

Essendine Primary School News -May 2025

Head of School Message

Dear Families of Essendine Primary,

This term has flown by with many wonderful trips and enrichment opportunities our students have been part of.

A huge thank you to the many parents who joined our recent parent workshop on smart phones, which provided you with practical advice around managing the ever-increasing technology usage and the addictiveness of electronic devices. We hope to provide a follow up session in the near future. We will keep you updated.

Please note some important dates at the end of our newsletter for your diaries.

I wish you all a very relaxing half term and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 2nd June.

Take care,

Lisa Mafrica

Head of School

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

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Family Hub Newsletter

Westminster family hub newsletter please follow link and you can find a lot of useful information on free activities, secondary school and more.

Please find linked the Family Hub May Half Term Newsletter for your information: Family Hubs May Half-Term Newsletter

Free Science & Arts Festival in South Kensington for all ages

Free science and arts festival in South Kensington for all ages – 7-8 June 2025

Join the Great Exhibition Road Festival on 7-8 June to celebrate science and the arts with a weekend of free events for all ages! South Kensington's Exhibition Road will come alive with cutting-edge experiments, mind-bending technology, music, dance, art, live science shows and parades – not to mention butterfly wings workshops and the tiniest disco in the Universe.

Enjoy a packed weekend of incredible free events from Imperial College London, the Natural History Museum, Science Museum, V&A and many more local organisations in South Kensington and Westminster. Find out more and register >[1]

Contact details:
Festival team, Imperial College London
Email: festival@imperial.ac.uk[2]
Website: www.greatexhibitionroadfestival.co.uk[3]

1 - [1] https://www.greatexhibitionroadfestival.co.uk/?utm_source=schools&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=GERF_2025
[2] mailto:festival@imperial.ac.uk [3] http://www.greatexhibitionroadfestival.co.uk/

Clubs List Summer Term

	Location	KEY STAGE 1	KEY STAGE 2
Monday	Nursery Rm	Phonics Year 1 Year 2 Miss Roulette(invite only)	Spanish Club Years 1,2,3,4,5 Miss Fernandez (10)
	Lego -Open Space Yr1 / Yr 4 Rm	Lego Club Years1,2 Miss Benhalima (12)	Century Homework Club Mr Budden (invite only)
	Pitch/Ground Floor Hall		Multi Sports - Year 4 Year 5 Year 6 Miss Watkins (10)
	Yr 4 Rm		Reading /Writing Club Year 3 Year 4 Miss Robinson(invite only)
Tuesday		Phonics Year 1 Ms Zenuni (invite only)	
	Space opposite Yr 1 / Yr 6 Rm	Reading Club - Year 2 Ms Dinler (invite only)	Year 6 SATS Booster Ms Hoxha - Grammar & Spelling (invite only)
	Spare Yr 6 Rm		Year 6 SATS Booster Ms Benjamin Reading (Invite only)
Wednesday	Music Rm		Keyboard Club Year 3 Year 4 Mr Urben (5)
	Yr 2 Rm		Children's University Years 4,5,6 Miss Mossman (invite only)
	Yr 4 Rm		Year 6 SATS Booster Mr Clarridge Maths (invite only)
	Yr 6 Rm		Year 6 SATS Booster Miss Tracey English (invite only)
Thursday	Ground Floor Hall /Pitch		Football club Years 5,6 Mr Soutter (12)
	Reception Rm		Arts & Crafts Club Years 3,4 Miss Shenton (10)
	Yr 1 Rm	Phonics Year 1 Year 2 Miss Roulette(invite only)	Year 6 SATS Booster Mr Trewhella Maths (invite only)

School Day

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

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 **Attendance is 92.8 This is below the national benchmark of good attendance at 96%.** Let's keep working on it together.

Children's University

Free fun things to do during half term

Looking for some fun things to do during the half term then look no further the children's university committee has some ideas for you.

Free things to do in London - Zone 1

- The Changing of the Guards - Buckingham Palace
- The Sky Garden - Sky Garden
- The Princess Diana Memorial Playground - Diana Memorial Playground
- The Natural History Museum - Natural History Museum
- The pelicans at St James' Park - St James's Park
- Watch Tower Bridge open - Tower Bridge
- The street performers in Covent Garden - Street Performers Covent Garden
- The V&A Museum - Victoria and Albert Museum

- The fountains at Somerset House - Somerset House
- Picnic in the park - The Green Park
- Ride the Routemaster - The Classic Tour
- The Design Museum - the Design Museum
- The Ceremony of the Keys - Ceremony Of The Keys
- The British Museum - The British Museum
- The Royal Academy - Royal Academy of Arts
- The Appearing Rooms at the Southbank Centre - Southbank Centre

Free things to do in North London with kids

- Visit Platform 9 ¾ - Platform 9¾ at King's Cross Station
- The fountains at Granary Square - Granary Square
- Camley Street Natural Park - Camley Street Natural Park, London Wildlife Trust
- Highgate Woods playground - Highgate Wood Playground
- Kenwood House - Kenwood House
- Hampstead Ponds - Mixed Bathing Pond
- Regent's Canal - Regent's Canal
- Coram's Fields - Coram's Fields

Free things to do with kids in South London

- The Horniman Museum - Horniman Museum and Gardens
- The National Maritime Museum - National Maritime Museum
- The dinosaurs in Crystal Palace - Crystal Palace Dinosaurs
- Brockwell Park - Brockwell Park

Free things to do in East London with kids

- The V&A Museum of Childhood - Young V&A
- Hackney City Farm - Hackney City Farm
- Victoria Park - Victoria Park
- Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park - Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

Free things to do in West London with kids

- Duke's Meadows - [Dukes Meadows Golf, Tennis & Ski]

SATs-Year 6

To celebrate the end of SATs week, Year 6 visited Paddington Rec. Here they played a range of games from football to capture the flag. Year 6 had a fantastic day out and we are all super proud of their hard work and effort during SATs week.











Year 4 Farm Trip



Year 4 had the pleasure of visiting Collings Hangar Farm this term. As a real working farm, the children got to see farmyard animals up close – such as cows, sheep and pigs! They also explored the many acres and learnt about all the hard work and effort it takes to get our food from 'Farm to Fork'.











Year 2 Family Maths Project at Essendine



Funded by UK Government and in collaboration with Skills For Life and Campaign For Learning, The Family Numeracy Multiply Programme started successfully this term at Essendine Primary School.

Our Year 2 students and parents who are participating in the programme said they are enjoying the experience of being together in a classroom and learning new skills in numeracy.









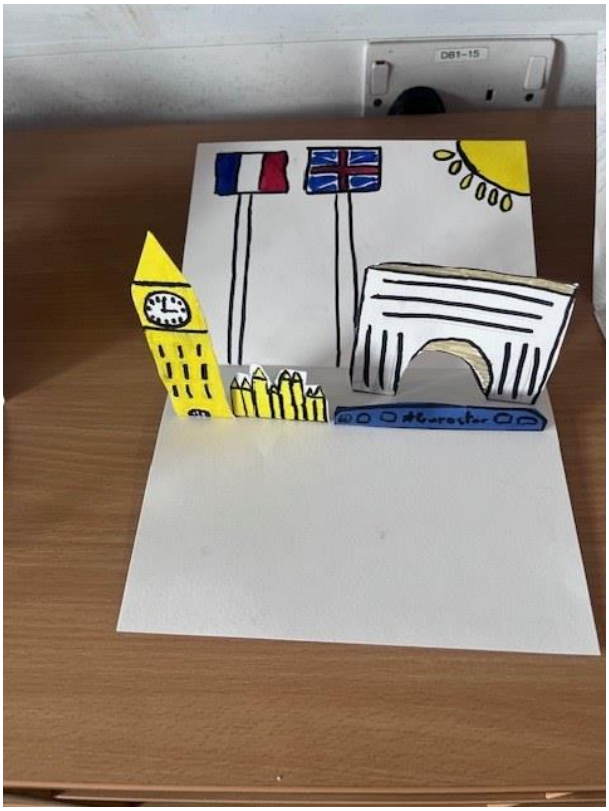


Essenvision

This term we celebrated Eurovision Week for the third year with even more classes than before. This is a week to explore life in the UK (as well as Europe and the rest of the world) through the largest song competition in the world. It was designed in 1956 to bring peace and unity to war torn Europe. Today, it still acts as a way to unite people from around the world and a chance for them to share their cultures.

In keeping with this view, Years 4, 5 and 6 explored their own ways to express their personal and national identity and how they connect these with living in British society. They showed their connections to the UK as well as ancestral homes abroad through stage designs, costumes and mythical creatures. Year 3 explored what it means to live in a multicultural society and the British Values we all live by.

As usual, we finished off our Eurovision Week with out own Eurovision Song Contest (renamed Essenvision of course). Congratulations to the Year 5s/Croatia for their victory. It was an excellent song. ('Rim Tim Tagi Dim' by Baby Lasagna)

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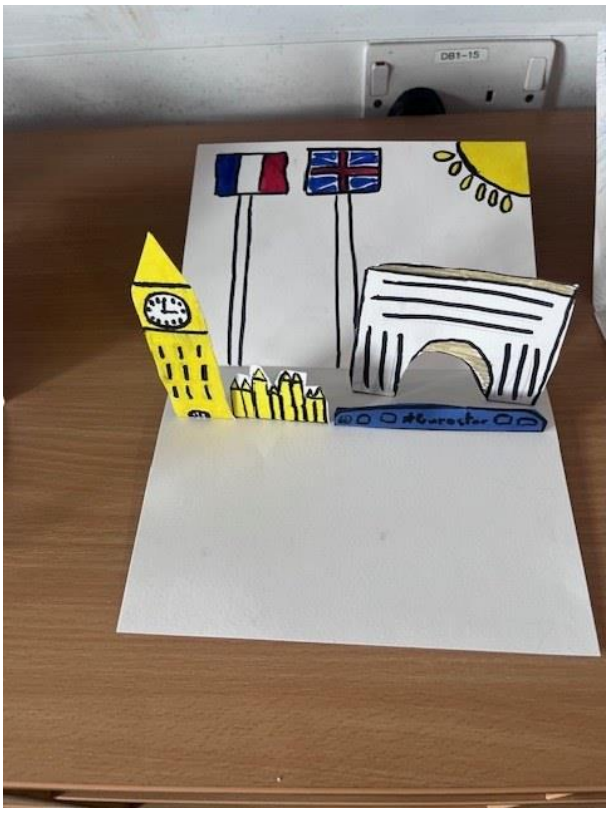

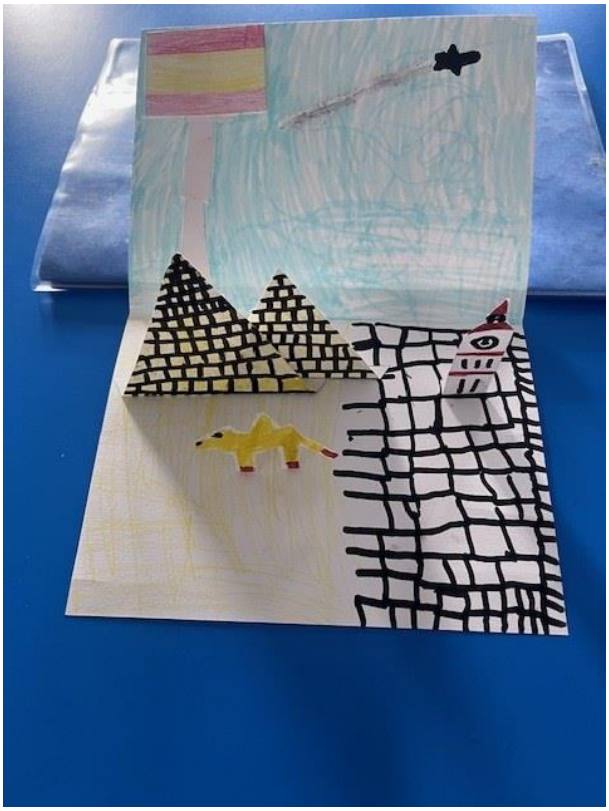

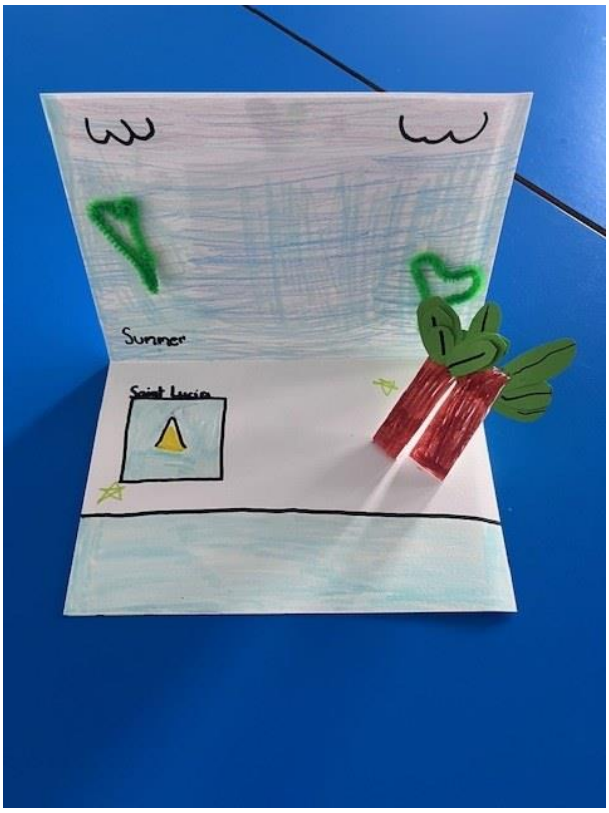
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Year 1 Trip to Marylebone Station



On May 19th Year 1 went to Marylebone station to discover careers in train stations thanks to the Literacy Trust. The children learned about the different actors around the station such as train drivers, traffic controllers and finance supervisors. They explored Marylebone station and saw how the station runs. They even had the chance to make announcement through the tannoy and to chat in groups with some of the station staff.




Pension
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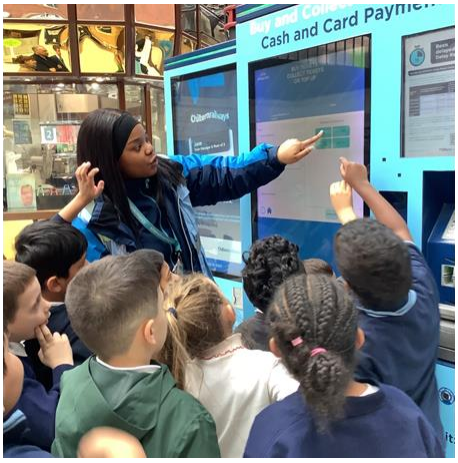
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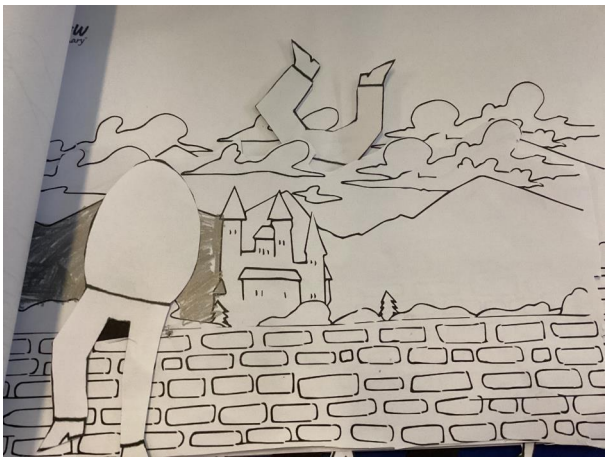
Year 1 DT project

Making an animated storybook

This half-term, Year 1 children have worked on how to create a moving story using sliders and levers. As their final project, they made a book of Humpty Dumpty using cards and paper. They first analysed how sliders and levers work. Then they planned their book and finally they created it. Once finished, they worked on colouring and making sure they could tell the story using their own book.



EYFS Topic-Monsters

We began a new topic “Fantasy and Adventure” with the story “Where The Wild Things Are”. We made predictions as to what might happen next, and we described the characters using full sentences.

In art, we drew pictures of the characters of the story, we created and painted our own monsters and we began to make different models using recycled materials.

Superheroes

Our story for two weeks was “Super Daisy”. We understood and responded to questions related to the story such as: If you were a superhero what would be your superpower? What colour is Super Daisy’s hair? What is she wearing? How is Super Daisy is feeling? What is she eating?

We drew pictures of Super Daisy and ourselves as superheroes.

In Understanding of the World, we explored the planets in the Solar System learned the number of planets, and named some of them. We also made a 3D Solar System using the paper mache technique.






Where the Wild Things Are
WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE






Can you create and describe your monster?




gold roast
freeze dried
instant coffee
by Sainsbury's










Superheroes
SPLASH!
WHAM!
BANG!
BO
ZAP!
POW!




Mercury
Venus
Earth
Neptune
Jupiter
Mars
Saturn


Let's explore number zero
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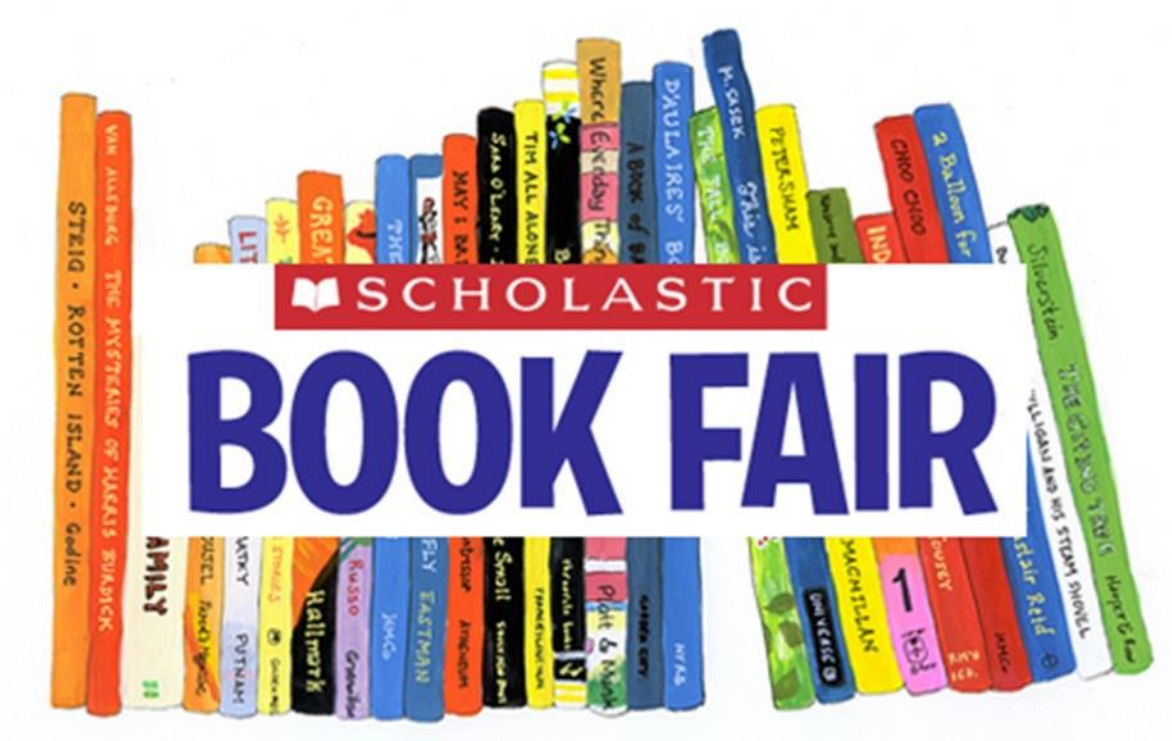
Superhero Rescue Centre


Can you paint a planet?





Book Fair



Thank you to everyone who supported the school by buying a book from our school book fair. It was brilliant to see so many conversations about books and so many families supporting their child's reading. A special thank you also to the wonderful Year 6s and staff members who volunteered their time to help run the book fair. In total, we managed to raise over £400!



Year 4 Multiplication Check

In the first two weeks after half term, Year 4 will be completing their Multiplication Tables Check. Please practice with your child as much as possible over the half term break. More information on the check can be found on our website, under 'Parents' – 'Useful Information'.

Multiplication tables check

Do you have a child in year 4 at primary school?

If so, your child will be participating in the multiplication tables check (MTC) in June.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help your child's school to identify if your child may need additional support.

What is the multiplication tables check?

It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

Apple Orchard Observation Year 1

As part of their Science topic on plants, Year 1 children visited the school orchard and observed the plants growing in our different sections. Children discussed what they could see and what type of plants they could identify. They then picked four plants to draw and label.





















Library Dates - Summer Term



Next term's library visit dates are as follows:

June

Thursday 5th AM – 2M

Friday 13th PM – 6JT

Thursday 19th AM – 1R

Friday 20th PM – 5S

Monday 23rd AM - Reception

Thursday 26th AM – 3R

Friday 27th PM – 5/6T

July

Thursday 3rd PM- 4B

Thursday 7th AM - Nursery

Westminster Family Hubs

‘The Family Hub Parent Carer Panel meets monthly – anyone can come along to chat or share your thoughts about how the Family Hubs might serve you and your family best. No need to book, refreshments and a cuppa always available.’

For more information about joining a panel please contact Carolyn Ross (cross@westminster.gov.uk / 07971 616262)

Stay and Play

Term 1 in Action!

SOME OF OUR FAVOURITE MOMENTS SO FAR....



Our dedicated new staff have built strong, supportive relationships with the children, creating a warm and welcoming environment where they feel comfortable exploring and learning.

From brain boosters and puzzles to exciting STEM activities, the children have been fully immersed in hands-on learning experiences. Power Teams has helped them build resilience and teamwork through fun sports and challenges, while Creative Inventors has sparked their imaginations, allowing them to explore arts, crafts, and innovation.

It's been wonderful to watch their confidence grow with each new activity.

OPEN DAY

In March, we hosted our JAG Open Day, featuring activities from our Creative Inventors category within the Adventure Programme.



Creative Inventors encourages kids to think creatively and approach projects in unique ways. One of the highlights was the musical activities within this category, which got the children moving, dancing, and singing – it was a fun, energetic session!

EXCITING THINGS COMING THIS APRIL TO JULY!

As we ease into summer, we're gearing up for an action-packed term. Along with exciting games and engaging activities from our Adventure Programme, we'll be celebrating some special occasions and days, including St George's Day, World Bee Day, and International Dance Day.



Parents can still take advantage of St School's free session voucher before it expires on July 31st, 2025. Simply enter the code **TRYESSENDINE** at checkout to claim a complimentary Rise 'n' Shine or Stay and Play session.

Contact Us

junioradventuresgroup.co.uk

0333 577 1533

@junioradventuresgroupuk @junioradventuresgroupuk

Discover a fun-filled after school care programme with **Junior Adventures Group at Essendine Primary School**

Junior Adventures Group (JAG) is the UK's leading provider of Before and After School Programmes offering fun and affordable childcare delivered in a safe and supervised environment. Their staff are expertly trained, DBS-checked to an enhanced level, first aid qualified and experienced in and passionate about the activities they offer.

New to JAG? Click here to start your adventure with us today!

✓ Activities designed for all ages and interests

✓ Create lifelong friendships over exciting adventures beyond the classroom

✓ Delivered by a team of expertly trained professionals

✓ Weekly Children's Meetings to put them in control of their experience

✓ Promotes fun, curiosity and mindfulness

✓ Healthy After School Snack available each day

Essendine Primary School's Club Page: https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/find-us/essendine-primary-school/

JAG's Adventure Programme

Underpinning our Stay and Play club is The Adventure Programme which is comprised of seven action-packed adventure categories. Backed by research into child development, and created in partnership with experts, the Adventure Programme provides children with the opportunity to learn essential life skills and have great fun exploring their interests. Find out more about the Adventure Programme here: https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/term-time/.

Stay and Play Clubs – running every afternoon during the term

Stay And Play

Times: 15:30 – 18:00 - Price: £10:00 (including food)

Times: 16:30 -18:00 – Price: £6.50 (including food)

The fun continues after school at our 'Stay and Play' afternoon programmes. Kids can dive into more fun activities, building lasting friendships and creating memories beyond the classroom, all before heading home for quality family time. Find out more at: https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/term-time/after-school-club/

Claim a Free Session Stay and Play Session on JAG!

As part of Stay and Play Club launch, JAG is offering parents the chance to try the new service for free! Claim your child's free session at Essendine Primary School below:

Use code: TRYESSENDINE

Booking Information

JAG offers a number of flexible payment options available for families where you can make adhoc bookings or secure a regular spot at our clubs with our instalment plan options. You can find out more here: https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/parent-support/payment-options/

To book, please login/create an account and secure your place online at: https://bookings.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login

Please follow the quick step guide below:

- Register a Junior Adventures Group account
- Please confirm that you have read the Terms and Conditions
- Add your desired After School location as Essendine Primary School

• Add your child(ren) to your Junior Adventures Group account before attempting to make a booking

• Ensure all the Consent questions, Collector, Emergency Contacts and Doctor details are added.

• After this, click on Book Activity to make a booking.

• Select the dates you wish to book!

It's that easy! For more information about Junior Adventures Group Clubs, please visit some further key web pages below…

Parent Support: https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/parent-support/ Our Story: https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/our-story/ New to JAG: https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/parent-support/new-to-jag/

Parking Around Essendine Primary

We have had a number of complaints recently from our neighbours regarding double parking and idling on Essendine Road, particularly during pick up and drop off times. Please be considerate of our neighbours. We will be working with WCC parking to enforce restrictions to parking in line with local regulations. Thank you.

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

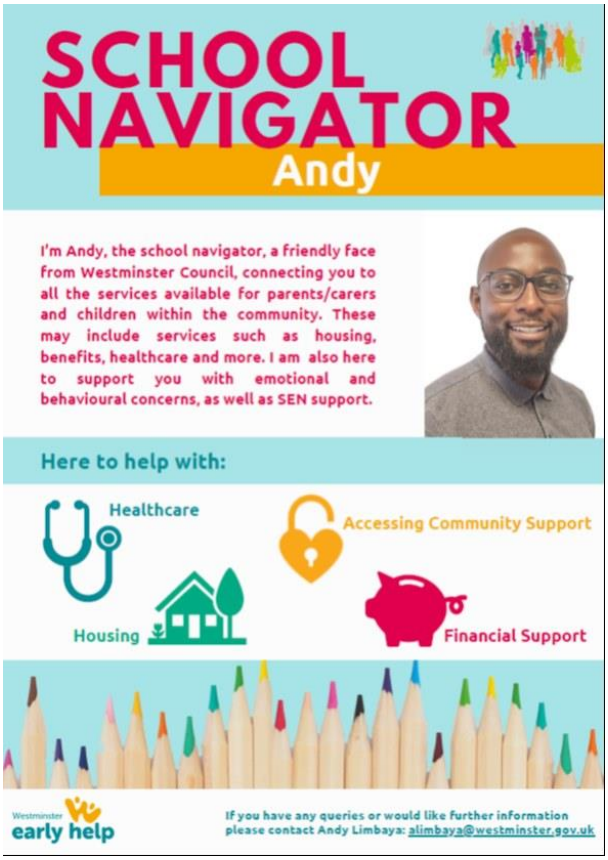
• Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

• 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

Family Navigator



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

Coffee Mornings at Essendine



Essendine Primary School

Coffee Morning Timetable- April/July 2025

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 22/04/2025 9:00-10:00am	Supporting your child with SATs exams	Essendine Primary School Miss Tracey- KS 1&2 Leader of Learning	All
Parents Phase meetings week			
Monday 28/04/25 Years 5&6 9:00 am	Wednesday 30/04/25 Years 1&2 9:00 am	Thursday 01/05/25 Years 3&4 9:00 am	Friday 02/05/25 EYFS 9:00 am
Tuesday 06/05/2025 9:00-10:00am	Phonics screening	Essendine Primary School Miss Tracey- KS 1&2 Leader of Learning	All
Tuesday 13/05/2025 9:00-10:00am	Childhood illness and school attendance	Westminster School Health Services School Nurse	All
Tuesday 20/05/2025 9:00-10:00am	Quality First Teaching	Essendine Primary School Mr Clarridge- Assistant Headteacher	All
Tuesday 03/06/2025 9:00-10:00am	Alternative options for screen time	Essendine Primary School Miss Robinson- Assistant Headteacher	All
Tuesday 10/06/2025 9:00-10:00am	Behaviour Policy	Essendine Primary School Mr Clarridge- Assistant Headteacher	All
Tuesday 17/06/2025 9:00-10:00am	Sayers Croft trip	Essendine Primary School Miss Tracey- KS 1&2 Leader of Learning	Year 6
Tuesday 24/06/2025 9:00-10:00am	Transition from KS1 to KS2	Essendine Primary School Mr Clarridge- Assistant Headteacher	Year 2
Tuesday 01/07/2025 9:00-10:00am	Year 4 to Year 5 transition	Essendine Primary School Mr Clarridge- Assistant Headteacher	Year 4
Tuesday 08/07/2025 9:00-10:00am	Transition from EYFS to KS1	Essendine Primary School Miss Robinson- Assistant Headteacher	Reception class
Tuesday 15/07/2025 9:00-10:00am	Holiday activities and local children's centres services	Westminster HAF Services Westminster Children's Centres Services Queen's Park Family Hub	All

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 or salt 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 subsequently no foods that may contain nuts or similar allergens are also not allowed. 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.









THIS SCHOOL IS

NUT FREE



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.

Local Library Information

Children and Young People's Library Service



There's more. Here's a snippet of the support which is also available to your school.

Local Library Support

- An allocated Children and Young People Librarian
- Children's Library card sign-up - 20 libraries and Archives available to visit
- Collection of inclusive and diverse children's fiction and non-fiction books and other information resources
- Study spaces, PCs and WIFI access
- Digital resources for children
- Literacy and cultural activities
- School readiness support for Under 5s
- After school activities - Homework clubs / study support

School and Class Support

- Institution library cards for classes to borrow items each term
- School class visits each term (including introduction to libraries, activities linked to curriculum and preparation for school transition)
- School Archives visits and takeover days
- Volunteering and work experience opportunities for children 13 and over, and young adults

Reading Programmes

- Annual Summer Reading Challenge programme
- Annual Teacher's Reading Challenge programme

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What does our service offer?

Our professional Schools Library Service librarians offer the following to schools in Westminster, Kensington and Chelsea, and other boroughs.

- Advice service by Schools Library Service lead adviser
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- Diversity audit of school library and classroom collections
- Collection development of school library and classroom books
- Schools Library Service CPD programme
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Upcoming Dates/Reminders



Monday 2nd June 2025-First day back for children- Summer term 2 starts 8.45am

W/c Monday 2nd June 2025-No clubs this week

Friday 6th June 2025- Inset Day-school closed for children

w/c Monday 9th June 2025-Clubs commence back

w/c Monday 30th June 2025-Last week of clubs

Wednesday 2nd of July - Years 1- 6 Sports Day

Monday 7th July-Wednesday 9th July-Year 6 Residential Trip-Sayer's Croft

EYFS Sports Day -TBC

Wednesday 16th July-Year 6 Leaver's Production-2pm

Tuesday 22nd July 2025-last day of school-**1pm finish**

A full calendar is on our website.