Engayne Newsletter

What's happening at Engayne? **Autumn 2025 First Half Term**

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HOUSEPOINTS

The winning house for Autumn 1 is:

TERRA/EARTH

With 1065 points

Children from Terra house can wear non-uniform on Monday 3rd November 2025

CHARITIES

Don't forget your money for the Poppy Appeal after half term.

WINNERS HAVERING IN BLOOM!

Engayne were the winners of the Best School Display category in the Havering in Bloom 2025 awards for the second year running!

We were presented with our certificate and prize (a B&Q voucher) at a ceremony hosted by the Mayor of Havering at the Town Hall.

Well done to all of our pupils and special thanks to Mrs Donovan (now retired) for our award winning grounds!

CROSS COUNTRY

On the morning of Tuesday 7th October twenty pupils from Year 5 and 6 made their way to Stubbers Adventure Centre to participate in the Havering Sports Collective Cross Country competition.

They were all very nervous at the start but tried their very best. It was a tough, undulating course but with grit and determination they all managed to finish with a smile.

We were very proud of all their efforts. Well done team!

Isla in year 5 and Henry in year 6 secured finishing positions in the top ten which was amazing. As Henry is in year 6 he has been invited to participate in the district cross country at Parliament Hill in November. We wish him the best of luck! Mrs Barrett

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This October, our Key Stage 2 students participated in an inspiring assembly and live lesson focused on Black History Month. Led by expert facilitators Shaniqua and Hayley, the livestream delved into the remarkable story of The Mangrove Nine, highlighting their courageous activism and indomitable spirit. This year's theme, "Standing Firm in Power and Pride," provided a meaningful context for students to engage with. Through creative arts, discussions, and interactive activities, students embraced essential themes of equality, diversity, and inclusion. The session not only enriched their understanding of black history but also empowered them to reflect on the contributions of black individuals to society. By tackling important personal, social, and cultural topics, we fostered an environment where students can build core skills such as confidence, oracy, literacy, and creativity. Together, we celebrated achievements while reinforcing the importance of diversity in our communities, ensuring every voice is heard and valued.

Some children have enjoyed visits to Thriftwood, Duxford, Hyde Hall and the zoo. Thank you to all staff for organising these visits as they are very time consuming but so worth it! We also couldn't do these visits without our group of helpers who attend to help.

It was also so lovely to see many of you at the meet the teacher evening.

Have a lovely half term break and hopefully some of you will be completing the EPFA's scarecrow trail!

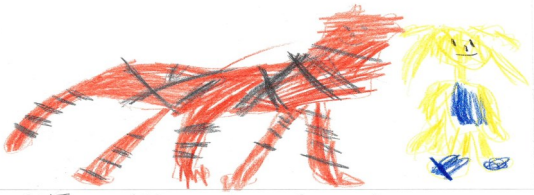
We return to school on Monday 3rd November 2025. Regards Mrs Sankey

Reception

In reception we have learnt about Autumn. we shared poems and made Leaf hedgehogs.

by Chloe Avon

Year 1



In 1E we have been reading The tiger who came to tea. We had lots of fun writing fact files, making tiger masks and learning a song for our tea party.

Luna 1E

Year 2

This half term we went to Hertfordshire Zoo, we saw Red Panda, zebras, lions, monkeys and penguins.

The best part was seeing a sun bear.

Celine + Edie 2B

Year 3

So far this term, we have enjoyed using chrome books with our own log in details. We liked finding the London Landmarks using Google Earth.

We have done some Art activities and created a London Landscape using everything we'd learnt. We Shaded, we Sketched in 3D and 2D and then we tried to make a London Landscape using an app on the chrome books. Most of us preferred using the Art materials.

We have liked our Science experiments. We put celery Sticks into coloured Water to look at Water transportation. The celery Stick changed colour!

We had an amazing activity day! Our favourite activity was rock climbing! We've also been doing lots of reading together. Our favourite book this half turm has been Hodgeheg.

by Tiana, Ellie and Albie 3B

Year 4

In year 4, we have been learning about a wide range of interesting topics.

In English, we read an amazing book called Varjak Paw. Varjak is longing to go outside but his family would not let him. We wrote a blurb a dog advert, a playscript and a lot more! I love the story Varjak Paw because it is a long book and I like that he meets two other cats in the outside world. We also learnt how to use rhetorical questions and subordinate clauses.

I have loved learning about Science because we looked at the names of teeth and bow to properly brush your teeth. We also learnt about the digestive system and all the different parts/organs involved.

In PE, we did touch rugby - there were 4 teams (2 teams would play in one game). As part of our warm up, we would run 2 laps and would play the shark game - we all loved playing that game!

Finally, I loved computing because we were able to use the chrome books and explore the internet and look at how to be safe online. You should never believe everything you see on the internet. Some of the websites we looked at were: Newsround, BBC, Google, YouTube, Lego and many more.

Written by Imogen and Isla 4BT ***Typed on Chromebooks donated by the EPFA***

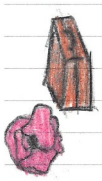
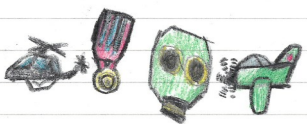
Year 5

Year 5 have settled into the Upper Key stage 2 routine and expectations. A highlight was our recent trip to Thrift wood where we took part in a variety of outdoor activities, embracing a spirit of adventure and teamwork. In Physical Education, we have been developing our netball skills, making progress as we engage in practice sessions that focuses on teamwork and coordination. Additionally, our weekly TTRockstars tournament has ignited a spirit of friendly competition, enhancing our mathematical fluency in a fun way. We participated in a PSHE workshop focused on internet Safety, led by a team member from the SCARF programme. This vital session equipped us with important skills to navigate the online world safely. It has been a fun start to Year 5, with many more adventures to come!

Tallulah S 5A

Year 6

It has been a busy half term in year 6. In history, we are enjoying finding out more about WW2. We learnt about how important the ARP Wardens were to keep people safe and about children who were evacuated to the countryside. We were lucky enough to have a fantastic trip to Duxford, and the highlight for most people was, going on Concorde. We have had lots of fun is science with our light topic, making shadows and finding out if light could bend around corners. During our art lessons, we have been mixing primary colours and making different shades and tones. We all then painted landscapes.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