



# Earlsmead's News

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December 2025

## Diary dates

### December

19th December—school closed at 1.30pm

### January

5th January (**INSET DAY**)

6th January— **school opens at 8.45am**

8th January—New Reception parent tour— 9.30am

13th January—Parents open morning A. Maths

14th January—Parents open morning B. Maths

15th January—Reception Parent reading workshop 9.00am

30th January—Year 6 assembly (**parents welcome**)

### February

5th February Parent Survey

6th February NSPCC Number day

10th February Safer Internet Day

13th February Saplings assembly (**parents welcome**)

26th February- Y4 Primary Art Workshop

### March

3rd March - Y4 parents workshop Multiplication Test Check 3.15pm

5th March—World Book Day

9th March—British Science Week

13th March—Y4 Assembly (**parents welcome**)

13th March—Pi Day

19th March—Rocksteady performance concert

20th March—Y5 Eid assembly

*See our website calendar for more dates!*

### Autumn 2 2025

Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,

What an exciting and fun-filled Autumn term we have had at Earlsmead! We would like to extend a huge thank you to all parents, carers, and children for your incredible support and participation in our events this term.

#### **This term we celebrated:**

- Dressing the Tree Assembly – a fantastic turnout for both morning and afternoon sessions.
- A successful Christmas Fair – thank you for your generosity and involvement! We are proud to say that we raised £1599.59 for the PTA. A big thank you to our Year 6 pupils who helped to run the fair.
- A vibrant Cultural Day organised by our prefects which included an amazing catwalk.
- Remembrance Day activities across the school, such as the Saplings' visit to Eastcote War Memorial.
- Exciting trips and experiences: Year 4 visited the local church, Year 5 explored the local area.
- Reception's wonderful Nativity performance.
- Parent workshops for Maths and Reading, plus special assemblies throughout the term.
- A visit to the Harrow Winter Wonderland which all of the attending children greatly enjoyed.

This term has truly been packed with learning, creativity, and community spirit. We are so proud of everything our pupils have achieved and the strong partnerships we continue to build with families. We are also looking forward to the pupils voting for our new School values in January.

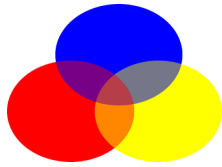
As we head into the festive season, we wish all of our Earlsmead families a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and a relaxing break. Thank you for making this term so very special. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year on Tuesday, 6th January at 8.45am.

Ms Graham and  
Headteacher

Ms Peshawaria  
Assistant Headteacher



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# Phonics



## Autumn 2 - We will be learning:

**Nursery - We will be learning:** animals in our topic Awesome Pawsome. We will be also be counting objects and recognising shapes. We will begin to learn some sounds in phonics.

**You can help at home by:** looking out for animals in the environment and naming them. You could visit a farm or a zoo. Practise counting objects touching them as you count. Read stories to your child and talk about them. Encourage your child to sit for a short period of time to complete a short task to build concentration and focus.

**Reception - We will be learning:** about fairy tales, which will support the development of children's imagination and creativity, through storytelling, discussion, and role play. In Maths, we will be learning about mass and capacity, make pairs-odd and even, compare length and height.

**You can help at home by:** reading with them daily, engaging in educational games, and discussing past and present experiences, including their early years. These activities help to develop language, comprehension, and critical thinking skills. In addition, regular phonics practice, encouraging your child to identify and apply sounds.

**Year 1 - We will be learning:** about primary and secondary colours in Art, past and present toys in History and different kinds of materials in Science. In Maths, we will be looking at numbers within 20 (place value, addition subtraction) and in English we will be writing our own story based on the book 'Old Bear'.

**You can help at home by:** Read with your child everyday and practise all the phonic sounds they have learnt. Help your child to write sentences and encourage them to read what they have written. Help your child learn their numbers within 20 and practice addition and subtraction.

**Year 2 - We will be learning:** how to stich in Design and Technology, in science we will be learning about planting, in history we will be learning about 'How to fly' first flight. In maths we will be learning about money, multiplication and division. In English we will be learning about sentence structure.

**You can help at home by:** Use key vocabulary children need to know and what they mean, do some stiching and planting with your child at home, talk about money and its value, go over multiplication facts for 2 and 5 times table. Practise sentence structures at home.

**Year 3 - We will be learning:** We will be learning about plants in Science. Children will learn about the functions of each plant part. In Geography children will be learning about Antarctica. They will be exploring who lives there and what people do there.

**You can help at home by:** Reading books, exporing videos and researching information about Antarctica and plants. Children can also look at plants outside and see if they can identify the parts it has.

**Year 4 - We will be learning:**We will be learning about animals, including humans. The children will learn about the human body and how to stay healthy. In History, we will be asking the question "Were the Vikings raiders, traders or settlers?" and learning about how the Vikings lived.

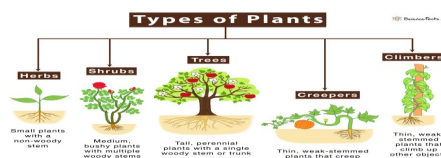
**You can help at home by:** talking with your child about healthy habits, reading books about the Vikings, watching suitable programmes and encouraging them to ask questions. Visiting the library or helping them look up information online is also helpful.

**Year 5 - We will be learning:** Year 5 is learning about the improtance of oceans in our world. We will be continuing to work on multiplication and division in maths and work with fractions.

**You can help at home by:** Reading everyday with your child for 10 minutes. Expanding their knowledge through conversation about oceans and water. You can visit the library to find books that will interest them in reading. And support them in their maths work booklet challenge.

**Year 6 - We will be learning:** Our enquiry question is: What are the key differences between Maya and Anglo-Saxon buildings? We'll explore how these two fascinating cultures designed and built their structures, and what those differences tell us about their way of life. We'll also be diving into fractions, decimals, and ratios.

**You can help at home by:** Encouraging your child to read a variety of books. You can also support your child to explore Maya and Anglo-Saxon history online Additionally, BBC Bitesize is a great resource for learning about fractions, decimals, and ratios in fun, interactive ways.





## Christmas whole school home learning project

The theme is 'What Do I See in Nature?'



As part of our sustainability project, we would like to propose a whole school home learning activity for the Christmas holiday.

The idea is for children to take nature photographs (**not them in the photo**) and share them with their teachers via Dojo or children can print their photos off at home and give it to their teachers when they back to school in January.

These photos will then be used for a collage.

**Ideas:** tree, birds, bird nest, rain, spider webs and so forth.

This activity will encourage your child/children to spend time outdoors and notice their surroundings and appreciate aspects of nature they may not have paid attention to before and we would like to see nature through their eyes.

Have fun and we are looking forward to all the photos children take (*just 1-2 will be great*).



# 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	96%	Chestnuts	95%
Cedar	95%	Redwood	96%
Maple	96%	Cherry	94%
Ash	96%	Manuka	97%
Meranti	96%	Eucalyptus	96%
Pine	93%	Sycamore	96%
Elm	94%	Greenheart	96%

## 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>Earlsmead tie with collared shirt.</p> <p>Royal blue jumpers or cardigans.</p> <p>Blue or 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>



# Achievements



**Congratulations** to the following children who receive awards for positive behaviour for learning this half term!



*These children should feel extra special*

## **Redwood:**

Sahir  
Sheikhs  
Harley  
Diane  
Ameli  
Roan



## **Cherry:**

Hasan  
Lili  
Abdullah  
Ameer  
Yug  
Tiyana



## **Ash:**

Sidra  
Bilal  
Gabriel  
Aaron  
Elias  
Nathaniel  
Aarav



## **Cedar:**

Tarush  
Shema  
Anabiya

## **Maple:**

Nayma  
Mohammad  
Hanvika  
Mantra  
Olivia  
Orance

## **Manuka:**

Navya  
Christian  
Mahibah  
Darius  
Ching

## **Eucalyptus:**

Eesa  
Reign  
Malik  
Kirthik  
Sohail  
Subhan  
Marwa  
Anthony  
Kaiser



## **Pine:**

Shanchayan  
Miriam  
Abdullah  
Afia  
Alma  
Zerya  
Kavin  
Tanzeela



## **Elm:**

Alaa Eldin  
Alesha  
Isaac  
Adam  
Gulamnabi  
Cataleia  
Elias  
Elija



## **Meranti:**

Rivaan  
Anhehina  
Arun  
Ezequias  
Rihan  
Nayanika  
Osama  
Emilee  
Osinachi  
Noor

## **Sycamore:**

Sharbika  
Amro  
Victoria  
Rakan  
Jeremiah  
Arna  
Zara  
Ali

## **Greenheart:**

Nour  
Michaiah  
Edon  
Denis  
Rawan  
Edon  
Alfie  
Zohal  
Isla  
Chukuwdi



## Saplings go to Eastcote Memorial and Picnic Cafe



On Tuesday 18th November, Saplings 1 and 2 travelled on the 282 bus to Eastcote to visit the War Memorial and then eat at the Picnic cafe.



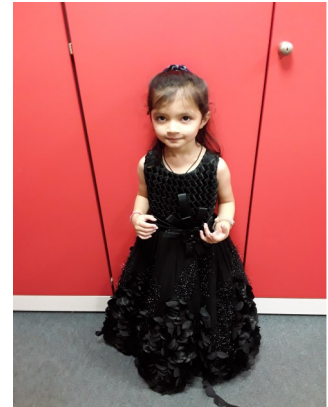
In Eastcote we saw lots of signs of Christmas, which helped us talk about our upcoming assembly. One of the shop windows had a beautiful display with mechanical ornaments. We could have looked at this window all day!



In the café, the staff gave us free Ribena's which was very kind.



We ordered our own food and it was very tasty. We cannot wait to go again and the staff at the café are looking forward to our return in 2026!

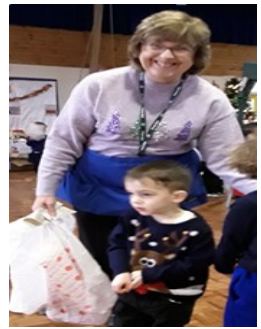


# A Magical Twinkly Nativity Performance

Our Reception children sparkled on stage in their performance of *The Twinkly Nativity*. From shining stars to cheerful shepherds, each child played their part beautifully, bringing the Christmas story to life with confidence and joy. Their wonderful singing and expressive acting filled the hall with warmth and festive spirit. We are so proud of their hard work and creativity, and we extend a heartfelt thank you to our staff and families for helping make this special celebration possible!



# CHRISTMAS FAIR





# Dressing the Tree Assembly





**Boy's football tournament** - Our year 5/6 boy's played in a football tournament this half term. They scored some good goals and played well as a team, but unfortunately did not qualify for the next round. Nonetheless, we are very proud of their attitude and performance.

**Girl's football tournament** - Our year 5/6 girl's played in a football tournament this half term. They played 8 games against different schools and not only did they win all 8 games, they did not concede a goal either. Very dominant performance everyone can proud of.





**Cross country** - We had another cross country competition this half term with even more from our school qualifying for the finals! That makes a total of 9 children that have qualified for the finals which will be in February.

**Netball vs Grimsdyke** - We had our first league match of this academic year against Grimsdyke Primary School. It was the first time some of our team had played in a match against another school, but they made us proud! We won the game 10-4 to start the league really well.



## YEAR 4'S VISIT TO ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

This half term in RE, Year 4 visited St Andrew's Church to help consolidate their learning. We were kindly welcomed by Rev Lyndon, who showed us the different parts of the church such as the pews. The children then enjoyed a scavenger hunt around the main part of the church, spotting and learning about important features.



## Year 6 RAF Hendon Trip 2025



### Trip reflection:

Our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic day at the RAF Museum in Hendon! The trip brought our World War II learning to life as the children explored incredible aircraft and exhibits from both WWI and WWII. They were able to see first-hand some of the events and artefacts we've been studying in class, making history truly come alive. It was an engaging and memorable experience for everyone involved!

## IMPORTANT SCHOOL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

CHILDREN WHO ARE  
DUE TO START IN PRIMARY / SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026

PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 1 SEPTEMBER 2021 AND 31 AUGUST 2022	SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 1 SEPTEMBER 2014 AND 31 AUGUST 2015
You need to apply for a reception place. Please apply:  ❖ Online at <a href="http://www.eadmissions.org.uk">www.eadmissions.org.uk</a>  <b>CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 15 JANUARY 2026</b>	You need to apply to transfer to secondary school. Please apply:  ❖ Online at <a href="http://www.eadmissions.org.uk">www.eadmissions.org.uk</a>  <b>CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31 OCTOBER 2025</b>  We strongly recommend that you submit your secondary application by <b>Friday 24 October 2025</b> , as this is the Friday before the half term holiday.
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 <a href="http://www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions">www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions</a>  For help and advice on how to complete your application please email <a href="mailto:schooladmissions@harrow.gov.uk">schooladmissions@harrow.gov.uk</a>	



### NO PARKING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL GATES

No vehicles are permitted to park on zig zag lines. No vehicles should park on a zig zag or even stop to let passengers out, 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 chil-



# LATENESS AND ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

## EVERY DAY COUNTS!

What to do if your child is absent.

**CALL US ON 0208 864 5546 BEFORE 9.30AM**



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



### **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.

# 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.

Healthy



Unhealthy



For more information go to

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

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.



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.



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.

