

Welcome to our NEWSLETTER
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Orange 4

In Art we have been looking at the artist Yayoi Kasuma and explored making paintings using dots.



February Outdoor Learning Challenge

It is children's mental health week next week. Can you spend some time outdoors? Go for a mindful walk and see what colours you can see.



Thank you!

A big THANK YOU to the parents and school staff who have agreed to be trustees so that the PCTA can achieve charitable status.





Moments Matter, Attendance Counts!

Being in school every day that it is open, is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and their wider development. We understand that sometimes your child may be ill and unable to attend school, however face-to-face education is important in helping pupils to fulfil their potential.

When can my child be absent from school?

When you register your child at school, you have a legal duty to ensure your child attends that school regularly.

This means that your child must attend every day that the school is open, unless:

- Your child is too ill to attend that day.
- You have asked in advance and been given permission by the school for your child to be absent on that day due to exceptional circumstances.
- Your child cannot attend school on that day because it is a day you are taking part in religious observance
- Your local authority is responsible for arranging your child's transport to school and it is not available on that day or has not been provided yet

If your child needs to be absent from school for one of the reasons above, you should contact school as early as possible to explain why. If not, we will contact you on the first morning of their absence to find out why. If we are unable to contact you, we may be required to do a home visit to check everything is ok. If your child continues to be ill and unable to attend please keep school updated.

There may be barriers as to why your child is not attending school. In most cases, if your child's attendance level is falling, we will contact you to explore the reasons and discuss what can be done to help you overcome the barriers they are facing. As always, we are here to help and support you. Don't hesitate to contact us if you need anything.

Evidence for Learning

Please check the EFL app regularly to see all the lovely photos and videos of your child's learning each week. If you are having problems logging on, please contact Claire:

conions@evergreenprimary.co.uk

Look out for more Evidence for Learning workshops for parents in the Spring Term.



Grounding techniques.

This week we have noticed some beautiful skies on a morning!

Purple, orange, red colours have made our drive to school more interesting. We talked about the sky being a calming tool for when children and adults feel overwhelmed. It can be a source of beauty that can help us feel more safe and grounded.

Grounding techniques can be a good tool for anyone feeling overwhelmed or anxious. Looking at the sky and noticing colours, birds, clouds etc can remind you to relax and 'be' in the moment.



OUTDOOR CLOTHING CHECK

As the daylight is getting longer, we start to think about getting outdoors more. At school, during OPAL we try to go out in all weathers. Here is a little reminder about what your child could leave in school so they can experience outdoor play and learning to the full extent. You may have sent these items into school in September but may need bigger sizes or replacing—I know some children just love the mud!! xxx

- Waterproof trousers and coat
- Wellies
- Gloves and hat
- Spare clothes





School holidays for the 2023/2024 academic year

Holiday	Closing Date	Date Re-opens for Teaching Purposes
Summer 2023 (6 weeks 2 days)	Friday 21 July 2023	Wednesday 6 September 2023
Autumn Half-Term 2023 (1 week)	Friday 27 October 2023	Monday 6 November 2023
Christmas 2023 (2 weeks 1 day)	Tuesday 19 December 2023	Thursday 4 January 2024
Spring Half-Term 2024 (1 week)	Friday 16 February 2024	Monday 26 February 2024
Easter 2024 (2 weeks 3 days)	Thursday 28 March 2024	Wednesday 17 April 2024
May Bank Holiday (1 day)	Friday 3 May 2024	Tuesday 7 May 2024
Summer Half-Term 2024 (1 week)	Friday 24 May 2024	Monday 3 June 2024
Summer 2024	Tuesday 23 July 2024	TBA

Inset days 4th & 5th September 2023
3rd January 2024
15th & 16th April 2024

Dates for Spring Term

Friday 2nd February—NSPCC Number Day

Friday 16th February—break up for half term

Monday 26th February—back to school

Thursday 7th March— World Book Day

Tuesday 12th March—parents' evening

Friday 15th March—Red Nose Day

Thursday 28th March—break up for Easter