

Earlsdon Primary School NEWSLETTER



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Spring 1 Week 3

Spring term parent/ teacher meetings

We are looking forward to holding the Spring term parent/ teacher meetings on **Wednesday 4th February and Thursday 5th February 2026**.

Information about how to book an appointment has been emailed to parents/carers. The booking is open now. To ensure that all families are able to book an appointment, we request that only one appointment is made per child. Thank you for your help with this.

Please put the dates in your diary!

UNICEF

We would like to thank volunteers from UNICEF who ran sessions in Year 6 this week to help us learn about climate injustice in a global context. Well done to the Year 6 children who participated well and shared their knowledge of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Table Tennis

13 pupils participated in the Individual Table Tennis Championships on Sunday. For many of our children this was their first opportunity to take part in a regional event and we were very proud of how well they played and with such enthusiasm.

We are delighted that Diego came third in the Boys Under 11 category and that Lucas achieved an astounding first place. This means that Lucas will represent Coventry and Warwickshire in the National Finals. Congratulations!



Junior ParkRun

We are hoping to see lots of families at Junior ParkRun this Sunday at the War Memorial Park.

Everyone is welcome—so don't worry if you haven't been before. The children run, jog or walk around a short course while parents cheer them on. This is free to take part in and is a great way to encourage your child to be active with friends in the fresh air.

After the run, we will be opening the school for family breakfast. This is optional and, again, everyone is welcome. The PTA will be selling hot sandwiches and drinks.

Meet up either at school at 8.30am or at the War Memorial Park at 8.45am.

Hope to see you there.



Letters sent out this week

-Reception Mastering Number at Home

-Peace Award 23 January

PACEY Peace Prize

Earlsdon Primary School has been a Coventry Peace Award school since the scheme started over four years ago. The network of Coventry schools who hold this accreditation have been shortlisted in an international peace competition.

The overall winners will be decided by public vote today. We are hoping to get as much support as possible. To vote for Coventry, please register today and then log in the presentation at 4pm. To register, please goto:

2026 PACEY Award Ceremony | Basel Peace Office and go to the right hand side of the page. Under Events; 2026 Pacey Award Ceremony, click on Registration Required. You will be sent a link to log in to the event. Please watch out for our video!

West Midlands PCSOs

We have been delighted to welcome the West Midlands Police Community Support Officers into school to work with the children during the last few weeks. The PCSO's have delivered online safety lessons with the Year 5 and Year 6 classes and next Thursday they will be running a parent workshop to support families to help keep their children safe online .

The West Midlands Police Community Support Officers are also visiting school each week to work with Earlsdon's newly recruited Junior PCSOs. Last Friday they had a great afternoon learning about speed awareness and how to keep our roads safe.



Keeping children safe online-workshop for parents

We are holding a parents workshop on Thursday 29th January at 5pm.

The session will be led by West Midlands Police and will focus on raising parents awareness of the dangers and possible consequences of children accessing the internet if appropriate safety measures and monitoring are not put in place. The session is extremely relevant and important for all primary school parents as school and West Midlands Police are seeing an increase in primary school age children getting involved with things online or accessing things they shouldn't.

Throughout the session PCSO Chater will give tips and strategies that parents can use to make the online space a safer place for their children.

This workshop is open to all parents.



Our learning this week:

Reception

This week the children in Reception have been focusing on their emotions and have been deepening their understanding of them. They have shared the texts 'The Colour Monster' and 'The Colour Doctor'. They have been making their own Colour Monster hats to describe how they feel, as well as develop their fine motor skills and problem-solving skills. They have been collaborating to make a large collage Colour Monster and in circle times have been learning about feelings and how we all feel a variety of feelings at different times. In small focus groups, the children have continued to learn about family, sequencing and ordering family members according to age and the different things that they can and cannot do. In music, the children have also started to learn some new songs in music linked to our School of Sanctuary - which are about kindness.

Year 1

In English children in Year 1 are in the process of re-writing 'The story of Pinocchio' using good sentences (capital letters, finger spaces, full stops), adjectives to describe nouns and the conjunction 'and' to add extra information. As mathematicians we have begun to recognise that addition can be done in any order and have thought about the importance of the 'equals' symbol. We have used counters to investigate all of the different pairs that can make a given whole number and have recorded these parts in our books. In our topic work we have begun to think about the materials that toys are made from. We have learnt that the inventor of the first plastic was Leo Hendrik Bakeland and after this invention in 1907 many toys began to be made from plastic. We have begun to compare old and new toys, thinking about the different materials they were made from and why.



Year 2

This week the children have practised writing a paragraph using letter sentences. They have continued to try and include conjunctions and adverbs in their writing and have formed a plan for their letter writing next week. As mathematicians, the children have continued to practise division strategies through sharing equally. Furthermore, the children have enjoyed using different shades of blue and green to create a river collage in Art and tried to improve their repetitions of 'down ups' in Fitness.



Year 3

As mathematicians, the children have been solving word problems involving length using the four operations. In English, they have written their own "Egyptian mystery" stories. As historians, they learned about daily life in ancient Egypt, and placed important events along a timeline. In Spanish, the Year 3 children have been learning the names of instruments. And, as artists, they have been practising drawing lines to create different effects, including creating work inspired by Piet Mondrian.



Year 4

This week, as mathematicians, the children have been developing their division skills by dividing 2- and 3-digit numbers using a range of written methods. As scientists, they planned a fair test to investigate which materials reflect and absorb sound, thinking carefully about how to make their results reliable. Our English lessons have seen the children showcase their fantastic creativity and writing skills by creating their own invention narratives inspired by the story of Jacques Cousteau and the invention of the aqua lung. As historians, the children stepped back in time to explore the Tudor Age of Exploration, learning about significant explorers such as Sir Walter Raleigh and Sir Francis Drake.



Year 5

This week as mathematicians, Year 5 have continued their work on fractions. They have been adding, and subtracting fractions, then simplifying and converting the answers. As authors, the children have planned and started to write their own survival narrative. They have been incorporating adverbial phrases, relative clauses, adverbs to indicate possibility, expanded noun phrases, and verbs with prefixes and suffixes in their writing. As scientists, they planned and carried out an investigation to find out which materials make the best thermal insulators. As geographers, the children have been learning about the journey of a river, identifying and explaining its key parts. In computing, 5W enjoyed taking part in a Scratch coding workshop held by Warwick University students. They had great fun coding and then playing a ping pong game.



Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been busy exploring a range of exciting learning across the curriculum. As geographers, they collected and analysed data about Colombia, organising their findings into tables and drawing thoughtful conclusions about the country. In Science, the children investigated how plants and animals are adapted to suit their environments. They learned that these adaptations help organisms survive and, over time, can lead to evolution. As mathematicians, Year 6 focused on decimal place value and revisited their understanding of 3D shapes, building confidence and accuracy in their mathematical thinking. In English, the children began writing and editing their own stories inspired by *The Tale of the Three Brothers*. They worked hard to apply the key writer's techniques they have been studying, producing imaginative and atmospheric pieces of writing.



Diary dates:

Sunday 25th January

Thursday 29th January

4th and 5th February

Monday 16th February

Monday 30th March

Junior Parkrun and Family Breakfast

Online safety workshop for parents- 5pm in school

Parents' evenings

Half term week

Easter holidays