Half Term Highlights

Spring 2 - 2026

The EPFA Wonka bar sale was a fantastic success with almost 1,500 chocolate bars sold, raising an incredible profit of £1,359! The children absolutely loved the day and were very excited to see if they had won a golden ticket. A huge thank you for supporting this event and of course a special mention to the kind anonymous parent who generously donated a bar for every child.

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If your child is successful outside of school, for example in music, sport, etc, please let us know via contact@engayne.co.uk, and we will include this in the next edition of `Half-Term Highlights'

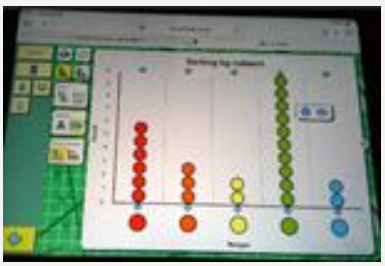
Reception

Reception invited our adults in for a morning of Easter crafts. We made chicks, bunny ears, decorated biscuits and went on an easter egg hunt.

We also brought imaginative books to life through telling stories, dressing up, creating props and using our new puppet theatre.

Year 1 had a very busy term getting ready for our 'Flower Power' cafe. The children were busy decorating the garden rooms, baking cakes and then becoming waiters and waitresses for their grown ups. They raised lots of money and were amazing

In Year 2, we have been working on a fun data computing unit where we sorted different objects by their features. We used this data to make a simple pictogram that shows the information. Then, we used IT tools to create both pictograms and bar charts, which helped us understand how to represent data.



We have also been learning important skills in food preparation, like cutting, chopping, peeling, and slicing a variety of fruits and vegetables as part of our Healthy Eating Science and Design Technology lessons.

Year 3

This term, Year 3 have enjoyed learning about the Romans, exploring life in Roman Britain and discovering how they built roads, toilets and public baths. The children are now looking forward to our 'Roman versus Celt' battle using the shields they made during the Easter holidays! In English, we read '*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*' and wrote descriptions of Narnia, as well as our own 'Through the Wardrobe' story openings. In Science, we explored forces and magnets through fun experiments, to investigate which materials are magnetic and non-magnetic, making predictions and testing their ideas. In DT, we designed and created our own pneumatic systems to make moving monsters, which the children thoroughly enjoyed bringing to life. In RE, we have been learning about different religious celebrations, including Easter and discussing their meaning and importance. In PE, we enjoyed using the orienteering app to improve our map skills.

This term in Year 4, the children learnt about Europe. They found out about the location of the capital city, the longest river, the tallest mountain and any active volcanoes in UK, France, Spain, Italy and Switzerland. They made fact files of France and Italy and became Chefs on two occasions preparing and making French crepes and Italian risotto. They looked at a balanced diet and from this planned a French or Italian menu.

The children have also been busy with their social action project, working with pre-schoolers from "Little Adventurers Nursery" to play together using all the lovely OPAL equipment and took partr in some Forest School sessions. They have had such fun!

Year Five

Although it has been quite a short half term, Year Five have been quite busy. We were quite impressed by the way the children picked up the skills for playing field hockey so quickly. They learnt how to handle the wooden hockey sticks and everyone performed well during mini-matches. They have also been developing their ability to use a needle and thread as they created sewn flower designs in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe, who we looked at during art lessons. In science they were comparing similarities and differences between the life cycles of different living things and tackled the puzzling question as to whether a duckbilled platypus is a mammal or not. In between all our learning, the children also worked extremely hard to learn their lines, songs and dances for the Easter Play. I am sure you would agree, they were outstanding and we were so proud of their achievements.

Well done, Year Five.

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YEAR 6

This half term has been a busy and rewarding one for Year 6, and it was a joy to welcome so many families to our positive parents' evenings. Pupils were enthusiastic about showing off their hard work in their books from their classroom work and it was great to see you all one last time before the children make their transition to secondary school.

Over the last half term, children have worked extremely hard on their writing. The children immersed themselves in Charles Dickens' Oliver Twist and used the text as a springboard for powerful writing. They composed persuasive complaint letters written in the voice of Thomas Barnardo, imagining how he might raise concerns about the harsh conditions in workhouses. Alongside this, the class practised journalistic skills by producing a sombre and factual newspaper report on the tragedy of the sinking of the Titanic, demonstrating careful use of evidence, tone and structure.

In PE, our orienteering unit gave the children the opportunity to apply map-reading and navigation skills in a practical setting. They used their cumulative knowledge from across the year to answer questions, solve problems and work collaboratively to complete courses.

As we look ahead to the final term of primary school, everyone is excited about the memorable activities we have planned and the important milestone of completing their SATs. The children have worked incredibly hard this year, showing resilience, curiosity and a real sense of community. Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support — it truly makes a difference to the children's learning and confidence.

Huge congratulations to Miss Mills and her partner who were married during the recent Easter Break. The beautiful wedding took place in Las Vegas!

The New Forest School Fire Pit

The firm of Amac Build Ltd spent several days in the school replacing our old and worn out temporary forest school fire pit with a far larger and more practical concrete-and-brick one.

This has been part of our outdoor education development plan for years but the cost of the construction meant that we had to admit that it might never happen. Amac Build have completed the project at no cost to the school because they wanted to enhance the pupils' forest school experience.

The new fire pit will allow pupils to light their own fires in greater comfort and in all weathers. It's large enough for an entire forest school class to use at the same time, whether they're boiling water in individual Kelly kettles or cooking together on the central fire. It is going to make an enormous difference to our learning outdoors.

Thank you, Amac Build Ltd.

Before

After

Huge congratulations to Sara, 6K, who recently won the Havering Junior Award for Piano!

Mum said:

**“We’re over the moon and so grateful for all your encouragement and belief in her. She’ll proudly bring her trophies into School.
Her name along Engayne Primary School in the Havering Young Musicians' Festival Programme, her picture with Havering Mayor , her name on Junior Musicians Of Havering Trophy for 2026 !!!!”**

Jenson, Cooper, Advaith and Atharv all recently competed in their Swim clubs Easter gala which resulted in Jenson, Cooper and Atharv all coming away with two medals each.

All their families are so incredibly proud of all 4 boys for all their hard work and commitment. Well done boys!

Louisa, Tallulah, Isla and Pearl were all very pleased to receive their Dance exam rewards on Saturday . They all achieved an honours award for all the exams they took .

Well done girls!