

## Welcome to our NEWSLETTER 15.03.24



### March Outdoor Learning Challenge

This week in forest school we have been making shelters. Can you make a mini shelter to hide a teddy or toy inside? We'd love to see your photos or videos on Evidence for learning.



### Thank you!

Thank you to our Science Lead, Christina Rowell, for the planning and delivery of our amazing Science Fair on Wednesday.

Thank you to all the children and staff for their fantastic science projects.

And finally, thank you to all the parents who attended the Science Fair.



At Evergreen we are committed to providing equality and promoting the inclusion of all pupils in all areas of primary school life. We recognise the diverse and individual needs of all of our pupils and take into account the additional support required by those children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

The Government has asked all Local Authorities in the UK to publish, in one place, information about the services and provision they expect to be available in their area for children and young people from 0 to 25 who have Special Educational Needs and/or a Disability (SEND).

This is known as the **"Local Offer"**.

All schools have a Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) who works with staff, pupils, parents and outside agencies to ensure that the needs of individual pupils are met in accordance with the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice.

Our SENCO is Jayne Curtis.

Further information about the "Local Offer" Scheme can be found on the [County Durham Families Information Service \(FIS\) Website](https://www.countydurhamfamilies.info/kb5/durham/fsd/home.page).

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All the information about our "Local Offer" can be found on the **S.E.N.D.** section of our website.

<https://evergreenprimary.co.uk/index.php/our-school/send>

## 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 Summer Term.

## Year 5 Parent Event at The Oaks

If your child is currently in Year 5 and you are thinking about The Oaks as an option for secondary school, why not come along to this friendly event on Wednesday 8th May 5-6 pm. You will be shown around the school with other year 5 parents and staff will try to answer any of your questions.





## Celebrating International Women's Day 2024

Last Friday we attended a girls football tournament to celebrate International Women's day! The girls really enjoyed themselves and were even more surprised when we received our new football kit!! Girls football sessions have now been launched every Tuesday lunch time in school and we are looking forward to more upcoming matches!! Giving girls a platform to explore a wider range of sports can help to elevate their confidence and self worth. We are so proud of our girls football team.



### Lunch time clubs

The new timetable for lunch time clubs will be starting after Easter. Opportunities to access these clubs are provided on a rota basis. They provide pupils with extra curricular activities to help to develop their core stability, stamina, social skills and much more. Clubs include Rebound therapy plus, hydrotherapy club, cricket, football and netball.

### Benefits of physical activity

We all know that being physically active can provide lots of benefits. This can mean different things to different people. We would like to celebrate our pupils who complete daily physio programmes to help with their strength, posture and flexibility.

Orange 1 enjoyed wheelchair dancing as part of their physical activity in school. They really enjoyed listening to music through the ages and experienced rock 'n' roll, the jive and the Charleston. Well done Orange 1.





### School holidays for the 2024/2025 academic year

Holiday	Closing Date	Date Re-opens for Teaching Purposes
Summer 2024 (6 weeks 1 day)	Tuesday 23 July 2024	Thursday 5 September 2024
Autumn Half-Term 2024 (1 week)	Friday 25 October 2024	Monday 4 November 2024
Christmas 2024 (2 weeks 1 day)	Friday 20 December 2024	Tuesday 7 January 2025
Spring Half-Term 2025 (1 week)	Friday 21 February 2025	Monday 3 March 2025
Easter 2025 (2 weeks)	Friday 11 April 2025	Monday 28 April 2025
May Bank Holiday 2025 (1 day)	Friday 2 May 2025	Tuesday 6 May 2025
Summer Half-Term 2025 (1 week)	Friday 23 May 2025	Monday 2 June 2025
Summer 2025	Friday 18 July 2025	TBA

Inset days 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## Dates for Spring / Summer Term

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Parents Coffee Morning 10am

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March—break up for Easter

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April—back to school

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May—Musical theatre performances of Matilda

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May—Bank Holiday

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May— Year 5 parent event at the Oaks (5-6 pm)

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May—Autism Week

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May—Break up for half term