

NEWSLETTER

Endeavour Academy Newsletter

A Message From The Principal



Dear family and friends of Endeavour,

After what feels like months of darkness, it is nice to write this with the sun shining outside and a real feel that Spring is in the air.

Emma Boor returned to school with her amazing puppet theatre and entertained staff and young people alike with lights, music, and puppets galore.

The students who are doing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh braved the elements and did their 2-day expedition with one day spent walking through Wendover woods and another walking round Port Meadow. The second day in particular was a real challenge navigating round the flood waters and all young people showed a real resilience to overcome the obstacles in their way.

World Book Day was on March 6th and gave the young people a chance to show off their creativity as they decorated their classroom doors with a book theme. James and the Giant Peach, the Very Hungry Caterpillar and Alice in Wonderland were among the books celebrated by staff and pupils and we saw some amazing dressing up as well. Special mention to the staff in Star class for their costumes!

The Fire Service visited the school again, bringing a fire engine and giving the young people a chance to sit in it and try on a firefighter's helmet as well as the chance to learn about the basics of fire safety.

We say goodbye to 2 members of staff at the end of term. James McAvoy, who has been at Endeavour from the very beginning, and Amanda Whatley are both moving on to pastures new and we wish them every success.

Finally, Raul Corrales-Pevida started as Deputy Principal and I am delighted to welcome him back to the Endeavour family.

I wish you all a very happy and chocolate filled Easter. The first day of the Summer term is Tuesday 22nd April and a reminder that Monday 5th May is a bank holiday.

Mark



TERM DATES 2025

- Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April 2025 — **Easter Holidays**
- Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 23 May
- **Monday 5th May— Bank Holiday**
- Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025— **Half Term Holiday**

OUR NEW STAFF

- Raul Corrales-Pevida Deputy Principal
- Sheena Taylor- TA
- Ricky Cherry- Facilities Assistant

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Bell Boating at Bisham Abbey
- Nick Cope Sound Session
- Emma Boor "Shoe Farm" Show



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 .

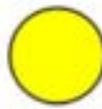
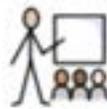
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A FEW OF OUR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Easter Egg Hunt

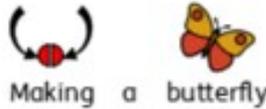
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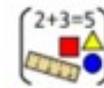
 
Circle class



Dressed up for World Book Day



Making a butterfly



Doing Maths



Baking a cake



Eye gaze

We have been working very hard in Circle class. We have been doing lots of jobs. I like cooking noodles, sewing and shopping in Tesco.

By Sohna

Triangle Class



Triangle Class have had a lovely spring term.

We have been doing The Very Hungry Caterpillar which all students have appeared to enjoy.

The class have been accessing local parks, Thomley hall, Earth Trust and shopping weekly. By doing these trips it has built up their peer relationships which is lovely to see!

All students have been exploring our Forest School outdoor space, making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, Food Exploration and continuing to thrive and wow us every day!





Star



Class



This term



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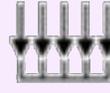


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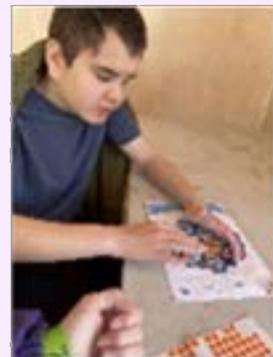
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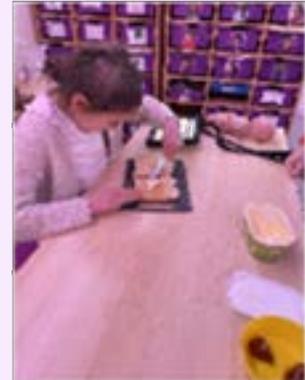
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Square Class



Square Class have had a busy term. Our students have been learning outdoor skills on regular trips to Earth Trust, FarmAbility and Vana Farm, with some working especially hard for their Duke of Edinburgh awards.

Back in class, they have enjoyed participating in weekly practical science lessons with volcanoes and fizzing potions – as messy as it sounds!

Special visits from the local fire service and Emma Boor's puppet theatre have gone down a treat, and we look forward to seeing what the summer term brings!





Therapy Team



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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.







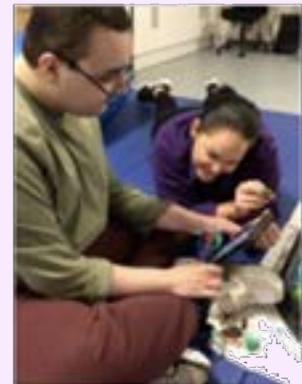

 Developing our play skills.







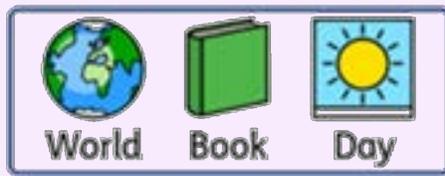
 Enjoying Sensory exploration.








 Enhancing our communication skills.



Students created colorful book themed doors.

They chose a book to take home and share with family.

They also enjoyed our Facilities



Duke of Edinburgh

Bronze Expedition March 2025

We are so proud of our students and all their hard work towards completing their two days expedition for Duke of Edinburgh bronze award.



Students managed to cope with some very cold weather but remained upbeat. The expedition ran over two full days where students, packed all kit bags, created lunches, identified changes in the environment as well as land marks on their map routes around Wendover Woods and Port Meadow.



A Huge congratulations to all participants for all your amazing work and to the staff for supporting over a very fun yet busy two days.

Staff have supported our young people to engage in fun, practical learning activities across all areas of their curriculum.



Many students engaged in Emma Boor's sensory show both with Emma and her wonderful puppy puppets. Back in class the focus has been on student's being able to express their feelings.



Highlights of students being independent this term include feeding the goats at Vana Farm, shopping in the local super-market and peeling potatoes for school lunch.



These activities have taken place in class, around Endeavour and out in the local community giving the young people the opportunity to learn, develop and use their skills in different environments.



This term's Functional Literacy skills included sensory puppet show by Emma Boor (Snow White and the 7 puppies), developing pencil grip with chalks on the playground, reading instructions in class and books in the school library.



Weekly leisure and relaxation activities included yoga, music with Andy Stevens, stroking our guinea pigs and making music at Thomley.

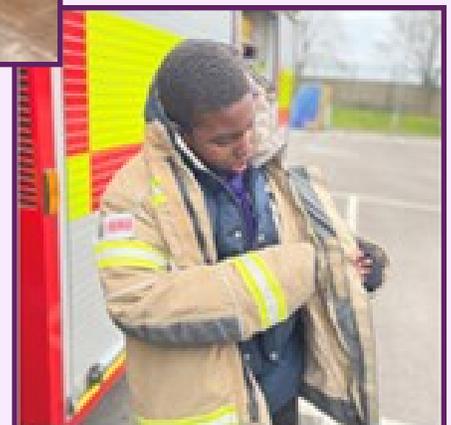
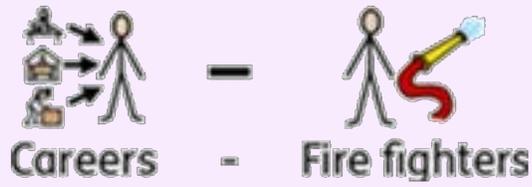


Emma Boor Puppet Show

We invited Emma Boor and her puppets for another amazing show and the pupils loved it!



Fire Service Visit



Colouring Competition



The pupils had a fantastic time with a colouring competition which Amy Parson's sister organised in collaboration with Breckon & Breckon so a big thank you to everyone involved! Prizes were Easter Eggs which went down a treat!





Our annual Spring Festival is returning this May Bank Holiday Weekend, with even more on offer for a fun-filled day for the whole family!

Join us in the farmyard to get up close with our animals, let the little ones take on the giant hay bale and other fun farming activities before heading up to the main Centre for food, crafts, and more! There's something for everyone to enjoy.



What you can expect

- A range of activities for children in the Be a Farmer Field
- Watch our sheep shearer in action alongside wool weaving demonstrations
- Follow the Tractor Trail to win a prize!
- Try your hand at our free spring craft activities
- Meet the Beekeepers and Owl experts
- Delve into our immersive sensory garden
- Meet the farm animals
- Settle down for storytelling in our beautiful gardens
- And much more!

Book Tickets at: <https://earthtrust.org.uk/events/spring-festival/>



New to 2025: Be a Farmer Experience!

New this year is a VIP opportunity for small visitors to have an up-close farming experience, including:

Collect eggs from the chicken coop

Bottle-feed the lambs

Meet the cows and newborn calves

A special Spring craft activity

£15 per child (+1 free adult ticket)

10.30-11.30am on your chosen festival day

Only 10 spaces available per day – must be booked in advance

Suitable for ages 3+



Delicious food and drinks will be available from our local, sustainable providers
– including meaty, veggie and plant-based options.

**Everyone's welcome to celebrate springtime in
nature, at Earth Trust Farm!**

Term Dates

Oxfordshire 2024/25 Academic Calendar

Pupil Days

School holidays

Bank holidays

Inset days

Sep-24						
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	
Tue	3	10	17	24		
Wed	4	11	18	25		
Thu	5	12	19	26		
Fri	6	13	20	27		
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Oct-24						
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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