

The Evercreech Echo



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Headteacher's message

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed a wonderfully relaxing and blissful Christmas break with your family and friends. As a school, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your generosity towards our staff at the end of last term. Your words, cards and gifts were gratefully appreciated—thank you.

As we begin 2025, we are excited by the prospect of lighter mornings and evenings and the exciting learning opportunities we have planned for this term. Our INSET day this week, saw us focusing on curriculum planning and looking at ways to further enrich our provision.

From 1st January, we officially welcomed Acorns Pre-School as part of Evercreech CofE Primary. This means we are now a 2-11 through primary. While Acorns will keep their own identify, we are excited to welcome Pauline and her wonderful team to our school.

With kind regards,

Mrs Sarah Hann, Headteacher



School Attendance

Our persistent absenteeism rate is significantly above national expectations. Persistent absenteeism is defined as attendance that falls below 90%. In real terms, this equates to 20 days of lost learning a year. Through the day, children are exposed to large levels of learning across a range of subjects. Evidence shows that lost learning has a direct correlation on children's attainment and future success in school.

There are an increasing number of children being collected early on Friday afternoons or taking non-urgent appointments during the middle of the school day and not returning. We encourage parents to try and make appointments outside of school hours and reserve the right to ask for proof of appointments in certain cases i.e. Text message or appointment cards. We recognise that some medical appointments will be emergencies and this will be looked at sympathetically.

We appreciate your support on this vitally important matter.



Attendance matters

Our attendance figure this week is: **93.9%**
(Last week: **92.7%**)



After School Clubs

Clubs re-start WB: **Monday 13th January**. You should have received notification of your child's club place today.



School website

We are excited to share that our new school website will go live on **Monday 13th January**. It contains a wealth of information that we hope you will find beneficial. A ParentMail with details will follow.

Spring Term Learning Priority—Reading

This term, we will be focusing heavily on our whole school target of reading. Children will be exposed to lots of different activities and work with visitors to engage them and develop their reading skills. Look out for diary dates for parental workshops, visitors and information from class teachers on ways in which they are promoting reading in their classrooms.

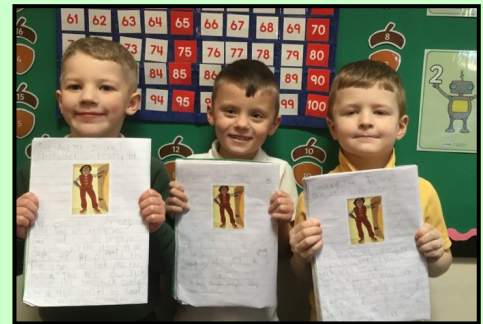
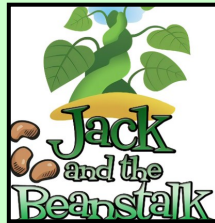
Year 3— P.E

This week, Willow Class enjoyed a surprise snow day during PE! The children had a fantastic time turning their basketball lesson into snow play. They enjoyed running around trying to catch snowflakes and creating lasting memories with their classmates.



Year 1 — English

Cherry Class has been having a fantastic time exploring *Jack and the Beanstalk* in English! First, they wrote a character description of the giant, using exciting adjectives like *colossal* to bring him to life. Then, they sequenced the story and broke it down into the beginning, middle, and end. Afterwards, they retold the fairy tale in their own words.



Year 4 – Computing

In computing this week, Sycamore Class have been learning about networks and how information is shared across these. They also explored how they can share information across different networks and countries using routers. We even had a go at making our own network with children in the class acting as our devices and switches.



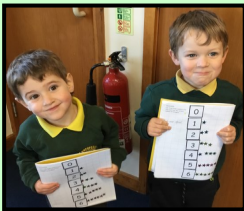
Year 5 — Space!

This week in science, Pine Class have started their new unit on "Earth and Space". The children have enjoyed learning about the eight planets that form our solar system. They have produced some fantastic work detailing the order in which the planets revolve around the sun, and have researched some interesting facts about each of the different planets.



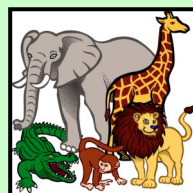
EYFS— Maths

Holly Class have been working hard in Maths this week ordering numbers and building number lines to 10.



Year 2— Science

This week, Mulberry Class have started their science topic of 'Animals including humans' and have been looking at the different animal groups and their offspring. They had a go at pairing the animals with their babies. They thought about which animals look similar to their offspring when they are born and which look very different.



Acorns Pre-School

This week, Acorns have been looking at snow and ice. They drew some lovely shapes in the frosty playground, made tiny snowmen, and decided which of our small world creatures belonged in the snow. They brought the snow indoors in the Tuff Tray to see what would happen to it and learned lots of new descriptive language by talking about how the snow felt. A fun time was had by all!

'Acorn Of The Week' this week is Freya, for being kind, helpful and tidy.



Year 6

Oak Class played a very tactical game of Danish Rounders in PE which involves more physicality for everyone and greater decision making for the batters than traditional rounders.



Spring 2025 Diary Dates

- Mon 6th Jan - INSET day (No children in school)
- Tues 7th Jan - Children back to school**
- Weds 15th Jan - EYFS to Pizza Express (Holly Class)
- Weds 22nd Jan - Yr2 Dogs Trust Workshop
- Fri 24th Jan - Yr 2 Judaism Workshop (virtual event)
- Fri 24th 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)
- Weds 5th Feb - KS1/KS2 NSPCC Assemblies (In class events)
- Mon 10th Feb - NSPCC Speak out stay safe workshops in class—Years 2, 5 & 6
- Tues 11th Feb - Safer Internet Day
- Tues 11th Feb - Parents Evening 1 (3.30pm-6pm)
- Wed 12th Feb - Parents Evening 2 (3.30pm-6pm)
- Fri 28th Feb - Mrs Hann’s Headteacher Tea Party - Year 3 (selected children)
- Tues 4th March - Downside Races Cross Country – Race 3
- Wed 5th Mar - Year 3 Trip to Cheddar Gorge (Willow Class)
- Thurs 6th Mar - World Book Day (**Details to follow**)
- Fri 7th Mar - World Prayer Day
- 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
- Fri 21st Mar - Science project exhibition 2.45pm - 3.15pm (In school hall)
- Tues 25th Mar - Year 3 & 4 Production 2.15pm
- 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 25th Mar - Red Nose Day (**Non-uniform with a red theme**)
- Fri 28th Mar - EYFS Mother’s Day Service (Mum’s invited to Evercreech)
- Fri 28th Mar - Mrs Hann’s Headteacher Tea Party - Year 5 (selected children)
- Weds 2nd 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.

Christmas Reading Challenge

Miss Owen set all the children a wonderful Christmas Reading Challenge over Christmas to complete her 'Christmas Bingo Card'. We had so many interesting entries and all children received a special mention in Praise Assembly today.



Our overall school winners were:

- ◆ Nina in Year 3
- ◆ Chloe in Year 5
- ◆ Alexander in Year 6

Well done to everyone that entered. Look out for our next reading challenge that will be coming soon!

Spotlight on Wellbeing

FREE WORKSHOP FOR PARENT AND CARERS AT EVERCREECH PRIMARY SCHOOL



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S BIG FEELINGS: AN EMOTION COACHING APPROACH

IN THIS 1 HOUR WORKSHOP HOSTED BY SOMERSET'S MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM, WE WILL EXPLORE...

- How to support your child's feelings in the moment and for the future.
- You will go away with a range of strategies (including emotion coaching) to boost your child's, and your own, emotional resilience.



WHEN?



On **TUESDAY 28th JANUARY** join us for a 2pm start. The workshop will end around 3.10pm, in time for you to collect your child from school as usual.

To reserve your space, please let your child's school know that you wish to attend

Upcoming Event:

Supporting Your Child's Big Feelings: An Emotion Coaching Approach

A workshop for Parents/Carers

We are pleased to offer you this free workshop run by the Somerset Mental Health Support Team (MHST).

It will be held on **Tuesday 28th January** at **2pm** and promises to be a really useful session that will help you to support your child's feelings and boost their (and your) emotional resilience.

Everyone is welcome to attend this event. We look forward to seeing you!

A reminder that #WakeUpWednesday can be found on Class Dojo. This week's focus was **Top Tips for Supporting Children to Return to Routine**



Café Church

TRACTOR SUNDAY



Sunday 26th 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.