks, they can graduate to the next stage of training to prepare them for being a Guide Dog for people with visual impairment.

Sarah's dog, Sandy, did not master his 37 tasks and is now an Ambassador dog for the charity raising awareness in schools and other venues.

The children learned that Guide Dogs help blind and visually impaired people to cross the road and to navigate around any dangers. She emphasised the importance of leaving working dogs alone when we see them out in public and gave us indicators that tell us when a blind person might need help.



### Attendance matters

Our attendance figure this week is **91.63%**  
(Last week: **92.69%**)



### Coats

With this unpredictable weather, we ask that children always have a coat in school to allow them to play outside whenever possible—thank you!



### Spring Term Learning Priority— Reading update

Mrs McDougall has booked a wonderful local author, Kimberley Hanks, to talk to our KS2 children as part of our reading focus. The children will have the opportunity to purchase a signed copy of her book during the event—we can't wait!

On Monday 3rd February, KS1 will also be having an author visit from Annette Stacey who will read her stories to the children.

Again, the children will have the opportunity to purchase her signed book — we are looking forward to hearing all about their books and ideas for reading inspiration!



### **Year 3—Science**

This week, Willow Class conducted small group investigations into the properties of light. They explored how different materials interact with torch light. Their investigations focused on identifying and classifying materials as transparent, opaque or translucent. The children then compared and recorded our findings in our books.



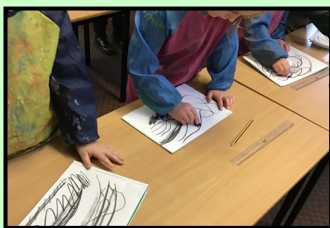
### **Year 4 – Performance Poetry**

In Sycamore this week, the children have been composing and performing their own versions of poems. They explored the different poetic devices and structures used in these poems to help create ours. It was great fun to have a go at performing in front of the class.



### **Year 2— Art**

Mulberry Class have been experimenting with charcoal. We used the charcoal in different ways by using words. For example, the word 'sharp' was a very rigid line. They also used different pressures to create different textures and patterns.



### **Collective Worship—Faith**

Through the Parable of the Sower, we explored how faith can grow and develop through the foundations that people receive. We heard how the farmer's seeds (our faith) struggled to thrive in the poor conditions of the rocky ground but with the right conditions were able to successfully grow into corn.

The children took the time to think about how kindness, love and support can make a difference to people's lives.

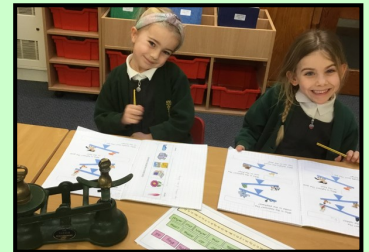


### **Year 1– Maths**

This week, Cherry Class, have been exploring 'mass'. They've been using key terminology like "lighter" and "heavier" to describe the weight of objects and compare different items to determine which one weighs more or less.

To develop their knowledge, the children have learned to understand the difference between smaller weights (grams) and larger weights (kilograms) practising using weighing scales to measure objects and determine their weight.

To make the learning more interactive, Cherry Class compared the weight of various objects in the classroom, such as books, rubbers, and even their Spiderman box!



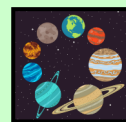
### **EYFS—Maths**

Holly Class have been working on 2D Shapes this week and making their own 2D Shape Pizzas as part of their themed work on 'Food, Glorious Food!'.



### **Year 5— Science/Art**

This week in art, Pine Class have been hard at work crafting stunning 3D models of the planets in the Solar System. Using acrylic paints, the children skillfully captured the intricate patterns and vibrant colours of each planet, resulting in fantastic pieces that will add a bright, creative touch to our classroom.



### **Year 6—Tag Rugby Tournament at Ansford**

11 of our Year 6 children represented our school at a Tag Rugby Tournament against other local primary schools at Ansford Academy. The children played brilliantly; scoring some fabulous tries and getting better and better at their passing and tagging with each match. We won two games and lost two games, so came third overall.



## Spring 2025 Diary Dates

- Fri 24th Jan - Yr 2 Judaism Workshop (virtual event)
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Jan - PTFA School Disco (times to follow)
- Tues 28th Jan - Mel Young (Mental Health Support Team) Parent session—Supporting Big Feelings 2pm
- Fri 31st Jan - Mrs Hann's Headteacher Tea Party - Year 1 (selected children)
- Mon 3rd Feb - KS1 Author visit
- Weds 5th Feb - KS1/KS2 NSPCC Assemblies (In class events)
- Weds 5th Feb - Year 1 visit to St.Peter's Church (Places of Worship)
- Fri 7th Feb - Whole school bake sale for Guide Dogs UK
- Fri 7th Feb - KS2 Intra House Netball Competition
- Fri 7th Feb - Wear your scarf to school day—Mental Health Awareness
- Mon 10th Feb - NSPCC Speak out stay safe workshops in class—Years 2, 5 & 6
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Feb - Safer Internet Day
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Feb - EYFS Burns the Bread visit
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Feb - Parents Evening 1 (3.30pm-6pm)
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Feb - Parents Evening 2 (3.30pm-6pm)
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Feb - EYFS and Year 6 Heights and weights measurements
- Thur 13th Feb - Year 1 Rock up and Read! (2.30pm)
- Fri 28th Feb - Mrs Hann's Headteacher Tea Party - Year 3 (selected children)
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> March - Downside Races Cross Country – Race 3
- Wed 5th Mar - Year 3 Trip to Cheddar Gorge (Willow Class)
- Wed 5th Mar - Year 5 trip to We The Curious, Bristol
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Mar - World Book Day (**Details to follow**)
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Mar - World Prayer Day
- Weds 12th Feb - Year 1 trip to Bristol Zoo
- Thur 13th Mar - Year 2 RSPB Ham Wall Nature Reserve trip
- Mon 17th Mar - Fri 21st March—School science week
- Mon 17th Mar - Space Dome visit—all year groups to take part
- Weds 19th Mar - KS2 Local Author visit and book signing
- Thurs 20th Mar - Yr2 to visit The Glenn Care Home
- Fri 21st Mar - Science project exhibition 2.45pm - 3.15pm (In school hall)
- Weds 26th Mar - Year 3 & 4 Production 2.15pm (**Please note, this date has changed**)
- Thurs 27th Mar - Year 3 & 4 Production 2.15pm
- Thurs 27th & Fri 28th March—Scholastic Book Fair in school
- Thur 27th Mar - Rev. Helen visiting Oak Class (Salvation)
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Mar - Red Nose Day (**Non-uniform with a red theme**)
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Mar - EYFS Mother's Day Service (Mum's invited to Evercreech)
- Fri 28th Mar - Mrs Hann's Headteacher Tea Party - Year 5 (selected children)
- Tues 1st Apr - Year 6 SATs Parent Information Session (Time TBA)
- Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr - Mendip Junior League
- Thurs 3rd Apr - Easter Service @ St.Peter's Church—Holly and Oak Class Parents
- Fri 5th Apr - Break up for Easter
- Tues 22nd Apr - INSET day (Staff only)
- Wed 23rd Apr - Children back to school for Summer Term

***Additional class trips and visits will be added over the next few weeks once confirmation has been received.***

### Acorns Pre-School

This week, Acorns have been doing some wonderful work in their literacy and maths. They have been following lines and shapes to join the arctic animals to their homes through showing some wonderful pen control and excellent concentration skills.

In maths, they have been looking at circles and triangles. The children have searched their local environment and tried really hard to draw the shapes on our large whiteboard—really good work Acorns!

Our Acorn of the week is Zain for having a really positive week.



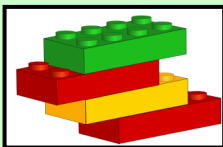
### After School Clubs

With Chinese New Year approaching, the children in art club learned about what this is and created a dragon! They used a paper plate to create a swirled effect before painting the dragon using red and metallic paint. The children also used some shiny paper to create the effect of scales—marvelous creativity!



### After School Clubs

Our ever popular Lego club have been busy creating a range of different model in their pairs and groups. It is wonderful to watch their creativity and skills develop through team work and co-operation. We definitely have some future engineers in the making—well done Lego clubbers!



## Café Church

### TRACTOR SUNDAY



Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
9.30 am for 9.50 am  
The Bell Inn Skittle Alley,  
Evercreech BA4 6HY

by kind permission of Dean and Anna Clarke.

A family service based on the celebration of 'Plough Sunday' which falls earlier in the month.



We will bless seeds and implements in readiness for the forthcoming year.

## Spotlight on Wellbeing



We are looking forward to welcoming you to our workshop on **Supporting Your Child's Big Feelings: An Emotion Coaching Approach** - thank you to everyone that has already confirmed their attendance.

We are also pleased to share details about other webinars for parents and carers taking place this Spring, provided for **free** by the MHST; please scan the QR code to find out more.

