



# Earlsmead's News

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October 2023

## Diary dates

### October 2023

20th - Birch assembly.

School closes at 3.15

30th - School reopens at 8.45

### November 2023

1st - Photograph day

3rd - Greenheart assembly

Ash and Manuka start  
swimming

10th - Year 3 Diwali assembly

13th - Anti-bullying week

17th - Sycamore assembly

Odd sock day

24th - Saplings assembly

Year 2 trip to Wisley

28th - Flu immunisations

### December 2023

4th - Dressing the Tree

14th - Christmas Fair

15th - Reception Nativity

Christmas Jumper Day

20th - School closes at 1.30

**See our website  
calendar for more  
dates!**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Autumn 1 Newsletter. As always, the first half term has been exceptionally busy and has flown by!

First, let me extend a warm welcome to the families who have joined us over this half term both in nursery, reception and throughout the school. I know you will find Earlsmead a warm, welcoming and cooperative place so please do reach out to staff and other parents should you have any questions.

It has been amazing to welcome so many parents into the school for assemblies, meet the teacher meetings and also to join in with maths and English mornings. Parental engagement is a powerful lever for raising achievement in schools. When parents and teachers work together to improve learning, the gains in achievement are significant. Thank you so much for giving your time at these events - the children absolutely love having you in school.

We value leadership development at all levels at Earlsmead Primary. I would like to extend my congratulations to the Head Pupils, Prefects and School Council Representatives who were elected this half term. Those of you who were with us during Monday's Assembly will agree that we have some incredibly strong public speakers this year. Mr Safarian will also be selecting seven 'Ambassadors' next half term as well.

This week we have been celebrating Black History month. This year's theme is Celebrating our Sisters. We have been looking at significant women from the United Kingdom and have also had several leaders of local, black-owned businesses come in to speak to the children. They have been truly inspiring and they have all let us know how delightful the children were during these sessions. Read on in the newsletter to see what we've been up to. We also hope you will join us at the British Black History Expo Friday from 2.45pm in the hall.

Next half term looks to be just as busy and exciting!

I hope you all have a wonderful, safe holiday break and we look forward to seeing you all back for another busy term on Monday 30th October at 8.45am with all children wearing the correct uniform, including ties!

Ms Graham  
Headteacher



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# Attendance



Our attendance target is 96%. We must make every effort to ensure that all children are in school everyday unless they are ill.

Please try to have children in classrooms by **8.45am** so they can participate in Soft Start activities.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
Oaks	89.8%	Chestnuts	95.7%
Cedar	89.6%	Redwood	94.5%
Maple	92.7%	Cherry	99.7%
Ash	88.3%	Manuka	98.9%
Meranti	98.3%		
Birch	96.5%	Sycamore	94.9%
Elm	97.9%	Greenheart	98.9%

## Uniform

Reminder: Please ensure that the correct uniform is worn.

Nursery	Reception to year 6
<p>Royal blue tracksuit bottoms.</p> <p>Gold polo shirts.</p> <p>Royal blue shorts in the summer.</p> <p>Blue, gold, white or grey head scarves.</p> <p>Comfortable flat shoes or trainers.</p>	<p>Black trousers, tartan skirts.</p> <p>White cotton shirts.</p> <p>Royal blue jumpers or cardigans.</p> <p>Gold and white summer dresses.</p> <p>Blue, gold, white or grey head scarves.</p> <p>Black flat shoes.</p> <p>Grey or black socks or tights.</p>



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# Achievements



**Congratulations** to the following children who received awards for positive behaviour for learning this half-term! We've missed quite a few assemblies due to so many bank holidays this half term so these children should feel extra special.



## Redwood:

Malachi, Eesa,  
Aisa-Rae, Millianna,  
Zeba, Aarish

## Cedar:

Aaron, Ritika, Eman,  
Harrison, Jalaal,  
Tiffany, Darius,  
Momin, Aksh,  
Siyujan



## Cherry:

Rizwan, Noor

## Maple:

Vedgna, Nyah-Lei,  
Amelia, Ruhi, Bella,  
Osama, Yousseff,  
Grace, Zahra, Siraj,  
Yasamin, Anhelina,  
Kayland, Manjit,



## Meranti:

Nour, Sami, Denis,  
Reyhan, Sofhia,  
Hiva

## Birch:

Grace, Jayden,  
Elija, Isaac, Kevin,  
Hajra, Aryoub, Diya,  
Gulamnabi, Mehria,  
Haleema, Sadiq



## Ash:

Jimmy, Alifiya, Aayub,  
Sophia, Nixon,  
Tanzeela, Darron,  
Shanchyan,

## Manuka:

Tahib, Filip, Yagna,  
Sakina, Sharbika,  
Sufyan.



## Greenheart:

Tina, Aryan, Selena,  
Roshin, Maisha,  
Shreya, Mohammad  
R,

## Elm:

Pearl, Raqib, Amira,  
Christopher,  
Emmanuel, Paulina,  
Shreyans,

## Sycamore:

Rocco S, Pankti,  
Zainab, Sathvigan,  
Elisa, Lena, Zara,  
Masud, Fatima,  
Ruman

These photographs were taken 50 years ago this month.

Do you know where it is?



ANSWER: This is where Earlsmead School stands today. The building work started 50 years ago this month. The ground used to belong to the football club.

## CHILDREN WHO ARE DUE TO START

### NURSERY / PRIMARY / SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2024

Nursery CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 1 SEPTEMBER 2020 AND 31 AUGUST 2021	Primary School CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 1 SEPTEMBER 2019 AND 31 AUGUST 2020	Secondary School CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 1 SEPTEMBER 2012 AND 31 AUGUST 2013 (In year 6)
Please apply online at <a href="http://www.eadmissions.org.uk">www.eadmissions.org.uk</a> You still need to apply even if you are at Earlsmead Nursery <b>CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 15 JANUARY 2024</b>	Please apply online at <a href="http://www.eadmissions.org.uk">www.eadmissions.org.uk</a> <b>CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 15 JANUARY 2024</b>	Please apply online at <a href="http://www.eadmissions.org.uk">www.eadmissions.org.uk</a> <b>CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31 OCTOBER 2023</b>

APPLYING ONLINE. IS EASY AND YOU GET AN INSTANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED. YOU WILL ALSO RECEIVE AN EMAIL WITH THE OUTCOME OF YOUR APPLICATION ON OFFER DAY.

For details go to [www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

For help and advice on how to complete your application please email [schooladmissions@harrow.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@harrow.gov.uk)



### Parking outside the School

No vehicles are permitted to park on zig zag lines. No vehicles should park on a zig zag or even stop to set passengers down whilst restrictions are in force.

No vehicles are allowed to park in or across private driveways. Staff and residents are within their rights to photograph vehicles/take details and report to the appropriate body.

<https://www.harrow.gov.uk/parking-permits/report-illegal-parking>

Please also refrain from sitting on our neighbours' fences or littering in their space. This is antagonistic behaviour and is poor role modelling for our children.

In a community such as ours, it is important that we all show courtesy and respect towards each other. Please help me to keep our community as a happy place as this is what will most benefit our children.



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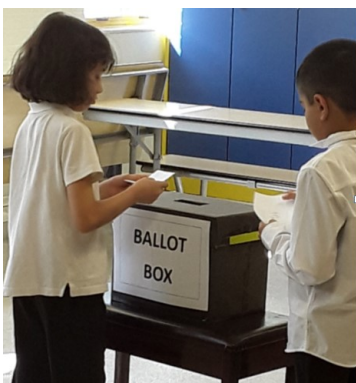
# Earlsmead Junior Leaders



Congratulations to Tina and Aryan who were awarded Head Pupils and Larrish and Raqib who are Prefects following a rigorous process of writing an application letter, having an interview and giving a speech.



Last week was Election Week at Earlsmead. School council hopefuls had to write a manifesto and present it to their class. Each class then came to the polling station complete with polling booths and a ballot box to vote for their chosen candidate.



Alefiya, Victoria, Sharbika, Elijah, Fatima, Sami, Andreea, Tokio, Rocco S, Pankti, Amira, Sheikha, Selena, Niam



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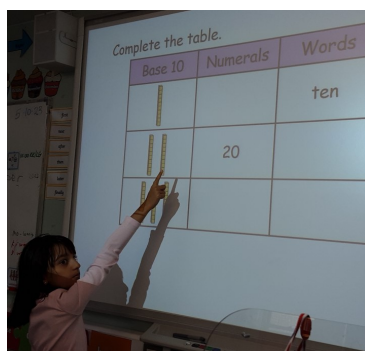
# World Teacher Day - 5th October



The day the children got to be the teachers!



Did you spot the new pupil?



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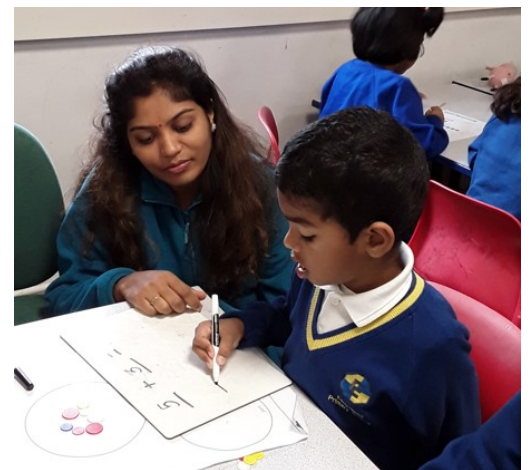
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## Parents go back to school!

It has been lovely to see so many parents joining their children with their English and maths.

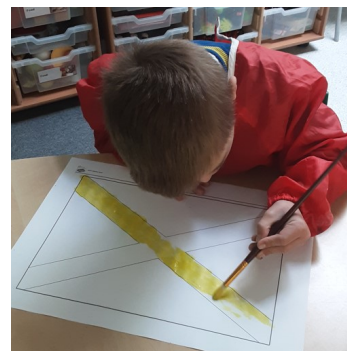
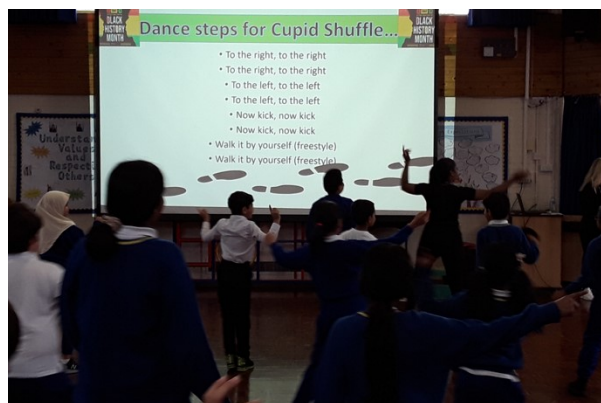
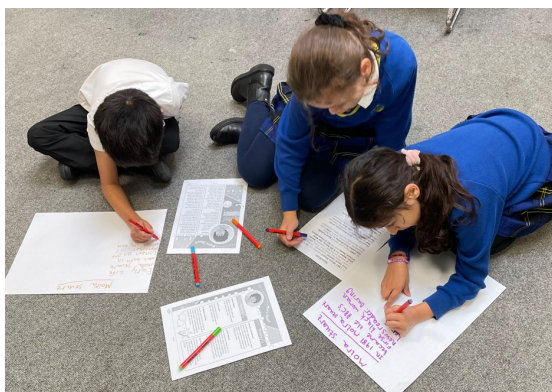
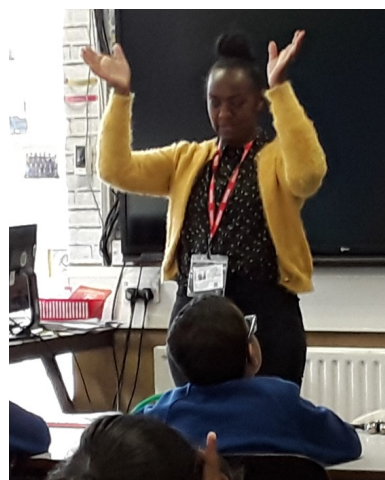




# Black History Month

Earlsmead celebrated Black History Month with each class focusing on a significant British female figure. They worked hard to learn about their female, writing fact files, letters, biographies, persuasive letters and speeches across the year groups. They also created artwork to showcase to parents for the Black History Exhibition held for parents on Friday 20th October. The children were also fortunate enough to take part in Caribbean dancing led by Ms Blair and Ms Morty!

We were also fortunate enough to have a few speakers from local black-owned businesses visit the school and speak to classes about their journey and careers. The children really enjoyed having the opportunity to listen and ask questions. We would like to thank the following people: Jenine (owner of Monkey Puzzle Nursery in Harrow), Sophia Morris (owner of 1Point3Academy – homeschooling business) and Melissa (owner of Honey Bees Cake).





# Earlsmead Sports Page

Well done to all the children who took part in the year 5/6 Quadkids event and year 5/6 Cross Country event. Earlsmead are very proud of you!



A special well done to the year 6 girls who managed to qualify for the finals in the cross country!!



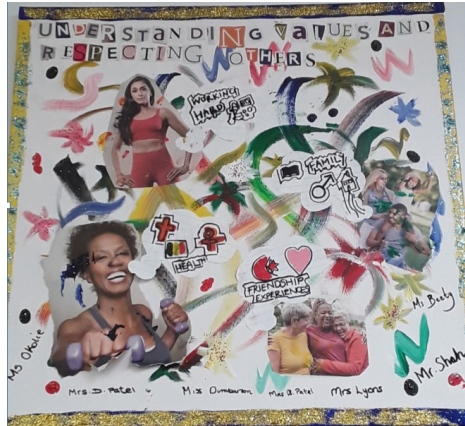
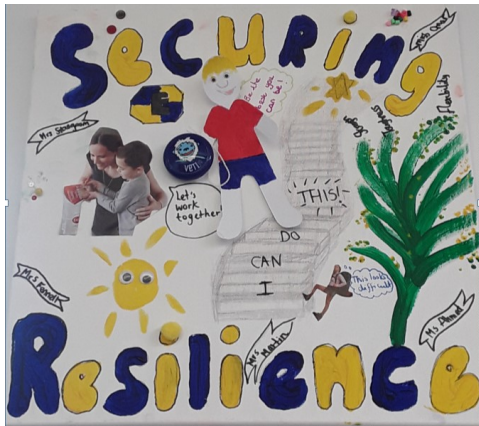
The year 5 & 6 boys and girls played exciting football matches against Newton Farm Primary School. The boys drew 4-4, but the girls won their match an outstanding 10-1!

What a great start to the season! .





The teachers have created these pieces of art that represent Earlsmead's Values.



Securing resilience

Understanding values and respecting others

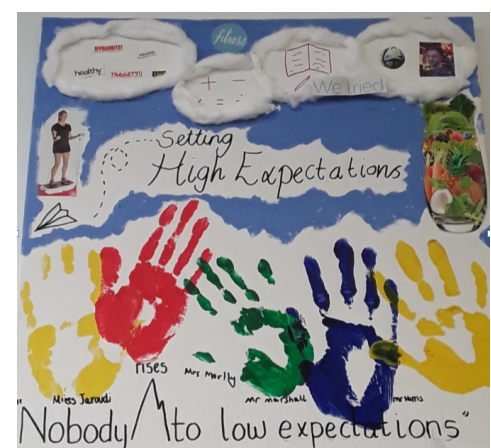
Committing to our learning

Community involvement

Equality for all

Striving to do our very best

Setting high expectations





# LATENESS AND ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

## EVERY DAY COUNTS!

What to do if your child is absent.

**CALL US ON 0208 864 5546 BEFORE 9.30AM  
ON FIRST DAY OF ABSENCE.**



We attempt to contact home for any unexplained absences. This ensures that all our pupils are accounted for and safe, especially as some older children walk to school on their own.

**Each and every day at school is important for your child's future. We fill every minute of our pupil's time at Earlsmead. We want the best for each and every child!**



What to do if your child is late for school.

**OUR SCHOOL DAY BEGINS AT 8.45am. Gate opens at 8.40am.**

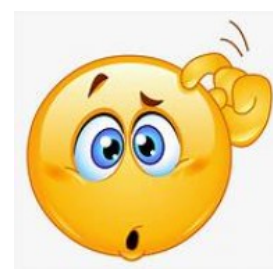
Lateness is a persistent problem at the school and we are hoping to reduce the amount of pupils who are late this term. Ultimately it is your responsibility as a parent/carer to ensure your child arrives to school on time, however we do realise that matters out of your control can affect your child getting to school at 8.45am. All we ask is that you do your best to get your child to school on time and let us know if there are any underlying problems preventing this. We are always happy to listen.



### **LATENESS MATTERS!**

Have you ever started trying to watch a T.V programme that has been on for 10 minutes? It's hard to get in to and we often just give up.

This is what it is like if your child misses the start of a lesson. Vital bits of information are gone and their confidence is undermined.



### **Thank You**

**Thank you to all those parents who contact school without delay if their children are late or unable to attend, for any reason.**

At Earlsmead we monitor children who are late to school and the frequency this occurs. In cases where a child persistently arrives at school after the register is closed (8:55am) and has received 8 Unauthorised Late Marks within a period of 10 weeks in term time, an Educational Penalty Notice (EPN) from the London Borough of Harrow will be issued.

### Headache, Ear ache and Stomach ache?

Children can still go to school, just let the staff know that they feel poorly. If symptoms persist, seek medical advice.

## Should my Child go to School Today?

### Every Day Counts!



### Tonsillitis and Glandular Fever?

Should seek medical advice and children can return to school when they feel well enough.

### Temperature?

Children with a temperature over 37.5°C, should be kept at home. If symptoms persist— seek medical advice.

### Coughs, Sore Throats and Colds?

Children can still come to school, if they feel well enough. If your child is Asthmatic, they may need their blue inhaler more often.

### Head Lice?

Children can go to school with Head Lice, but they **MUST** be treated. To prevent further spread, parents/carers should treat their child, by wet combing with a nit comb.

### Diarrhoea and Vomiting?

Children can return to school 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.  
*Children cannot go swimming for 2 weeks after last episode of diarrhoea*

### Conjunctivitis?

After starting medical treatment, children can return to school. They should be encouraged to wash their hands to prevent further spread of infection.

### Chicken Pox?

Children can return to school after the last blister has burst and dried up. Please let the school know if your child has been diagnosed by the doctor, as pregnant members of staff can be affected.

### Flu?

Children can attend school when they are well enough. The flu usually lasts about 5 days.

### Measles and Rubella?

Children can return to school 7 days after the onset of their rash. Please let the school know if your child has been diagnosed by the doctor, as pregnant members of staff can be affected.

### Impetigo?

Children can return back to school once they are well enough and the lesions are dry, crusted and healed.

### Threadworm?

Children can attend school when they have started their treatment.

### Scabies?

Children can return to school after the first treatment. Others at home should be treated as well.

### Mumps?

Children can return to school 5 days from the start of swollen glands and if they feel well enough.



### Ringworm?

Children can attend school, once they have started treatment.

### Whooping Cough?

Children can return to school 5 day after starting antibiotics. Non-infectious coughing may continue for many weeks.

### Scarlet Fever?

Children can return to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics. If no treatment is given, they can be infectious for 2-3 weeks.



## Packed Lunches

Earlsmead are working towards our silver and gold Healthy Schools Award.

As part of this we are working on dental and physical health,  
of which a healthy diet is part of.

A healthy packed lunch should consist of :

The main lunchbox item should be bread, rice, pasta, potatoes or rice. Choose wholegrain where you can.

Wraps and pots of fillings can be more exciting for kids when they get to make them. Dipping foods are also fun and a nice change from a sandwich each day.

Pick lower-fat fillings – like lean meats (including chicken or turkey), fish (such as tuna or salmon), lower-fat spread, reduced-fat cream cheese and reduced-fat hard cheese. And try to avoid using mayonnaise in sandwiches.



Always add fruit or vegetables. Cherry tomatoes, or sticks of carrot, cucumber, celery and peppers all count towards their 5 A Day. Tinned fruit and dried fruit counts too!



For a sweet treat try adding malt loaf, fruited teacakes, fruit breads or fruit. Pop in low-fat and lower-sugar yoghurts or fromage frais and add your own fruit.



Please **DO NOT** pack any fizzy drinks, chocolate or crisps as they are ok for treat foods but not a healthy packed lunch.

**DO NOT** pack any foods containing nuts.



Drinks are really important. They should be water, milk or a small amount of fruit juice. No fizzy drinks or squash as they have too much sugar in them.

For more information go to

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

Please remember for the safety of the children, we are a nut free school.

Lunches should not include any food containing nuts eg. biscuits, cakes, or chocolate spreads like Nutella as many contain nuts.



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A decorative border on the left and right sides of the poster, featuring a dense pattern of colorful handprints in various colors including red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, and pink. The hands are of different sizes and orientations, creating a vibrant, community-like feel.

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# WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are looking for volunteers to help organise fundraising events. We always need extra hands to put on events, setting up, running stalls etc..

You can give as much as your time or as little, we are always grateful for any help we receive.

*Email [school@earlsmead.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:school@earlsmead.harrow.sch.uk)  
or via ClassDojo.*

*Alternatively, come and see me after school. I am based in Saplings 2 (Mrs Kaur)*

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# Stay Safe With Fireworks

## Using fireworks at home?

If you decide to use fireworks at home, here's how everyone can stay safe.

### Only buy from licensed sellers

Check before you buy. Make sure you buy fireworks from a licensed retailer, both in-store and online. Do not buy fireworks from unknown retailers on social media sites. It's illegal for anyone under 18 to buy or carry fireworks.



### Store fireworks safely

Store fireworks in their original packaging. Lock them away from children and animals. Keep fireworks dry and away from sources of heat or ignition.



### Check your timings

Did you know that you can't let fireworks off between 11pm and 7am? The only exceptions are Fireworks Night, when the cut-off is midnight, and Diwali, New Year's Eve and Chinese New Year, when it's 1am. Timings may be different in Scotland. Search '**fireworks**' on **gov.scot** for more advice.



### Be considerate

People and animals may be affected by fireworks. Let your neighbours know in advance if you're planning on using any fireworks. Be mindful of where you site fireworks to minimise disruption.



### Look after pets

Cats and dogs should stay inside. Give small animals who live outside lots of extra bedding and nesting material to burrow in.



### Read all the instructions

The box of fireworks will tell you important things like how far away people need to stand back once the firework is lit. If you don't understand the instructions and warnings, don't use the firework.



### Dispose of fireworks safely

Ensure that fireworks are out, soak them in water overnight, then put them in a rubbish bag and in the bin.



## Which fireworks can I use at home?

Category information can be found on the label.

**Category F1, F2 and F3** fireworks are on sale to the general public. Consumer fireworks will fall into either category F2 or F3 depending on how much of a **safety distance** is required. Check you have enough space to safely use a firework before you buy. Always follow the Firework Code [www.saferfireworks.com](http://www.saferfireworks.com)

Go to [www.gov.uk/fireworks-the-law](http://www.gov.uk/fireworks-the-law) for more advice



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# Wrap Around Care



## Earlsmead's Breakfast Club and After School Club



Earlsmead provides a fun, safe and friendly environment managed by our professional and caring staff, helping children develop to their full potential through social, physical and intellectual play.



**Breakfast Club**  
**Monday – Friday**  
**8.00 – 8.45am**  
**£3.60 a morning**  
**(Breakfast included)**

**After School Club**  
**Monday - Friday**  
**3.15 – 5.00pm**  
**£3.60 an hour**

For more information, please contact the school office or call on 02088645546



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# October Crash Course

*Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Of October To Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Of October 2023*

Teacher	Dani	Morgan	Sam	Nicola
9am	Stage 2	Stage 1	Stage 3	Stage 4
9.30am	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 2 7+	Pre School
10am	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 4	Stage 1
10.30am	Diving and Turns Clinic ( Stage 5 and Above)	Stage 3 Confident ( For children in Stage 2 & Stage 3 who need more confident in the Main Pool )	Stage 1	Stage 2

£30 for 5 days of Swimming.

**Book early our crash courses are a sell out!**

**Crash Courses are a great way to introduce your child to the world of Swimming and also help with moving up a Stage, Developing fundamental skills and a fun way to spend half term!**

**If you have any questions about our crash courses please email our swim manager at [oliviachalmers@everyoneactive.com](mailto:oliviachalmers@everyoneactive.com)**

**To book a place please see reception or call 0208 423 7436**