

Eileen Wade Primary School

Newsletter Spring Term 2025

Dear Parents

As we continue to embark on an exciting Spring Term here at Eileen Wade Primary School with the days getting longer and the promise of brighter weather ahead, there's a wonderful sense of energy and enthusiasm across the school despite the nasty coughs and colds that are circulating.

The week beginning 3rd February was Children's Mental Health Week. The theme for the week was 'Know yourself, Grow yourself' and on Friday all children were asked to 'Wear bright and shine bright'. We raised £82.15 for CHUMS with our mufti day.

This week, our school came together to celebrate **Internet Safety Day 2025**, a vital occasion to raise awareness about keeping our children safe online. The digital world is an exciting place for exploration and learning, but it's also essential for our young learners to understand how to navigate it responsibly. The theme this year was 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'.

Here are our top internet safety tips:

1. **Think Before You Click:** Always pause and think before clicking on a link or downloading an app. Make sure it's from a trusted source.
2. **Never Share Personal Information:** It's important to keep private details like your full name, address, and school information safe from strangers online.
3. **Be Kind Online:** Just like in person, kindness matters online. Treat others with respect and report any bullying or harmful behavior.
4. **Use Strong Passwords:** Create unique passwords and change them regularly. Avoid using easily guessable information, like your name or birthday.
5. **Tell an Adult if Something Feels Wrong:** If you see something online that makes you uncomfortable or unsure, always talk to a trusted adult.

On the 7th March, We will be celebrating World Book Day - Your child would have brought home a £1 book token today. Getting a free £1 book for your child is easy – simply take your £1 book token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1 book OR use it to get £1 off any ANY book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. You can find your nearest bookseller at worldbookday.com/participating-retailers. We have asked your children to bring any new books into school on World Book Day. We will celebrate our love of reading with themed activities, book swaps, and a special dress-up day. We are encouraging the children to come dressed as their favourite book character!

Thank you for all your kind and very generous donations for our Duck Dash on the 22nd March. I am sure they will definitely help to make sure the Duck Dash is a fab and fun event for all.

As we head into the spring months, we remind all families of the importance of good attendance. Regular attendance is crucial for children to fully benefit from their education. We continue to focus on wellbeing, and we are here to support any families facing challenges. If you ever need advice or assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to us or our family support worker, Neelam neelam@facesbedford.org

Parents evening - We are excited to introduce an important change to how we conduct our upcoming Parents Evening. In the past, Parent evenings have taken place over two days. However, after receiving valuable feedback from parents and considering the workload of our teachers, we've decided to streamline the process into **one afternoon and evening session**. This will run from 3pm until 7pm on the 20th March. You will be able to sign up for an appointment after half term.

Wishing you all a restful break and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 24th February.

Value of the term

Courage

Being courageous can mean different things to different people. For example, one person may think it easy to speak in front of a large audience, whilst another would need to find lots of courage to do this. Everyone faces challenges from time to time, and we have to find courage to overcome them.

Important Dates

World Book Day 7th March
Year 5 Bikeability 17th & 18th March
Parents Evening 20th March
Red Nose Day 21st March
Duck Dash 22nd March
Mothers Day Shop 28th March
Swimming Yr2, 3, 4 & 5 1st April
Acorn & Sycamore visit to West Lodge Farm 2nd April
Easter Assembly 3rd April
Easter Bonnet Competition 4th April

Special Events/Activities/News

Our annual Duck Dash will be Saturday 22nd March 2025

Reminders

Please ensure your child does not wear earrings on their PE days unless they are able to take their earrings out independently. Teachers are not able to put earrings in or take them out due to health and safety reasons. We are also not allowed to put tape over the earring to protect them. It is the responsibility of the child to safely look after their own earrings. If you have any queries about wearing earrings in PE then please speak to Mrs Auld.

If your child will be absent from school - please can you email the office with a reason why before 9.30 a.m. Please do not email your child's Seesaw account with this information as messages are sometimes not opened until later that day.

School starts at 8.45 a.m. when the gate is opened allowing your child to enter and line up to go into class. Please have your child at the gate for 8.45 so they can line up with all their classmates.

Please do not park in the staff car park or use it as a turning point when dropping off and collecting your child.

With the changeable weather, please ensure that all children come to school with appropriate coats and jumpers so they can enjoy our wonderful outside spaces. Please also put your child's name on all coats and jumpers so that when they misplace them, they can very easily be returned.