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Dear Edinburgh Families

Next week we will be celebrating **Children's Mental Health Week**. A range of exciting and thought-provoking activities will enhance learning on this important theme. Our week will begin with a special assembly delivered by the MHS Team.

**World Book Day** this year falls on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Our theme will be **Read and Relax**. Children are invited to wear pyjamas or comfy loungewear on the day. A range of engaging book related activities are being planned. We would like all children to bring a favourite book character to life by decorating a wooden spoon. We also hope to invite you into school on the day to share a book with your child.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February is **No Screens Allowed** in school. All learning and lessons will be delivered using a wealth of resources, but no screens will be switched on. I am looking forward to hearing what the children think of learning on this day. (The lesson content and skills taught will not change, just the delivery).

Best wishes

*Ellie Green*

Miss E Green - Head Teacher

In this week's newsletter you will find information about the following:

- EPS Values Celebration
- Year 6 SATs Briefing for Parents and Carers

- EPS Star Awards
- EPS Gold Awards
- EPS Healthy Eating Awards
- House Points
- World Book Day Creative Competition
- EPS Celebrate Good Attendance
- Class Corner: Banyan
- Diary Dates

### EPS Values Celebration

**Respect - Resilience - Kindness -  
Positivity – Confidence – Aspiration**

Congratulations to EPS Values Award winners. It is my favourite moment of the week to hear the teachers talk so enthusiastically about the amazing achievements and values of our children.

**Banyan:**

*Ariana - Confidence*

**Ginkgo:**

*Fabiha - Confidence*

**Hornbeam:**

*Yahya - Positivity*

**Pine:**

*Mohib - Confidence*

*Minahil - Resilience*

**Oak:**

*Kanzeddine - Resilience*

*Summayyah - Extra Special Achievement*

**Tamarind & Maple:**

*Tamera - Resilience*

*Darius - Confidence*

*I am very proud of you! all*

Thank you to everyone who came along to support today. It means a lot to us all.

### Year 6 SATs Briefing for Parents/Carers

We will be holding a short briefing about KS2 SATs on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 08:45**. This will be a good opportunity to share information about preparation for SATs in May and how we can work together to help each child to feel successful. There will be time for you to ask questions. The meeting will take place in the Y6 classrooms and should last for 20-30 minutes. The children will

attend too so that they can see us working together as a team.



### EPS Star Awards



#### Reading Stars:

Carter-Rose - Banyan  
Medina - Pine  
William - Pine  
Pavlo - Tamarind  
Emilia - Gingko



#### Spelling & Handwriting:

Leo - Banyan  
Matthew - Hornbeam  
Noufel - Tamarind  
Saaliha - Oak  
Minahil - Pine



#### Mathematician of the Week:

Rayyan - Tamarind  
Samaah- Banyan  
Amin - Oak  
Zara - Pine  
Osman - Maple

### EPS Gold Awards

*Starr - Hornbeam Class*  
Well Done! This is a fantastic achievement.

### EPS Healthy Eating Awards



**Banyan:** Khalil, Mahmood, Samaah  
**Hornbeam:** Starr, Yuxin **Gingko:** Hashir  
**Pine:** Juwairiya **Maple:** Adam

Please remember we are a healthy school. Crisps, sweets or chocolate bars are **not** allowed in school or on school trips.

### House Points

Our winning house this week is:

*Diamond*



### World Book Day Creative Competition Time!

Design and create a wooden spoon book character to celebrate **World Book Day**  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Here are a few ideas to inspire you:



### EPS Term Dates

#### 2025/2026

Last Day of Spring 1: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Back to School: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026  
Last Day of Spring 2: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Back to School: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Last Day of Summer 1: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026  
Staff PD Day: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026  
Back to School: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026  
**Last Day of Summer 2: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026**  
Staff PD Day: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026

**Please look at the attached revised term dates for 2026/2027**

You will notice that we have attached PD days to the Autumn half term break to give families a little more flexibility. Children will return to school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026. A short week will help children to settle into the routines of the new school year.

A similar pattern is planned for 2027-2028.

**EPS Celebrate Good Attendance**

Week beginning: 02/02/2026

Class:	Team Attendance:	
Banyan	93.2%	
Gingko	95.3%	
Hornbeam	96.3%	<b>1st</b>
Oak	95.6%	<b>3rd</b>
Pine	95.9%	<b>2nd</b>
Tamarind	94.5%	
Maple	95.3%	
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>95.1%</b>	

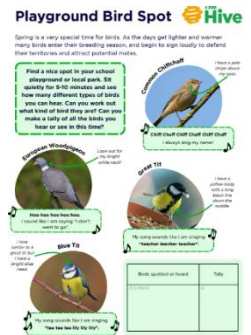
**Whole school attendance since September is 95.1 %**  
**Let's aim for every class to be in the GREEN zone for our last week of the half term.**

**Please see the attendance ladder below. Where does your child stand on this ladder?**

**Attendance Ladder**



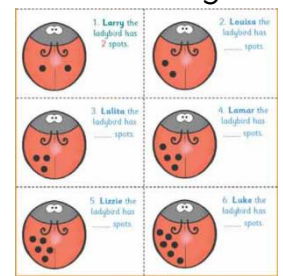
# Banyan Class Corner



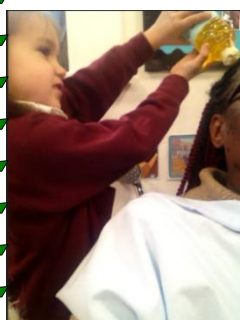
It has been a busy week in Banyan Class this week. We started the week Bird Watching as part of Bird Watching initiative in schools. The Big Schools Birdwatch is a significant initiative that encourages children to observe and count the birds visiting our school. We saw a Magpie, some Wood Pigeon and a Grey Tit.



In Maths Banyan class have been learning about doubles. Doubling means having two of the same amounts. Banyan Reception have been doubling numbers up to 10. They have been using real objects and pictures and seeing doubles as pairs. Banyan One have been doubling numbers up to 20. They have been doubling to addition by adding the same number twice.



In Geography We have been learning about Physical and Human Features. Physical features are things made by nature such as a river, lake, forest, beach, mountains, hill and sea. Human features are things people build such as houses, schools, roads, shops, bridges, parks and farms. We also looked at simple maps of our classroom, school, and playground. We learnt that maps are seen from above (a bird's-eye view). We used directional language: up and down, left and right, near and far.



Banyan role play area has been transformed into a hair salon and a barber in response to children's interests: Children have been cutting, washing, colouring and styling hair. Children are building on key skills like listening and responding, taking turns in conversation. They are learning new vocabulary and using language for real purposes such as asking, explaining and negotiating.



# Diary Dates

<b>February</b>	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term – normal finish
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term Holiday
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children return to school
<b>March</b>	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Photographs
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day wear Pyjamas to school
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Rec & Year 1 Fluoride Varnish Programme
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4/5 Pedestrian Training
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Dome Years 2/3 and 4/5
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term early finish 1.45pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday
<b>April</b>	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
<b>May</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Bank Holiday
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2/3 London Mithraeum Bloomberg Trip
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Last day of term – normal finish
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term Holiday
<b>June</b>	
Monday 1st June	Curriculum Day Children off School
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Children return to school
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5/6 Residential Grosvenor Hall
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Bikeability
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June - Friday 10 July	Year 6 Swimming
<b>July</b>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Proposed Year 6 Transition day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term early finish 1.45
<b>September 2026</b>	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Curriculum Day children off School
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Children return to School