

**Welcome to our NEWSLETTER**  
**26.01.24**

# Yellow 1 - Spring cleaning



## Jokes for January

How do bees get to school?



On the school buzzzzzz!!!!

What is a snake's favourite lesson?

Hissstory!

Why did the children cross the playground?

To get to the other slide!!!

## January Outdoor Learning Challenge

Take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch. Make a birdfeeder, put it outside and watch for how many different birds you can see.



We'd love to see your photos on Evidence for Learning.





## 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](mailto:conions@evergreenprimary.co.uk)

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

## Number Day

On Friday 2nd February, we will be celebrating NSPCC Number Day 2024. Your child can come to school dressed in clothing with patterns, shapes and numbers and will be engaging in number-based activities in their class throughout the day. Please **do not go out and buy clothes for this event**. If you don't have anything suitable, your child can just wear their favourite clothes that day!



# Wellbeing

## Water

This week classes have been exploring elements in dance and how water is a therapeutic tool for some people. We listened to music with water sounds and rain sounds. We moved our bodies like water moves and we copied actions of others. We also talked about how water can help us feel calm if we get stressed. We discussed how bubbly water and bubble machines help some pupils, how having a bath can make people feel and how water is healthy to drink. Here is a photo of Yellow 3 performing their water wellbeing dance .



Time to Talk day is next week - Thursday 1st February.

In school, we will be promoting staff and pupils to talk about any issues that are bothering them or share ways of keeping themselves healthy and happy.



According to National Celebration days, January is Self-Love Month.

It's much too easy to get carried away by life's troubles and forget to appreciate yourself. Self-Love Month is a time to appreciate yourself and invest time in conscious physical, spiritual, and psychological growth.

### WHY WE LOVE SELF-LOVE MONTH

#### Health benefits

- Self-love means being more conscious about things that affect your health and lifestyle. People who practice self-love enjoy numerous mental and physical health benefits.

#### Positivity

- Love starts from within. We can only love others when we learn to love ourselves.

#### Encouraging growth

- Self-Love Month reminds you to appreciate yourself and invest in personal growth. It is the ideal time to prioritize your happiness and well-being.



### IT IS OK TO...

BE YOURSELF

NOT KNOW EVERYTHING

SAY NO

ASK FOR HELP

HAVE BAD DAYS

MAKE MISTAKES

NOT BE OK

START OVER



### 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 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024**  
**15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

## Dates for Spring Term

**Friday 2nd February—NSPCC Number Day**

16th February—break up for half term

Monday 26th February—back to school

Tuesday 12th March—parents' evening

**Friday 15th March—Red Nose Day**

Thursday 28th March—break up for Easter