

Parents' Newsletter

Love, Respect, Honesty, Perseverance



Friday 7th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, we would like to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your participation in our recent Parent Consultation Evenings. These events are vital for strengthening our partnership; discussing your child's attendance levels and social and academic progress. We hope you left with a clearer understanding of their individual journeys and some useful ideas on how to support their learning at home. You should also have been able to collect their Key Facts maths sheets for the coming half term. If you were unable to attend, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher via Dojo or by calling the office. We are committed to finding suitable alternatives to ensure you can engage with us about your child's development.

We have a busy half term ahead with our Design and Technology Event starting next week and running for a fortnight. We will be immersing ourselves in a major project most afternoons in all classes, learning new skills and re-visiting those used before to perfect our ability to plan, make and evaluate our creations. As with previous years we are asking for willing volunteers to support this work, so whether you can give half an hour, a day or even more please let class teachers know. The project will run until 21st November and you will have the opportunity to purchase your child's Christmas Themed "make" in time for the festive season.

Kind regards,

Bridgette Gough

Headteacher

Tours for Entrants to EYR in September 2026

We have begun this year's information tours for those looking for EY places in September 2026. These tours will run into the beginning of next year with multiple dates on offer. They are designed to be small enough that parents can ask any specific questions related to their child and give a good indication of the day to day working of the school. The children get the opportunity to put their Mighty Oaks skills into practice and talk about their learning to visitors, which they relish. If you have friends or relatives with children starting school next year, please do ask them to give the office team a call and get booked in.

Love Life and Learning

Collective Worship Themes

This week we have focussed on Remembrance and Peace. We have also used the Royal British Legion's resources to support exploring the losses of war and the symbolism of the poppy emblem. We also used this image from the no outsiders' resource of WWI troops to promote discussion and reflection.



The week before the half term break our focus was humility and the children enjoyed an amusing version of The Emperor's New Clothes story by Hans Christian Anderson and the Humble Ninja picture book as well as sharing scripture references to humility as a virtue. This is also the theme for our current Reflections Area, encouraging children to support chores at home! Which we hope you will see the benefit of at home.



Harvest Collection success

We have had a big thank you from our local foodbank for your fantastic work in collecting food for our local foodbank. In total 258 kg of aid was collected by the two schools within the Trust and the children have been sent a certificate which we have presented in our Celebration Worship and will now be displayed in the school reception.

Headteacher's Cup

Joey Class: W1- Isla
W2- Jameson
Aardvark Class: W1- Jackson
W2- Elliot
Giraffe Class: W1-Harlie
W2- Albie
Capybara Class: W1- Niya
W2- Maurice
Koala Class: W1- Olivia
W2- Matilda
Jellyfish Class: W1-Eleanor
W2- Joshua B
Falcon Class: W1- Matthew
W2- Harley



Birthdays in November

Luna Alice
Elsie B Nithi
Elliot Kodi
Elsie D Landon
Bella Bonnie
Joseph
Stanley
Jack
Alexandra
Lavayah
George



Going For Green

Jacob K & Ethan B

Sports Cup

Connor & Alfie

Whole School Writing Project

Our “Harvest Poetry” themed Writing Project for last half term is now on display. From EY to Y6, the children’s writing has been inspired by our harvest celebrations and gratitude for the fruits of the season. Please do take a look at our writing project display board during our next “Share Event” and ask the children about the text they have explored and their own writing.

Remembrance Event

We want to draw the school community's attention to the Remembrance Commemoration event organised for Sunday, 9th November. This annual gathering serves as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by our brave servicemen and women. It’s a vital opportunity for us to reflect and honour those who have given so much in service of our country. We encourage all parents to attend and participate, as it fosters a sense of unity and respect within our community. Together, let us ensure that their courage is never forgotten. We will be meeting in the Public Gardens from 2pm and invite pupils to wear their uniform if possible.

Head Pupils

Well done to everyone who took part in our Head Pupil selection process this year, we read some great letters and heard some super speeches. We are very proud of all of you and what you achieved. Our whole staff send their congratulations to Theo and Matilda who were selected to represent the school in this role.

Link with French school ~ Ombrosa

We are very much looking forward to continuing the link with our French partner school Ombrosa, based in Lyon and hope to welcome some of their pupils to our school in July 2026. This exciting opportunity is available to both Feering and St Andrews pupils in Year 5 and Year 6. Please see the attached letter for more information on the process of being a host family.

Christmas Tree Donation

We are thrilled to announce that Oliver's Plants has generously offered to donate a real Christmas tree to our school! Thank you to the team at Oliver's Plants for their kind promise, which will undoubtedly add a festive touch to our celebrations and school displays. From Friday 14th of November, they will be hosting a Christmas Market. It promises to be a wonderfully festive event.

Anti-Bullying Week – Power for Good

Next week, we will be drawing the school community's attention to Anti-Bullying Week, taking place from Monday 10th to Friday 14th November 2025. Organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA), this year's theme is "Power for Good". We believe this theme captures the essence of promoting kindness and support among our students.

We'll kick off the week with Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th November. We encourage both adults and children to wear their most eccentric and mismatched socks in celebration of our unique qualities and individuality. Let's come together to foster inclusivity and understanding, showing that it's perfectly okay to be different. We look forward to seeing an array of colourful socks!

Halstead Guy Fawkes in the Park 2025

We are happy to share the success of our recent involvement in the Guy Fawkes in the Park event! Congratulations to the talented working party, led by Mrs Holloway, from our After School Club, who created the stunning Anna and Andrew Guys displayed in the Public Gardens last week. We were proud to contribute to this community project and for us to be the only school participating.

Enclosed is a delightful picture of the duo for you to enjoy. Well done, everyone!

