

**At Enfield Heights Academy, we are KIND, RESPECTFUL, RESILIENT and BRAVE.  
We are the Force for Positive Change.**

10<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Happy New Year 2026 and welcome back to all of you in our wonderful school community!**

We hope you all had a lovely break. The children have settled back into school well and have made a great start to their learning. We look forward to another fantastic term!

The start of a new year is often the time when people make new year resolutions; promises to themselves about the good things they want to do for a number of different reasons.

Last Monday in my 'Welcome Back Assembly', I talked with the children about this picture: **Reaching for the Stars** - being determined to grow and stretch out of our comfort zones despite challenges.



### New Year Resolutions



**'What good things do you want to do with your life?'**

At this time of year people make resolutions, promises to themselves about the good things they want to do. Decide in your head on one good thing that you would like to do this year.



**I would like to...**

Please ask your child about the above at home and discuss their dreams and hopes. I hope they will be able to tell you about their aspirations and ask about yours.

At EHA we are always focused on being hearts and minds- brave, resilient, determined and wanting to grow. We like setting goals and supporting all the children to do their best.

Each half term, I set three whole school priorities for the children. Above all curriculum objectives for this half term for each class, which you can check on our website <https://www.enfieldheightsacademy.org.uk/curriculum>, we are also setting whole school goals. We would like everyone to further develop their fluency and recall in multiplication and division. Please support your child at home and enable them to log into **TTRS and Number Bots** so that they can play at least 10min a day.

We know that **Peer Assessment** transforms learning from a passive learning experience to an active, participatory process, prompting pupils to engage deeply with assessment criteria and reflect on their own performance and that of their peers. We will be exploring new ways to peer assess and coaching children to use peer assessment more often in their learning.

I also would love every single child to **learn how to play new games** to maximise their fun at school. Playing games can enhance cognitive abilities, improve mental health, and foster social connections. We will be investing some of our fundraised money to create a new games library for the classes (Chess, UNO, GoFISH!, etc). If you have any board and card games that you no longer require, please donate them to the school so that more children can benefit from them. Thank you

## Key priorities for Spring term 1



- Log on to Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS)/Number Bots (Y1) everyday to improve your score. (Mathematical fluency)
- Learn to play a new game (card/board) to develop critical thinking, confidence, resilience, and have fun with peers.
- Peer Assess- learn to better evaluate and make judgments about the work of peers (to foster collaboration, critical thinking and deeper learning).



We review our whole school priorities during each Headteacher assembly. Good Luck everyone!

### Spring Term 1 Curriculum webs

All curriculum webs are uploaded on to Enfield Heights' website every half term to enable parents to keep up to date with what the children are learning in each year group each half term. You can find them by going to Learning > Curriculum > the relevant Year Group > Spring 1.

<https://www.enfieldheightsacademy.org.uk/curriculum>

### Spring Term Clubs – week commencing Monday 12th January

The Spring term clubs will start on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January. For sports clubs, please make sure that you are sending the children in with the relevant kit. There are still many spaces available in different clubs that our EHA team is dedicated to run for the children. Please check on Arbor or enquire at the school's office. Our FREE **Book Worms club** with Ms Michael for Year 3-6 has few spaces left as well as our FREE SAMBA club run by one of our music specialists, Mr Okine, has still got lots of spaces.

### Online Safety

There have been an increasing number of children accessing inappropriate games and websites online. Please ensure you are monitoring any devices your children have access to and are setting boundaries around the time they spend on them.

Recent research from Ofcom (2023) highlighted that 87% of 3–4-year-olds go online (an increase from previous years' data), with 92% of children in this cohort watching videos on streaming sites such as YouTube. Biggest increase in concerns of children being coerced into taking sexual imagery of themselves, is within the 7–10-year-old group, where there has been a 360% increase of such concerns compared to the previous year's data. Most of this imagery (78%) is created without an abuser physically present, meaning children are usually using a device alone in their bedroom – a place where parents would consider children to be safest.

**These are frightening statistics. Stay informed. COME to our SAFER INTERNET Information workshop on Monday 9th February at 9-10am in the school hall.** This session, run by ECP Safeguarding consultant will be exploring apps, gaming trends, cyberbullying, uncovering the reality of social media's impact on mental health, the risks of sharenting, and grooming.,

**THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT SESSION; please ATTEND.**

**Dates for your diary**

**Class assembly for Year 5 parents and carers**

Year group	Date/Time
Year 5	Wednesday 11th February

**Workshops for parents and carers this half term:**

<b>Year 3 and 4</b>	<b>Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) Parent Meeting</b> An explanation of what the MTC Check looks like for your child	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February (9-10am) Hall
<b>Year 5 and 6</b>	<b>Reading Parent Workshop with children</b> A workshop followed by a Reading activity with your child in the hall	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January (9-10am)

**Community Coffee Meet Up 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

Please note that our next community meet up will be on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 9-10am at school. It will be dedicated to Wellbeing and Mental Health. Please come and learn how you can best support your child's mental health and wellbeing and take away some goodies. The meeting will be held in our school hall. See you there.

At EHA we will be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week on 5<sup>th</sup> February. Place2Be's Official Children's Mental Health Week shines a spotlight on the importance of children's and young people's mental health. This year's theme is 'This is My Place', we continue to support children to help them feel they belong.



### China Music Workshop for year 1-5

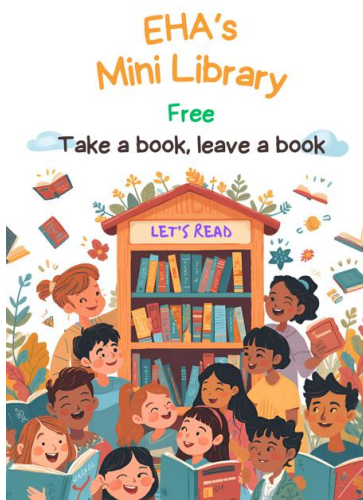


We are thrilled to invite fantastic **Earthsong musicians** who will run 'China music' workshop for year 1-5 **on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**. Thank you to Mr Meritt Hall, our Trust Music Lead, for organising this fabulous workshop.

This will be a vibrant, colourful, celebration of China's music and dance, from stomping Lion dances and swirling Dragon dances with drumming, to spiralling red ribbons and spinning brollies, to graceful fan dances serenaded by gentle harp. Along the way, the children will explore a range of traditional instruments, including bells, bowls, gongs, fiddles and dulcimers.

**Please could you contribute £4.50 via Arbor.** Thank you

### EHA's Mini Library in the Playground



We're thrilled to introduce our **EHA Mini Library** — a special space for our school community to enjoy! This little library (in an old lunch trolley) brings a wonderful book-swapping opportunity for grown-ups to model a love of reading.

You can **take a book to enjoy** or **leave one for someone else to discover**. It's a simple, fun way to promote reading for pleasure and make books easily accessible to all families.

#### Simple Rule:

**Take a book, Leave a book**

**Where: mainly placed by the main gate by the office**




Our lovely Trust Community Outreach Team supplied us with lots of books for grown-ups so please have a browse and choose one that interests you.

You're welcome to borrow a book and, when you're done, return it or replace it with another. By sharing stories, we hope to further inspire a reading culture, spark imagination, and encourage families to talk about books together at home.

Let's grow this library as a community and nurture a lifelong love of reading in our families!

## **Spring FUNDRISE events-PLESAE SUPPORT KS2**

Years 4-6 will be running fundraising events over Spring Term to raise money for cross curriculum books and artifacts to support curriculum delivery. All events will run after school in the playground.

<b>Year 4</b> will sell donuts, hot chocolate (cream and marshmallows) on Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January as well as candy floss on Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	
<b>Year 5</b> are hosting a 'guess the number of jellybeans in a jar' game which will be introduced to children at the end of an assembly where the jar will be shown. They will do this in February. £1 a guess and the winner gets the whole jar of jellybeans!	
<b>Year 6</b> will be running a skipping competition which pits parents against children in a skip to be fit challenge- Bring it on in Spring 2 when it gets a bit warmer. Details to follow.	

## **Other Key Dates for your diary**

Key Events	When	Notes for Parents
EPC Online Safety Day	Monday 9th February	Workshops for children and <b>online safety meeting for parent/carers at 9-10am</b>
Children's Mental Health Week	wc Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	More communication to follow
World Book Day	Thursday 5th March	<b>Dress up day- details will be sent nearer the time</b>
Comic Relief	Friday 20th March	<b>Non-uniform day- information will be sent nearer the time</b>
Daffodil Breakfast (Year 1+2)	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Hall 9.15-10.15am -Parents/Cares Welcomed
Spanish Language Day	Tuesday 21st April	<b>Non-uniform day (details to follow)</b>
EHA's Got Talent Final	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Details to follow
Design and Technology Exhibition	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Details to follow
KS1 (Years 1-3) Sports Day	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 9.30-11.30am	St George's Field
Reception Sports Day	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 1.30-2.45pm	St George's Field
KS2 (Years 4-6) Sports Day	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 9.30-11.30am	St George's Field
Year 6 Residential Trip to Danbury/ Activity days for Year 6	22nd - 24th June 2026	Details to follow
PTA Non-uniform Day	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Non-uniform day-tombola donation



Summer Fair International Day	Friday 3rd July <b>3-5.30pm</b>	<i>Wear your culture attire Volunteers and helpers required to help at the fair</i>
Year 6 Production	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>For year 6 parents and carers; Hall/5pm</i>
Meet the new class teacher/Open Evening	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>3.15-5pm</i>
Whole School Picnic	Thursday 16th July	<i>3.15pm-4.30pm -celebrate and bring your blanket and picnic goodies you wish to eat. Strictly NUT FREE please.</i>
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>For year 6 parents and carers; Hall/9-10am</i>

**Have a great day.**

With my very best wishes,



Headteacher