Engayne Newsletter

What's happening at Engayne? Autumn 2026 First Half Term

Housepoints

The winning house for Autumn 1 is:

With 1098 House Points.

Children from Aqua house can wear non uniform on *Monday 2nd November*

CHARITIES

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

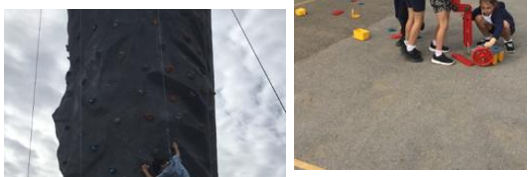
Hello Yellow

Hello Yellow was on 9th October

Splashes of yellow could be seen across the whole school highlighting the importance of mental wellbeing.

Adventure Day

"We did activities for a whole day instead of lessons. We did rock climbing, archery, disc golf and took part in a construction challenge. Rock climbing was our favourite activity as a class" Theo & Celine 3B



The children also took part in the reading initiative `take 10 at 10'

Message from the Head teacher

The weather is not looking great for half term but hopefully the children will enjoy some rest and recuperation time, especially all the Halloween activities! Please support the EPFA with completing the scarecrow trail.

This week has been a cultural celebration and learning about diversity. The children have created some lovely work to be displayed around the school.

We continue to concentrate on improving children's writing skills and arithmetic. Please keep practicing at home if you can, especially times tables in KS2. When we return after the half term the children will be having lessons on 'Talk PANTS' through the NSPCC. https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/pants-underwear-rule/

See you all back at school on Monday 2nd November 2026. Regards Mrs Sankey

Hear from our students

RECEPTION

Reception have been learning about Autumn and how the leaves change colour. We Wednesdays are fun!

Emilia Alon

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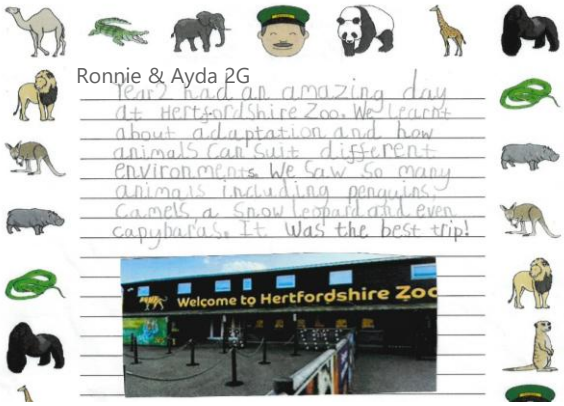
YEAR 1

In year 1 we had a Tiger Tea party. We Made masks decorated biscuits and learnt a song It was fun! By Zoe, 1E

YEAR 2



Ronnie & Ayda 2G

Year 2 had an amazing day at HertFordshire Zoo. We learnt about adaptation and how animals can suit different environments. We saw so many animals including penguins, camels, a snow leopard and even capybaras. It was the best trip!

YEAR 3

Computing We have been learning about digital devices. We saw how messages get sent to teachers. On the ipads we drew lots of bones to make a skeleton. We wanted to see which way we preferred to draw: using paper or using an app on the ipad.

Football

In football sessions, we have been learning about different skills. We have played some matches. We have been practising stopping the ball with different body parts. In our last lesson we are doing challenges in our house. It will be a competition between Terra, Aqua, Ventus and Ignis.

Theo & Celine 3B

YEAR 4

This half term, we have been learning all about the Anglo-Saxons in Year 4. We have discovered what life was like during Anglo-Saxon times and especially enjoyed having a go at weaving!

In maths, we have been learning about place value, including Roman numerals and rounding numbers. Some of it has been tricky, but we have worked really hard!

In English, we have been reading Varjak Paw. We have enjoyed learning about Mesopotamian Blue cats and writing our own non-chronological reports about them. Our teachers are really proud of the effort we have put into our writing!

One of the most exciting things this half term has been having quail eggs in an incubator, kindly lent to our school by a Year 4 parent. We have loved watching the eggs and are very excited because

the cute little chicks are due to start hatching soon. We can't wait to meet them!

Purba 4R

YEAR 5

We have had lots of fun learning in our first half term of being in Year 5.

In Science, we have been learning about forces and how they affect us every day. We carried out a friction investigation with force meters (also known as Newton meters), shoes and weights to measure how much force was needed to drag a shoe across different types surfaces. We have also learnt about air resistance where we made different types of paper aeroplanes to test which one would face the least air resistance.

In Art, our topic has been still life and we have been practising different techniques, skills such as hatching, loops, basket-hatching and stippling. We also did a colour matching by looking at a painting of a fruit bowl and then mixing water colour paints to match each colour in the picture.

Ariya 5C

For our trip, we had an exciting day out at Thriftwood. The whole of year 5 split into eight groups and did lots of different activities. Some of these activities included racing down the Greased Run, throwing axes at log targets, climbing the high ropes and very steep climbing walls, and zooming down the zip wire.

In P.E. we have been practicing our netball skills. We have learned how the court is laid out and which positions are allowed where. We have also worked on footwork, passing and shooting so we could play matches against each other. We are looking forward to a tournament with all the year 5 classes.

We are looking forward to more fun learning after our break.

Amber 5C

YEAR 6

In English we have been reading the book Wonder and learning all about Auggie and the challenges he faces. We have written a letter and a diary as two of the characters, which has helped us to understand their thoughts and feelings.

We are all enjoying our WW2 topic in History and finding out about children who were evacuated. We even got to visit Duxford to see planes which flew in the war.

During our art lessons, we have been finding out about complementary colours. We used our knowledge to create some lovely pieces of artwork.

By Daniel and Darcy 6T