

# NEWSLETTER

## Endeavour Academy Newsletter

### Message From The Principal



Dear family and friends of Endeavour,

I am writing to you at the end of what has been a very long half-term for staff and young people alike – the summer certainly feels like a distant memory!

The biggest change in school has been that we welcomed 10 new pupils at the start of term, which is nearly 1/3 of the school. Staff have been amazing in supporting them and helping them settle into new routines and it was been heart-warming to see the young people building positive and trusting relationships with staff across the school. I really look forward to seeing them progress over the coming months and years.

Our curriculum development continues with the roll-out of our Literacy framework to go alongside the Numeracy and Fine Motor Skills frameworks we introduced last year. This has changed the structure of Learning Intention meetings. These will now be split between internal meetings with the therapy and class teams, and in person parents' evenings through the year. I will send more information out after half term.

You may be aware that Marcelle Peacock, our invaluable Assistant Principal, has been off for much of this half-term after surgery. She is at home and recovering well but we all miss her and can't wait to see her back in school. I am sure you join me in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Finally, we are saying farewell to 2 staff. Kay Sage and Katy Watson are both leaving their TA roles and Kay, of course, used to run the After-School Club. We owe them both a huge debt of thanks for all they have done and we wish them every success in the future.

Thank you, as ever, for all your support of Endeavour, I hope you all have a good half-term break and we will see all the young people again on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

*Mark*

# TERM DATES 2022/2023

Inset Day: Friday 25th October 2024

Half Term: Monday 28th October to  
Friday 1st November 2024

Christmas Market: Friday 13th December

## Our new Staff

We welcome Despoina Kerassioti who is our new TA & Kerry Koch who is Assistant Occupational Therapist Endeavour Academy.

At Endeavour House we have Karen Wachira, Emma Joy , Thena Brooker, Ellie Walker as RSWs and Saul Peedle as the new Head of Care.

## Upcoming events



## TWITTER & FACEBOOK

We often tweet things that happen at Endeavour, or when out and about in the community. Please follow us on Twitter @ MATEndeavour ac to see some of our tweets .

## A few of our school activities

- **Swimming**
- **Farmability**
- **Earth Trust**
- **Baking for Barton Larder Hub**
- **Vana Farm**

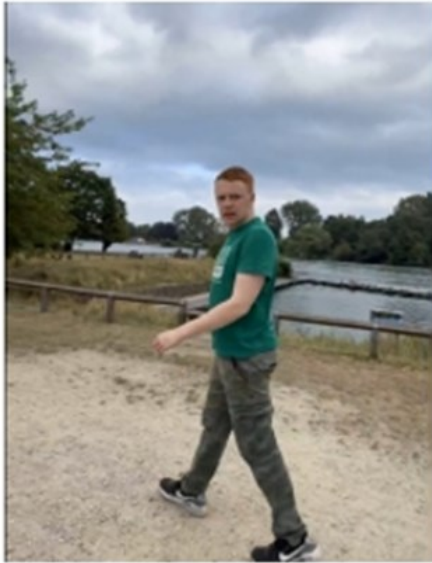




Circle



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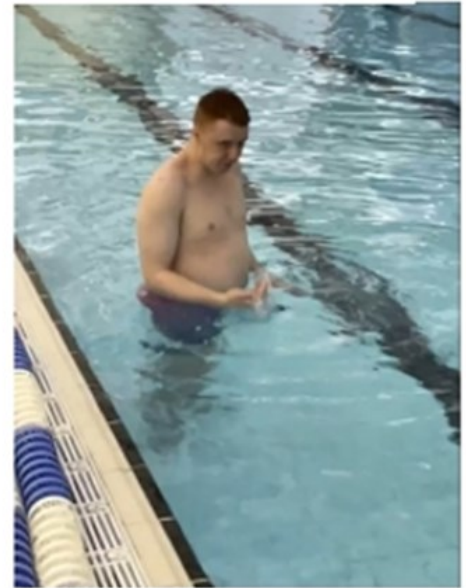


swimming

and



walking.



Sohna

playing



drums.



Sohna



baking



cupcakes.



Circle



class



Craig



likes

playing



Cricket.



Craig



at Farmability.



Amy



likes

taking the



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Amy

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baking



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Circle



class



Circle Class has been focussing on literacy, numeracy, and fine-motor

skills.

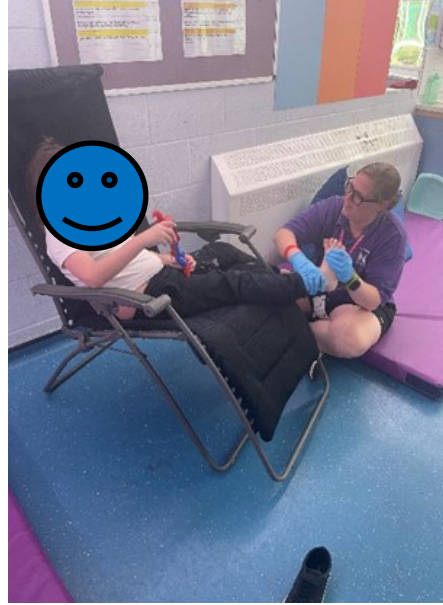
We have especially enjoyed doing our weekly shopping trip to Tesco's



and ASDA.



# Triangle Class



Triangle class have welcomed 6 new students this September! It is amazing to see how quick they were to grow such strong relationships with their staff and to see the trust they have built for them. It has been such a privilege this term to learn all of their unique and fun personalities.



★ Class



This term we have focused on getting to know each other

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and having fun!



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And done a lot of our learning in the community





Star



Class



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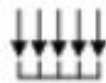


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forward to



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Christmas



activities



we

will get up to



next



term!

# Square Class

The Pupils have been getting creative this term, doing some sensory exploration and learning life skills.



Joe has been cooking with Helen and Kristin and Vicky make delicious cookies every Monday. Henry has been doing Forest School and Nico is enjoying Duke of Edinburgh.



   
Therapy Team

 This  half term

 Students  have been  enjoying  taking part  in a  range  of  Occupational Therapy  and  Speech and Language  activities.



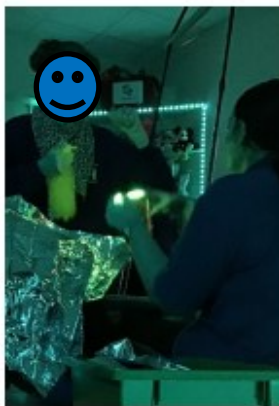
 Working on  fine and  gross motor skills.



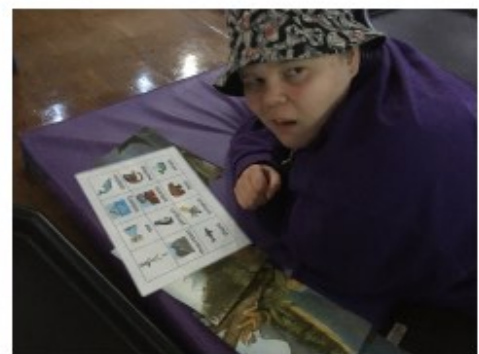
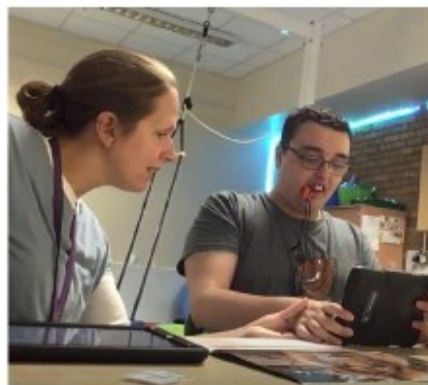
 Enjoying  food  exploration.



Developing our play skills.



Enjoying Sensory exploration.



Enhancing our communication skills.



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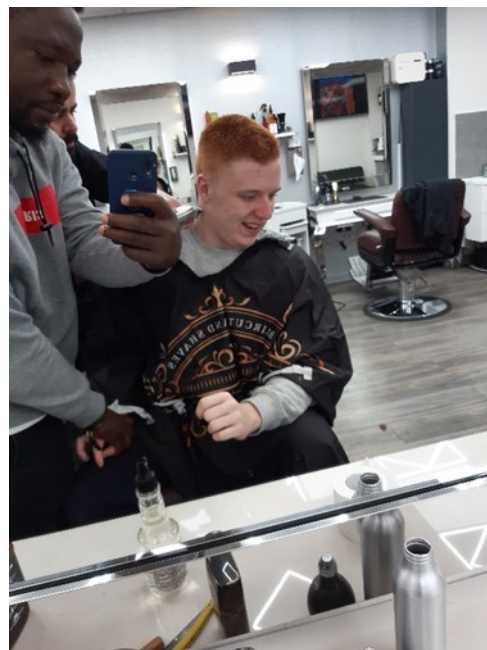
# Endeavour House



**It's been a season of transitions at Endeavour House.**

**We said our farewells to Cosima, Hugo and Darragh. We have kept in touch and are pleased to report that they're all doing really well.**

**We also welcomed a new resident Joselindo. He is a great deal of fun, and has been building some lovely relationships with the team and his peers.**



**We have also had mini internal transitions for the other young people here at Endeavour House, as they have all chosen new bedroom decor and made a transition to a newly decorated and personalised bedroom.**

**It has been really lovely to be part of them choosing and preparing for this - and the real pleasure they have taken in their new spaces. Well done to each of them - and particularly to Charlie, who is now routinely sleeping on a mattress for the first time in many years.**





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There have been lots of activities in and out of the house. Most recently, the young people have been preparing for Halloween, making and putting up decorations and choosing their outfits for trick or treat. A fond memory for many of us from the summer was the petting zoo coming in - when we saw some of the young people have really incredible responses to the small animals.

We are currently preparing for half term activities, and looking forward to trying some new things.





Please see the link below for Half-Term activity ideas in the local area which might be of interest.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/file/special-educational-needs/ShortBreaksUpdate.pdf>

There is also a range of meet up groups for parent and carers which could be beneficial! Please see the link below for further details.

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# Oxfordshire 2024/25 Academic Calendar

Pupil Days

Bank holidays

School holidays

Inset days

Sep-24	2	9	16	23	30
Mon					
Tue					
Wed					
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Oct-24	7	14	21	28
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Nov-24	4	11	18	25
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Dec-24	2	9	16	23	30
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Jan-25	6	13	20	27
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Feb-25	3	10	17	24
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Mar-25	3	10	17	24	31
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Apr-25	7	14	21	28
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May-25	5	12	19	26
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Jun-25	2	9	16	23	30
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Jul-25	7	14	21	28
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Aug-25	4	11	18	25
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Students 190 days  
Teachers 195 days

Autumn Term : 74 Days  
Spring Term : 67 Days  
Summer Term : 53 Days

Pupil days shown include four to be selected by schools as additional INSET days  
Teacher working days include five INSET days

## Term Dates