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Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Edinburgh Families

We have had a lovely focused and calm day of learning to end a very busy half term.

I met with School Council yesterday to reflect on our **No Screens Allowed** day on Wednesday. There were many positive comments including one which made me smile: *"we need our brains more than technology for our learning"*.

World Book Day this year falls on Thursday 5th 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.

When we return from the half term break, Ramadan will have begun. The Reflection Room will be available at lunchtimes for children who may be fasting or those who want a calm space to focus. For our Christian families, Lent also begins on the 17th February. We will be discussing the significance of these times of preparation for Christians and Muslims in some of our assemblies.

Best wishes for a relaxing half term break.

Ellie Green

Miss E Green - Head Teacher

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

- EPS Values Celebration
- EPS Star Awards
- EPS Gold Awards
- EPS Healthy Eating Awards
- House Points
- EPS Celebrate Good Attendance
- World Book Day Creative Competition
- 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:

Leo - Extra Special Achievement

Ginkgo:

Azaan - Resilience

Hornbeam:

Alekc - Confidence

Pine:

Alaya - Confidence

Ameen - Aspiration

Oak:

Adam - Positivity

Danaisha - Confidence

Tamarind & Maple:

Loris - Kindness

Hawa - Positivity

I am very proud of you! all

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

EPS Star Awards



Reading Stars:

Leo - Banyan

Lawrence - Pine

Tom - Tamarind

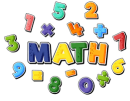
Emilia - Ginkgo

Hashir - Gingko
Helen - Oak



Spelling & Handwriting:

Zarak - Banyan
Alton - Hornbeam
Nicole - Gingko
Nabiha - Tamarind
Madina - Oak
Linaz - Pine



Mathematician of the Week:

Mahia - Pine

EPS Healthy Eating Awards



Banyan: Fatima, David, Carter-Rose

Hornbeam: Daryna, Hassan, Musa **Oak:** Isla Mae

Tamarind: Yahya, Alvin

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:

Ruby

EPS Celebrate Good Attendance

Week beginning: 09/02/2026

Class	Team Attendance	
Banyan	88.5%	
Gingko	99.3%	2nd
Hornbeam	100%	1st
Oak	93.5%	
Pine	95%	
Tamarind	93.5%	
Maple	100%	1st
Whole School	95.3%	

Whole school attendance since September is 95.08%

Well Done Maple and Hornbeam Classes!

100% attendance is an awesome achievement.

Attendance Ladder



World Book Day Creative Competition Time!

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

Here are a few ideas to inspire you:





Diary Dates

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