

Newsletter - Term 1 October 2025

Nurture Discover Achieve



Welcome back

Dear All

This term has flown by and we are firmly into Autumn now!

The children have settled in well and I would like to welcome all our new children to EP Collier!

We were really proud of the children managing their flu vaccinations so well and hope that this means we will see less illness over the winter months. Whilst we don't expect children to come to school if really unwell but if they are just a bit under the weather consider giving them medicine to lower temperatures, wrap up well and send them in—we will contact you if we feel they are too unwell to be in class !

We had a great turn out to Key Stage parents meetings at the beginning of term and for the Phonics in Action event—we really value your partnership in your child's education. We have parent meetings the first week back after half term so please book a slot if you haven't already.

Please can I remind you that when dropping off and picking up that it is dangerous to park on double yellow lines—especially on the corners of roads— this causes a lot of inconvenience and concerns for safety from parents and local residents.

Hope you have a restful break next week!

Mrs McMinn

Diary Dates

Monday 3rd November	Start of Term 2
Friday 7th November	Flu immunisation catch up session
Tuesday 11th November	Year 1 Autumn Walk
Wednesday 12th November	Year 6 cinema trip
Thursday 13th November	Bags to school day
Thursday 13th November	School Council and Eco Committee election day
Friday 14th November	Year 4 and 5 cinema trip
Friday 14th November	Reception trip to the Fire station
Thursday 20th November	Year 5 STEM activities
Monday 24th November	School photos—further information to follow
Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December	KS1 Christmas Performances
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Jumper day and Winter Wonderland event after
Friday 19th December	End of Term 2
Monday 5th January	Start of Term 3

Pupil Premium Funding

Some of our families are entitled to Pupil Premium Funding for their children; this means that the school get additional funding to support these children academically and in other ways too.

If you are in receipt of one the following benefits you may be eligible for free school meals or the pupil premium:

- 1) Income Support.
- 2) Income based Job Seeker's Allowance.
- 3) Income related Employment and Support Allowance.
- 4) Child Tax Credit - Where the family's annual income is not more than £16,190 and Working Tax Credit is not in payment.
- 5) Guarantee Pension Credit.
- 6) Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- 7) Universal Credit.

Please ask the school office for an application form if you think this applies to your family.

Sporting events

We have already had several inter school competitions this term and the children have competed really well! We have also seen the return of staff v pupils basketball matches which are full of energy and competition!

Absences and Holidays

Please can you ensure that if your child is unwell that you inform the office directly by leaving a message on the dedicated absence line (option 1) or via email by 09:30am. You should provide the office with a daily update for each day your child is unable to attend school.

If you are planning to take a holiday during term time we would like to remind you that this will not be authorised and fixed penalty fines will be issued. It is important that if you are planning to take your child out of school for a holiday or for any reason/length of time that you complete and return the appropriate form—this is required so we don't have to report your child as "missing from education". Can we also remind you of the importance of making appointments for after school as children leaving school early has the same impact as them arriving late!

The request for leave form is available in the main school office foyer or on the school website under the attendance tab.



Save the date !

We are having our Winter Wonderland fundraising event on THURSDAY 11th December 4pm—6pm. We will be sending out more information after half term but in preparation we will be asking for donations of the following:

- chocolate
- small gifts,
- wrapped sweets
- Cakes
- nearly new children's books or soft toys
- raffle prizes
- bottles for the tombola



SEND update—Speech and Language

Under 5s with SEND

If you are concerned about your child's speech and language development, you can access the speech and language enquires line to seek advice from a therapist.

The phone line is open from 9am-3.30pm on a Tuesday and Thursday.

Speech and Language Enquiries Line: 0118 904 3700

Charity Support

Harvest Festival

Thank you so much for all your generous donation to our Harvest Collection— Readifood were very thankful for the wealth of items we collected for them.



Jeans for Genes

We were able to send a total donation of £244 to the Jeans for Genes charity.

It is so important for our children to see the value of supporting those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

I liked learning about and making my aqueduct. I enjoyed the experiments to see if water ran down a slope or not. I also liked sharing about my visit to an aqueduct in France!

CS Year 3



I really enjoyed sharing the celebration of Diwali with my teacher—I liked the decorations in the classroom!

KG Year 3



What have year 3 been up to this term?

I enjoyed reading Pippi Longstocking as a class—it is a funny book—she is a brave, strong and silly character!

AY Year 3



We made figures out of tin-foil as a design for our clay models. I liked using the clay!

The clay was soft and squishy!

ME Year 3

