

Essendine Primary School News - October 24

October 2024

Head of School Message

Dear Families of Essendine Primary,

This term has certainly been very productive and busy. This month's newsletter showcases the wonderful learning that is always happening around Essendine. We are always immensely proud of our students and their achievements. I wish everyone a lovely and restful half term break and I look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 4th November.

Monthly updates, news and events in and around your school community

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Drop off

At 8:45am the main school gate opens.

Nursery and Reception children are taken by their parents to their classrooms via the EYFS front gate on Essendine Rd.

Children in Years 1-6 go straight to their classroom through the main gates.

At 8:55am class starts and the gate closes and all parents/carers must be out so that we can secure the site.

Pick up

At 3:25pm the main gate opens to parents.

Nursery, Reception children collected from the EYFS classrooms via the EYFS Gate on Essendine Rd at 3.15pm .

Y1-Y6 children are escorted to the collection area in the playground where parents will be waiting.

You must collect your children or arrange for a responsible adult (over 16 years-old) to do so. If you are asking someone else to collect your children, the school needs to know. This is in the interest of your children's safety.

Only Year 5 and 6 children are allowed to go home by themselves, once written authorisation has been received.

The school gate closes at 3:40pm and any children not collected will be taken to the Front Office area. Late penalties are issued for lateness beyond this time.

Medication

We would like to remind parents/carers that any medication for children must be brought to the office, where you will be asked to complete a consent form. Do not give any medication to class teachers or children. Please also remember to update the office with any changes regarding your child's medication and any changes in illness/medical conditions.

Attendance Guidelines

This term you were emailed about some important changes to the Federation attendance policy.

From this September, there is new statutory guidance, that schools have to follow now, in order to tackle the growing rise in absence in our schools: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance

You should also take time to read the attendance policy regarding penalty notices and fines for parents, as there are significant changes to this process. Information about school attendance can be found on our website:

www.essendine.org.uk **under the Parent tab.**

Attendance



Whole school attendance so far this term is currently at **93.1% This is below the national benchmark of good attendance at 96%.** Let's keep working on it together.

Lord Mayor's Visit

This term, we were treated to a very special visit from The Lord Mayor, where he introduced his role and his passion for sports, especially running! The year 6s participated in 'The Daily Mile' with huge smiles on their faces as they got to run around the track with The Lord Mayor himself! Later in the morning, The Lord Mayor officially opening our Calming Room and then took a tour with our head boy and head girl. It was a really exciting morning!





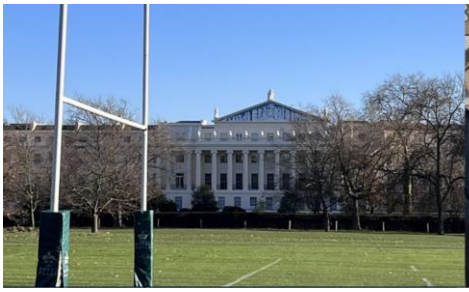






Tag Rugby

Year 5 and 6 winners







Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 children who went to Regent's Park to compete in a tag rugby competition. Our team not only won the whole competition, but at no point in the competition were they losing a game. They were fantastic and a real testament to the values of rugby and Essendine – Well done!

Volunteers at Essendine

We continue to be very fortunate to have a number of volunteers to visit Essendine to improve our school. These have included companies such as Visa, M&S, Heathrow Express, SPENCE and Vodaphone. We thank them very much for their time and effort and support!

























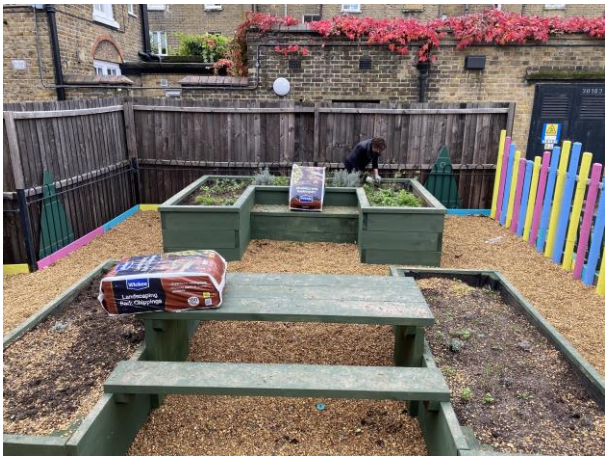


















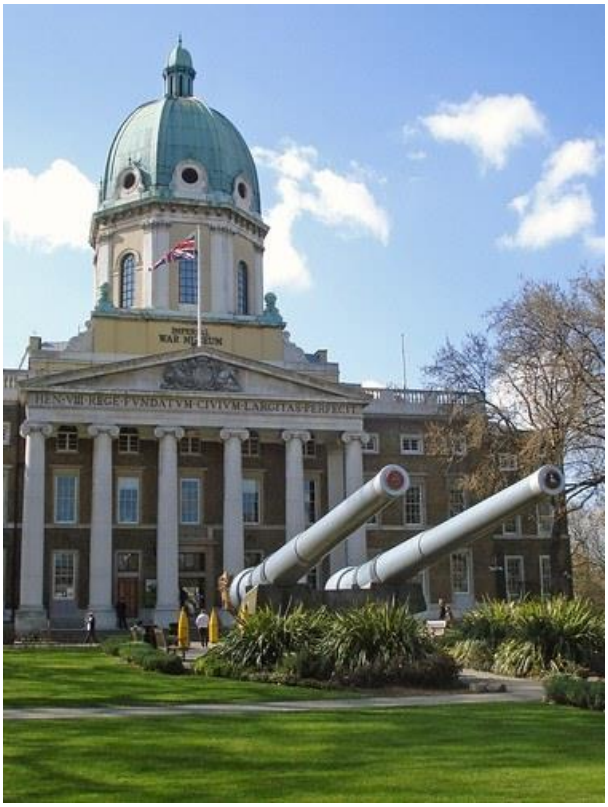








Year 5 and 6 Trip to IMW



To support their learning on WW2, Year 5 and 6 visited the Imperial War Museum. They spent time visiting different galleries with a focus on World War 2 and even spent some time in a real Anderson Shelter. The children learnt all about life on the Homefront and read real accounts from evacuees.







Nursery Autumn Walk

The children in EYFS have been exploring the season Autumn and we have been finding out the changes that take place, we also went for an Autumn walk to Paddington Rec, We made an autumn crown with colourful autumn leaves and have a story time in the park.



















National Poetry Day



On 3rd October all children at Essendine celebrated National Poetry Day by learning a poem linked to theme ‘Counting.’ Class competitions were held and the winners recited their poems in phase assemblies, with the best poets reading them out in a special Friday assembly!





Year 2 Visit- Florence Nightingale Museum

Class 2M visited **The Florence Nightingale Museum** as part of their learning of the topic 'Our Changing Healthcare'. Children thoroughly enjoyed 'meeting' Florence Nightingale and learning about her fascinating life. They were then able to explore the museum to find out more about how she helped to improve standards in hospitals and nursing.



life talk



nurse or soldier dress up



finding out facts

KS1 Reading Mornings



Thank you to all the families that have joined us so far during our KS1 reading mornings. These will continue throughout the year on Thursdays at 9 – 9.20. A special well done to the Year 6 English monitors who have also joined to help with reading.











Meet our Climate Committee





We would like to introduce to the school community our climate committee

We are the Climate Change Committee for Essendine this year. We shall be working hard to improve the environment both within the school and in the local community. We have started in the school garden but will be doing much more this year.

Each month we will share some of the things we have learnt and done that you can do at home yourself.

Our first tip of the month is how you can grow your own vegetables at home.

Climate Committee Tip of the Month

Reduce, Re-use, Recycle



Propagation: a way of gardening that reuses plants to make new ones

1. ***Use left over tomatoes or a new one***
2. ***Put some soil into a pot***
3. ***Split the tomato and remove seeds***
4. ***Place in to the soil and cover with soil***
5. ***Water twice a week***
6. ***Leave in a bright area of the home***

Science Garden Class

This week, all of the classes from Years 1-6 took part in science activities with Mr Clarridge. In Years 1 and 2, the children created leaf art drawings; Years 3 and 4 made bird feeders, and in Years 5 and 6 the children designed and produced rain gauges. All of the activities were designed to be used in the Science Garden, which will be used more and more as the year goes on.

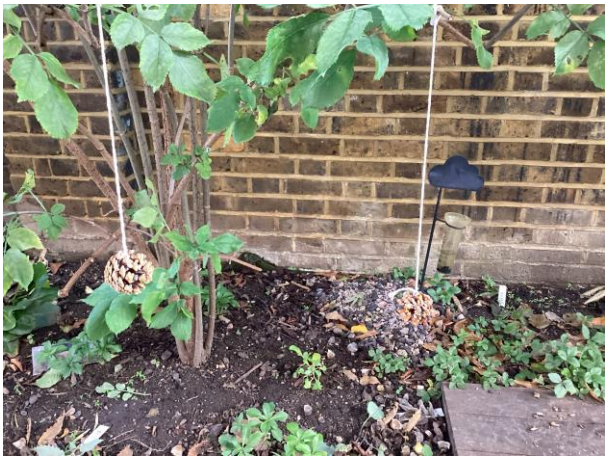




























Exploring Essendine

Exploring Essendine: Morning Routines

Each newsletter, this section aims to give you an insight into the daily routines and activities going on in our school. This month, the focus is on how we start our day. One of the most important parts of our day is the morning at Essendine. Having a positive morning routine sets us up for the day and helps us to check in with each other. Here are some of the things I've observed this month:





Short, targeted interventions here are helping these children to recall things they did in class and set up the lessons for the day. These are usually 10-15 minutes long.



Phase assemblies on Thursdays are where Years 1-2, Years 3-4 and Years 5-6 assemble to learn about different weekly themes. Here we see Mr Clarridge reminding children of respectful listening before a special guest arrived!



Parents into Reading is a really popular morning activity, where the KS1 teachers, children and parents are invited to share their love of books. These children were enthralled by Ms Roulette's reading!



Some of our supportive parents listening to readers. Our children absolutely love this.





Miss Mossman introducing the rules for Parents into Reading. The class were excited to start!



Year 6 starting whole class reading, enjoying Goodnight Mr Tom.

Next Term Library Dates



Our children love visiting our local library.

Next term's library visit dates are as follows:

November:

Thursday 7th PM– 4B

Thursday 14th AM – 2M

Thursday 14th PM – 4C

Friday 22nd PM – 6JT

Thursday 28th AM – IR

Friday 29th PM – 5S

December:

Thursday 5th AM – 3R

Friday 6th PM – 5/6T

Thursday 12th PM – 4B

Visit from an Ex-pupil and QPR player

This month a former pupil and QPR footballer, Karen, came to visit! She shared her journey of hard work and chasing dreams, inspiring everyone to aim high. Year 5 and 6 girls got the chance to join her for a special training session, learning skills and enjoying football. It was a fantastic morning!




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Gardening Club



This term we started our gardening club with The Climate Change Committee. The Orchard and The Science Garden have been wonderfully transformed by the volunteers so that we are now able to use these spaces to enrich the children's learning. This term we have focused on planting. The climate committe have planted tulip bulbs and tomatoes.







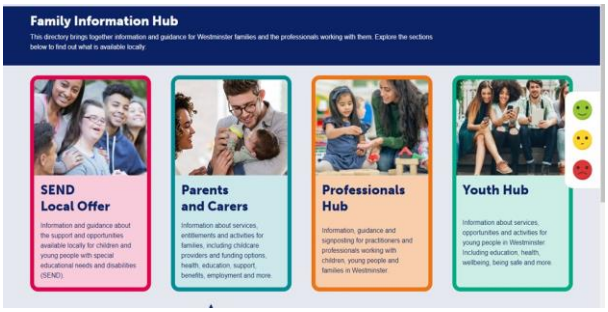


Join Year 3 and 4 in their Classes



The Year 3 and 4 classes would like to invite parents / carers to come in to school to see some publishing of the children's English work. This will be a session where the children write up their most recent piece of English work in their neatest presentation. This will take place on Wednesday 6th November from 8.45am-10.00am. Please join us if you can! If you have any questions, please contact Mr Clarridge

Help for Families in Westminster



The Family Information Hub previously updated their webpage which can be found here: https://fisd.westminster.gov.uk/kb5/westminster/fis/home.page

Alongside the website the Family Information Service provide a Helpline and email service.

October Half-term Activities

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES: Sign-ups are open for young people to join in fun activities and have a healthy meal during the school holidays. Activities include Halloween inspired sessions, sports, creative clubs and activities for those with special educational needs and/or disabilities so everyone can join the fun.



Things to do Around London for Free

Here are some more ideas for the October Half term.

Please follow the links below.

https://www.nhm.ac.uk/ (Natural history museum)

https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/home

https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/

https://www.londonzoo.org/plan-your-visit/london-zoo-tickets/universal-credit-tickets £3 pound tickets

https://www.wallacecollection.org/visit/

https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/

Music Opportunities

Nucleo is an immersive, ensemble-based, community music programme currently running six days a week in Essendine School! We work with students aged 0 to 20 who attend our sessions several times a week, learning to play orchestral instruments together (violin, viola, cello, double bass, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, French horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba and percussion). If you would be interested in adding your child's name to our waitlist, you can do so by filling out this form: **https://forms.office.com/r/283BkM2pdz**

Uniform

The school uniform varies depending on your child's age. For health and safety reasons jewellery, other than a wrist watch, is not allowed. Hijabs should be plain navy blue or white. The essential uniform, which your child needs to have, is in BOLD and can be found on our website too.

EYFS Pupils (Nursery - Reception):

- **Navy blue Essendine jogging pants or shorts**
- **White Essendine T-shirt**
- **White or black socks**
- **Black shoes (no trainers)**

Key Stage 1 Pupils (Year 1-2):

- **Essendine navy blue polo shirt**
- **Essendine sweat shirt or cardigan**
- **Black, navy blue or grey trousers with white or black socks**
- **A navy blue and white check dress with navy, grey or white tights**
- **Black shoes (no boots or trainers if possible)**

Key Stage 2 Pupils (Year 3-6):

- **Black Blazer**
- **White smart shirt (not a polo shirt)**
- **Dark Grey V Neck Jumper or Dark Grey Cardigan**
- **Tie in House colours**
- **(Kilburn Park = Green / Elgin = Red / Shirland = Blue / Morshead = Yellow)**

- **Black smart Trousers with white or black socks**
- **Black smart Skirt with navy, grey or white Tights**
- **Black shoes (no boots or trainers if possible)**

The PE uniform for all children consists of:

- **Navy blue Essendine jogging pants**
- **White Essendine T-shirt**
- **Black pumps or Trainers**

Ordering

Essendine School Uniform can be ordered online from Stitch Design where you can register for an account using the schools postcode (W92LR). Place your order, pay online and receive items within 2-5 working days:

Uniform swap

Ask at the office about uniform swapping events, which we will organise throughout the school year.

Alternatively, please contact the reception desk for a current price list and hard copy of the order form.

Free School Meals Application

All children in full-time education are given universal free school meals at school but they may be entitled to food vouchers during school holidays. You can apply for free school meals if you receive any of the following benefits:

• Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

• Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

• Income Support

• Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

• Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

• Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 • The guarantee element of State Pension Credit

If you think you are entitled to Free School Meals please make an online application via www.westminster.gov.uk/education/free-school-meals or otherwise speak to Anne in the office. Thank you

EYFS OPEN DAY

Reception places: Children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 are due to start attending Reception in September 2025. Closing date for applications is Wednesday 15 January 2025. Please apply online: Starting primary school from September 2025 | Westminster City Council. Open morning information is on 20th November.



Autumn Clubs Provision

We have a range of after school clubs on offer this term, which run from 3:30-4:30. Here are the Autumn Term clubs:

Monday: Cartoon Club KS1, Spanish KS2, Century Homework Club KS2, Football Club KS2

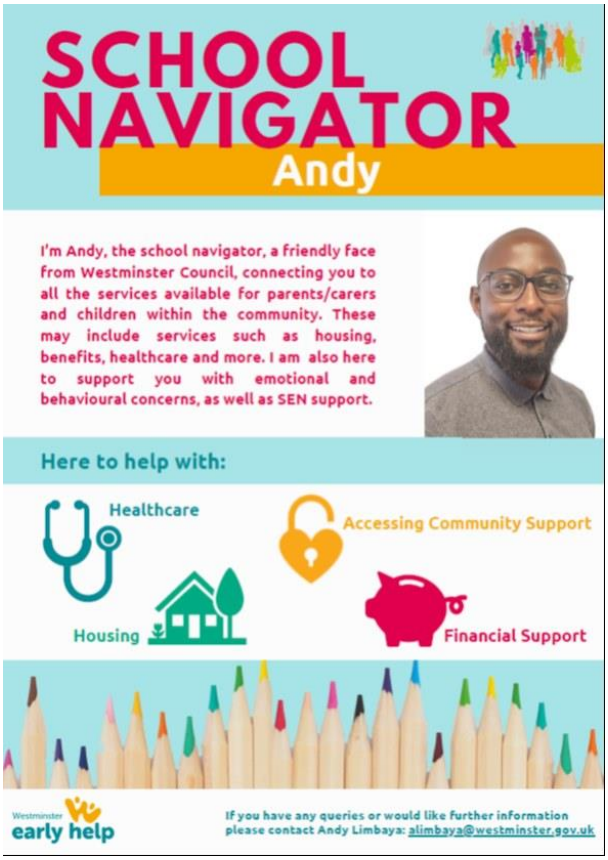
Tuesday: Phonics Club, Reading Club KS1

Wednesday: Lego Club KS1, Book Club KS2, Children's University KS2, Keyboard Club, KS2

Thursday: Multi-sports, Creative Writing, Film Club, Tag Rugby KS2

For more information, go to our website.

Meet our New Family Navigator



1 - Andy is with us now on Monday afternoons, please speak to Nairuz if you'd like any further information.

Coffee Mornings at Essendine

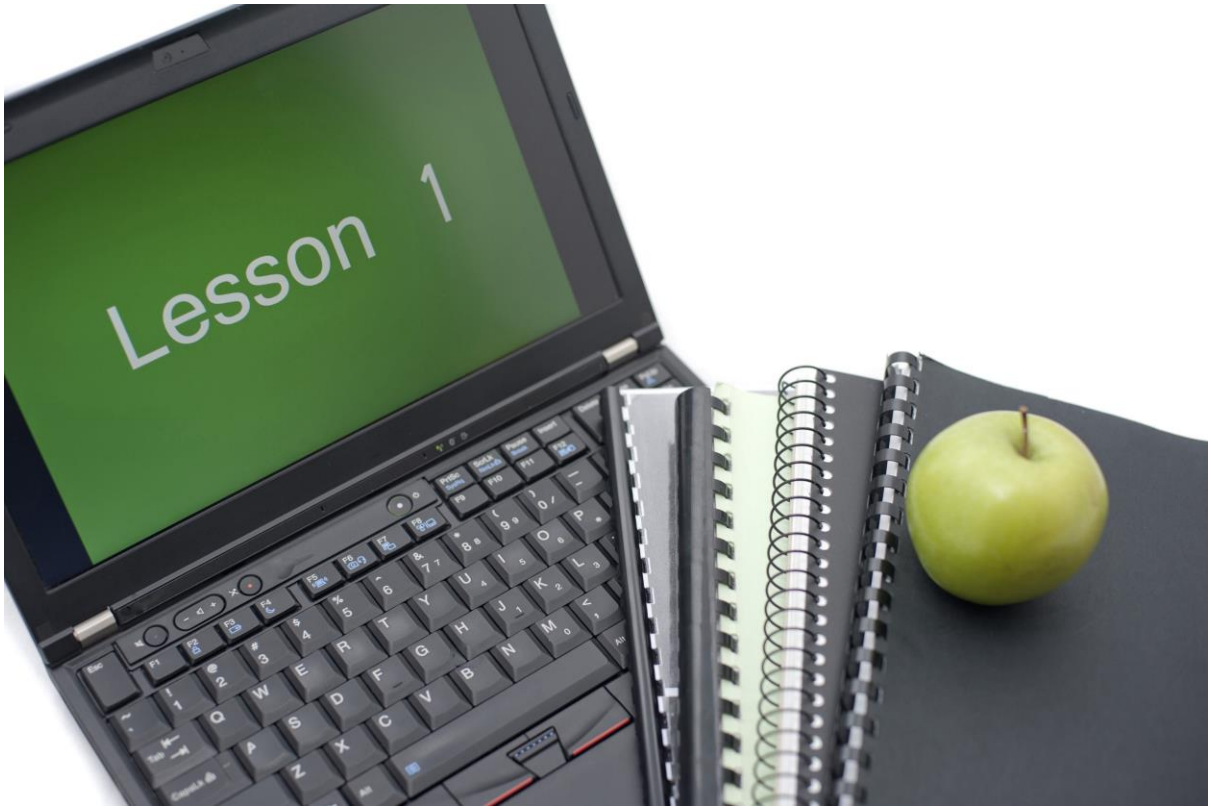


Coffee Morning Timetable- September/ December 2024

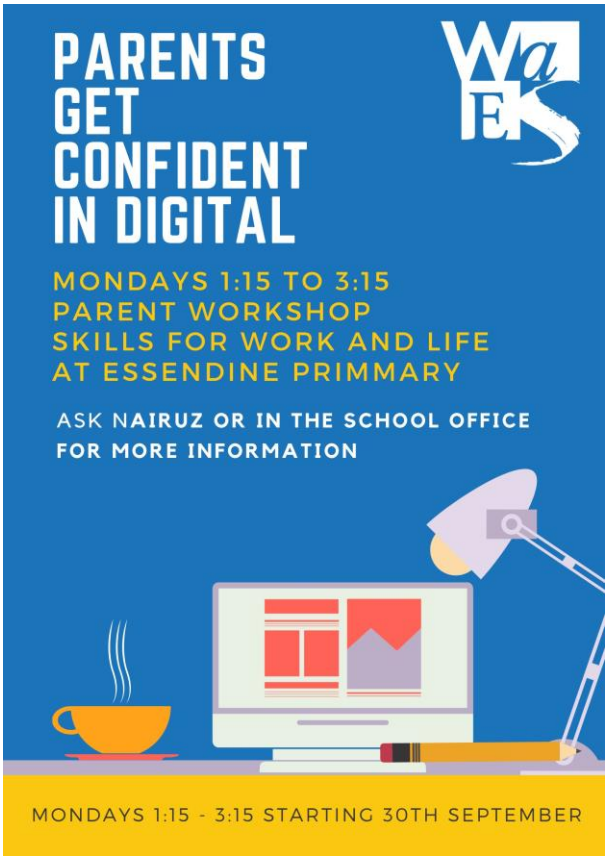
We are delighted to offer coffee mornings every Tuesday morning. Please take a close look on what is on offer and join-we would love to see you there! We are in the process of developing a parent resource room to facilitate all these events and more. Please speak to Nairuz for any information.

Date/ Time	Title	Agency	Focus Group
Tuesday 10/09/2024 9:00-10:00am	Attendance at Essendine	Essendine Primary School+ Westminster Schools Attendance Team	All
Tuesday 17/09/2024 9:00-10:00am	Introduction to Family Information Services	Bi-Borough Education Services	All
Tuesday 24/09/2024 9:00-10:00am	Applying for Secondary Schools (1)	Westminster Admissions Team + Marylebone Boys School	Year 6
Tuesday 01/10/2024 9:00-10:00am	Curriculum at Essendine	Essendine Primary School Mr Seymour – Deputy Headteacher	All
Tuesday 08/10/2024 9:00-10:00am	About our school Trips	Essendine Primary School Miss Robinson- Inclusion Manager	All
Tuesday 15/10/2024 9:00-10:00am	Behaviour at home and visuals support	Essendine Primary School Miss Robinson- Inclusion Manager	All
Tuesday 22/10/2024 9:00-10:00am	Applying for Secondary Schools (2)	Essendine Primary School	Year 6
Tuesday 05/11/2024 9:00-10:00am	Behaviour Policy	Essendine Primary School Mr Clarridge – Assistant Headteacher	All
Tuesday 12/11/2024 9:00-10:00am	Phonics and Early Reading	Essendine Primary School	EYFS Years 1&2
Tuesday 19/11/2024 9:00-10:00am	Self-care and relaxation techniques	Westminster MIND Services Essendine Primary School Mr Seymour- Deputy Headteacher	All
Tuesday 26/11/2024 9:00-10:00am	Mobile phone use and Online safety	Westminster Adult Education Services	All
Tuesday 03/12/2024 9:00-10:00am	Writing Skills	Essendine Primary School Miss Tracy – KS2 Leader of Learning	Years 3&4
Tuesday 10/12/2024 9:00-10:00am	Children's University	Essendine Primary School Miss Mossman – Class Teacher	All
Tuesday 17/12/2024 9:00-10:00am	Holidays Activities and Food	Westminster HAF Services	All

Digital Lessons at Essendine



Westminster **A**dult **E**ducation **S**ervices will be running digital lessons for Essendine parents to help with computer skills. They will be held on Monday afternoons. Please see the main office if you are interested.



Office

Opening Times:

8:00 AM TO 11:30 AM.

1:15 PM TO 4:30 PM

Access outside these times is by ***appointment only/emergency***.

Breakfast club starts at 8am please arrive before 8.20am

IMPORTANT: Please inform the office if your contact details have changed, so that the details are up to date. This includes any changes of address of phone numbers, including emergency contacts.

Packed Lunch

It is easy to create an appetising packed lunch every day for your child. You should try to give them nourishing foods that are good for them. ***Sweets, biscuits, crisps, chocolate and fizzy drinks or any food high in sugar are not allowed as part of a healthy packed lunch. Fast food is also not suitable for packed lunch.*** *Nuts are not allowed in school. The only hot meals served are school meals from the school kitchen. Water is available at mealtime.*

Our school is a nut free zone no nut based food/May contain nuts items allowed for packed lunch.











Maida Vale Library-Homework Club

Homework Club at Maida Vale Library, Sutherland Avenue, W9 2QT

Do you need help with your homework? If so come to our Homework Club for help from our team of dedicated volunteers. It runs every Tuesday in term time from 4.00 until 5.30 pm.



Upcoming Dates/Reminders



Friday 25th October-last day of term 3.30pm finish

Monday 4th November-first day back of term for children

Friday 20th December-last day of Autumn Term: **2pm finish**

Monday 6th January 2025-school closed for children

Tuesday 7th January 2025- first day back for children