

Ebbsfleet Green Weekly Gazette

As we reach the end of this term, it is wonderful to look back on how brilliantly the children have settled into their routines and the great strides they have made in their learning. Across all year groups, pupils have spent time this week reflecting on their current learning, consolidating what they have mastered, and celebrating their achievements. To help you prepare for what lies ahead, class teachers will shortly be sharing next term's Knowledge Organisers and Theme Letters so you have full sight of the topics and concepts your child will be exploring next.

It was fantastic to share our key school priorities with parents earlier this term, and we look forward to updating you on our progress again in the Spring term. We hope you found our recent Parents' Evenings beneficial in gaining a clear picture of where your child is currently working and discovering practical ways to support them at home. Your feedback from our Parent Forum was invaluable in shaping how we ran these evenings, ensuring you left with clear, actionable insight into your child's next steps.

On a community note, I was deeply moved by how everyone came together for our Harvest Assembly. Thank you so much for the incredible donations you provided. The Salvation Army has now collected everything and will be distributing these essential items to families across our local area. Your generosity makes a very real difference.

Finally, do keep your eyes peeled for Tallulah's newsletter coming out! Thank you for your unwavering support throughout this busy, rewarding term. I hope you and your family have a restful break, and we look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for the new term ahead.

Pupil roles: Junior Librarians

This week, our dedicated Junior Librarians launched our exciting Autumn Half Term Reading Challenge!

Over the upcoming half-term break, we are encouraging every child across the school to dive into a great book and track the total number of pages they read. To support their reading journey, children will record their daily page counts on their log sheets, with an adult signing or initialing each entry to verify their reading.

This challenge allows our pupils to actively build upon their independence, responsibility, and love of learning, seeing firsthand how consistent daily reading builds confidence and fluency. Completed reading logs brought back after the break will be rewarded with a special Autumn Reading Challenge Certificate!

A massive well done to our Junior Librarians for setting such a fantastic example and driving this initiative. Happy reading over the half-term break!

Oracy question:

What is one skill you will work on next term?

Key dates:

9th November:
Start of Term 2

12th November:
MTC Parent talk at
3.30pm

13th November:
Children in Need

19th November:
Calculations Maths
Workshop

Community engagement:

We've had a fantastic week of community engagement at Ebbsfleet Green. Firstly, our coffee morning supporting the SEN community was a great success with the group focusing on fundraising ideas that would make a positive impact for families and children within our school. As well as raising funds for much needed resources the group also aims to raise more awareness and understanding around some of the challenges families face and how we can come together to support each other. I look forward to bringing these ideas into fruition with the group and hope to see lots of you at our next meet up over at the Weldon Heart Community Centre after the break.

Also, this week Scott Wilson who is a professional bike trials rider and a former world champion came into school representing our local Cyclopark. He delivered two fantastic assemblies to the entire school based around bike riding, safety, services the local Cyclopark offer and even wowed the children with some of his amazing award winning tricks. He then went on to run two workshops with the year 6 class in the Muga around riding your bike safely and becoming a more confident rider. This was a great experience for the year 6 class who really enjoyed the opportunity to work with such an experienced bike rider. We hope to continue this partnership with the Cyclopark as it is a great day of enrichment for all children across our school.

Also, I want to remind everyone that we are running our Walking Bus on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from the tennis courts in Castle Hill. We leave there at 8.15am, stop at the Elephant Park for another pick up then drop the children into school refreshed and ready for the school day. It's been great to have new children join the scheme since my last post as this is a terrific initiative that can be really beneficial to families across our school community. Limited spaces on the Walking Bus are still available so if you did want to sign your child up or have any questions please email me at m.twigg@ebbsfleetgreenprimary.org.uk

I hope you all have a well earned rest over half term and when we return please let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions for community projects. I'm always happy to chat at the school gate or at the regular coffee mornings I run so please say hello and let's continue to grow a connected community together.

**Sign of
the week**

**Our weekly attendance:
94.2%**

The class that achieved the
highest attendance:

Lime Tree &
Juniper Tree & Sycamore Tree



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Football Club

Beyond the classroom, in Football Club, our young athletes have been showing fantastic dedication on the football pitch this term! Week by week, the team has worked hard on sharpening their core skills—moving from fundamental dribbling drills and slick team passing routines to taking on the high pressure of penalty practice. All that hard work paid off when the team brought everything together in competitive full-pitch matches, demonstrating brilliant teamwork, sportsmanship, and growing confidence with every whistle.

Singing Club

In singing club this term, we looked at the song "The Climb" by Miley Cyrus as well as some of the children's own favourite songs. With some new members this term, the children have enjoyed learning or supporting their friends learning the warmups and it's been great to see new friendships being formed between the year groups in singing club. As always, I look forward to next term in singing club.

Write Dance Club

What a brilliant half term we've had! Our Reception and Year 1 children have been diving into Write Dance—a fantastic program that uses music, rhythm, and whole-body movement to build essential handwriting skills.

What We've Been Doing:

- Scarf Tracing: Sweeping colorful scarves through the air to trace big loops, waves, and zig-zags. This strengthens shoulder, core, and arm muscles needed for pencil control.
- Rhythmic Mark-Making: Expressing music through bold, two-handed mark-making on large paper, turning physical rhythm into fluid patterns.

Try Write Dance at Home This Break!

Keep the momentum going over the holiday with these fun, simple activities:

- Scarf & Ribbon Dancing: Put on music and encourage big figure-eights, sky sweeps, and low floor waves using a lightweight scarf or dish towel.
- Sensory Tray Loops: Fill a shallow tray with salt, sand, or shaving cream and let your child trace continuous waves and spirals with their fingers to music.
- Two-Handed Mirror Drawing: Tape large paper to a table or wall, put a crayon in each hand, and let them draw matching shapes at the same time.
- Vertical Wall Art: Tape paper to a wall or fence for big sweeping strokes—vertical drawing builds essential wrist strength!

Mindfulness Club

We had a wonderful few weeks in Mindfulness club talking about calming techniques and doing mindfulness colouring. We also spent a session making mindfulness spirals with clay.

Book Club

We shared a range of books chosen by the children, discussed the stories, and enjoyed a read-along on the classroom screen. We explored books for all ages, taking turns between Reception and Year 4 selections.

Gardening Club

This term, the children have been full of excitement as they got hands-on with our outdoor projects! They began by discussing what they would like to plant in our garden plot, sharing lots of great ideas for future crops and flowers. Taking advantage of the changing season, the children explored all the wonderful autumnal changes happening around our grounds. They got creative together making fun grass head pots, and spent time learning about the essential care plants need to survive, focusing on the vital role water plays in helping seeds sprout and grow strong. To put their knowledge into practice, the children worked as a team to sow lettuce seeds and bury daffodil bulbs, which will stay cosy underground through winter before bursting into a bright spring display.

Celebration Board

