

The Evercreech Echo



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Headteacher's message

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed spending quality time together, creating special memories with family and friends. I also hope there were plenty of opportunities to get outdoors, relax and enjoy the sunshine whenever it appeared!

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week. There was a real sense of excitement as they met their new teachers and support staff and spent time in their new classrooms. The children have settled brilliantly and embraced the start of the new academic year with enthusiasm and positivity.

A particularly warm welcome goes to our new children and families joining us this year, especially those starting their school journey in Holly Class. We are delighted to have you as part of our school community and look forward to getting to know you over the coming weeks. We hope your children settle quickly and enjoy all the wonderful experiences that lie ahead.

As we begin the year together, I would like to remind families that we are here to support both you and your child. If you have any concerns, worries or questions, please talk to us as early as possible so that we can work together to find a solution. We pride ourselves on being approachable and accessible, and members of our staff team, including the Senior Leadership Team, are available on the gates each morning and afternoon. We value the strong relationships we have with our families and know that open communication helps us provide the very best support for our children.

We are looking forward to another exciting year of learning, growth and memorable experiences together.

With kind regards,

Mrs Sarah Hann, Headteacher



Help Shape Our After-School Club Enrichment Offer

As we plan our after-school clubs for the year ahead, we would love to hear from you.

What clubs or activities would your child be excited to take part in?

Whether it is sport, music, art, crafts, drama, computing, gardening, cookery, or something completely different, your ideas will help us create an offer that reflects the interests of our children and encourages as many pupils as possible to get involved.

Please share your suggestions with your child's class teacher or complete the short survey link sent yesterday—thank you.



New Breakfast and After School Club Doorbell

Please note, Breakfast and After School Club now have their own doorbell located by the main reception entrance. Please ring the bell on your arrival and a member of staff will come to collect you—thank you.



Attendance

This week's attendance: **96.59%**.

For attendance support, please contact:

Mrs Jefferies—Pupil Attendance Champion

Mrs Patton—School PFSA (Parent Family Support Advisor)

Mrs Chilcott—Senior Mental Health Lead



Meet the Teacher

We would like to invite parents and carers to an informal "Meet the Teacher" drop-in session on **Wednesday 16th September** from **3:20pm to 4:00pm**.

This is a relaxed opportunity to pop into your child's classroom, meet their teacher, see where they will be learning and share any information, questions or concerns that may help us support your child throughout the year.

There is no formal presentation and no expectation that everyone attends. We simply wanted to provide an opportunity for families who would like to come along and say hello.

We understand that not all parents will be able to make it. If you are unable to attend, please contact your child's teacher via Class Dojo or speak to them in person.

Medical Information and Individual Health Care Plans

Please let us know if your child has a medical condition that may need support during the school day. Some children may require an **Individual Healthcare Plan (IHP)** to help us keep them safe n school.

This may include conditions such as:

- Diabetes
- Severe allergies (including nut allergies)
- Asthma
- Epilepsy
- Coeliac Disease or Crohn's Disease
- ADHD, requiring medication during the day
- Heart conditions
- Any other condition requiring regular medication or support



If your child has received a new diagnosis, started medication, or their medical needs have changed over the summer, please contact the school as soon as possible.

If in doubt, please speak to us. We are always happy to discuss your child's needs and ensure the right support is in place.

Attendance Changes

As we start a new school year, we would like to thank all families for their continued support in ensuring children attend school regularly and on time. Every day in school matters, and good attendance helps children build strong friendships, feel part of our school community, and make the most of their learning opportunities. This year, in line with national guidance, we will be monitoring attendance more closely and working with families at an early stage if we notice any concerns or patterns of absence. Our aim is always to work in partnership with parents and carers, offering support where needed to help every child achieve excellent attendance and thrive in school.

WELCOME TO EVERCREECH CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

ESSENTIAL ATTENDANCE INFORMATION | FROM SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2026

WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE ATTENDANCE - REGULATIONS FROM THE DfE

REGISTER TIMES

- School gates open at 8:45 AM.
- Registration closes at 8:55 AM.
- Arriving after the register closes counts as **UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE**.

90% ATTENDANCE = PERSISTENT ABSENCE

- Support is available from our Attendance Champion: **Mrs Jefferies, Assistant Head**. We'll work with you to resolve attendance barriers early.

SUPPORT BEFORE FINES

- Support is available from our Attendance Champion: **Mrs Jefferies, Assistant Head and School PFSA, Mrs Beth Patton**.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE

- Formal doctor notes are **NOT** required for routine minor illnesses. We trust your judgment.

TERM-TIME LEAVE

- **NO** automatic approvals. ALL requests must be submitted **IN ADVANCE** and reviewed individually.

PENALTY FINES

- Unauthorised absence can incur local authority fines, starting at £80 per parent, per child.

HAVE BARRIERS TO ATTENDANCE? CONTACT US IMMEDIATELY!

Our team is here to support you.

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