



*We are all created unique and special.
He made us all perfect having our own uniqueness.
1 Peter 4:10-11 "God has given each of you a gift from his great
variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."*

READY - RESPECTFUL - RESPONSIBLE

Eton Porny C of E First School

Newsletter 19– Spring Term 1

6th February 2026

Dear Parents,

Did you know that 2026 is The National Year of Reading? It's the biggest campaign in a generation designed to help more people (re)discover the joy of reading and make it part of their everyday lives. The children all took part in workshops this week linked to storytelling which is the first of a number of events planned for this year.

How can you help? Buy a book from our wish list to support our school. <https://amzn.eu/gAtKk7d>, share your passion for reading with others - particularly by reading for pleasure with any children in your life or visit your local library.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, Emma Stanford Smith (Headteacher)

LEARNING SNAPSHOTS

Year 1 have enjoyed making their taxis this week. They learnt about chassis, wheels and axles. The children investigated four different ways to secure the wheels to their taxis, with fixed axles or fixed wheels. In English the children created 'Wanted Posters' for the art robbery in the story, 'Claude and the City.' They had to describe the robber and say what people should do if they encountered the robber.

Ask me: What is an axle?



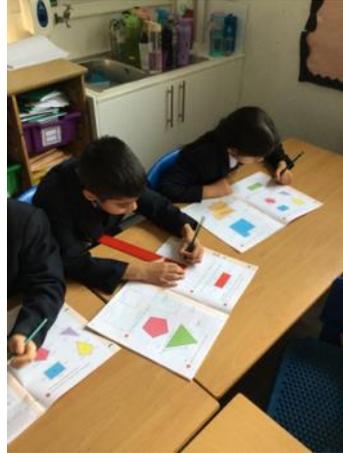
Year 2 started making their beach huts this week, using glue guns to carefully construct dowels and lolly sticks to create a frame. They also enjoyed taking part in a storytelling virtual session with author Annemarie Anang inspired by the book *I am Nefertiti!*, the children then created their own poems about their own names that would inspire and give them confidence. Mrs Stanford-Smith enjoyed their music session together when the children added instrumental accompaniment to the sea shanties they have been learning as part of their project Coastline.

Ask me: What my 'I am' sentence was about my own name?



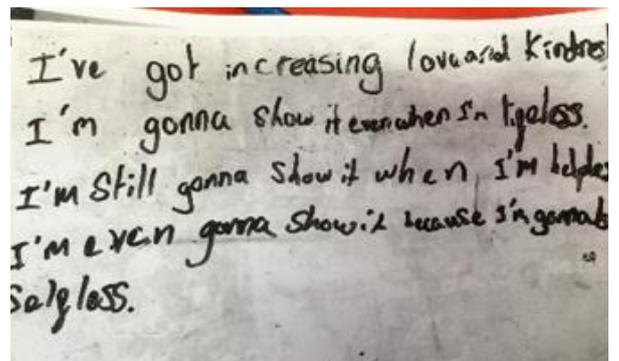
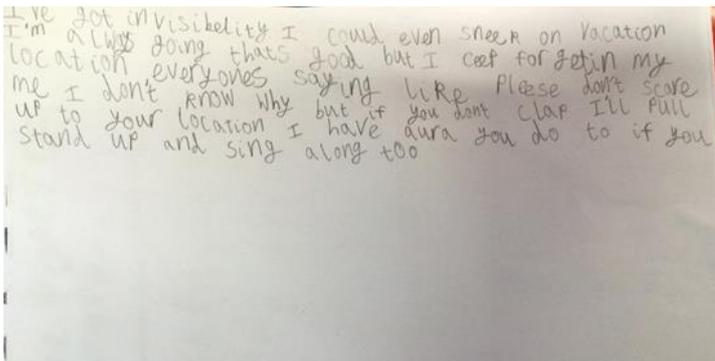
Year 3 have enjoyed their learning this week. We have finished reading *The Firework Maker's Daughter* and they have enjoyed comparing it to other stories. They have been learning about perimeter in Maths and have been solving problems with perimeter on 2D shapes. In Topic, the children have learnt about earthquakes and tsunamis and had a great time creating a tsunami soundscape with the instruments.

Ask me: What is the perimeter?



Year 4 enjoyed a storytelling webinar, during which they wrote their own raps – they had some very creative and impressive ideas! This was part of 'storytelling week'. The class also learnt the correct throwing technique during athletics, throwing some impressive distances, and learnt how to shoot during hockey. We continued to look at the water cycle through some practical activities and experiments across our topic lessons.

Ask me: What are the stages of the water cycle?



Reception have been learning some nursery rhymes this week and have been focusing on the story of *The Gingerbread Man*. We have been performing *I Can Sing a Rainbow* while we use watercolours to paint the rainbow and *Horsy Horsy* as we have built an obstacle course. Later in the week, we received a letter from the old woman and the old man in the story with a recipe for gingerbread men that we could wait to try!

Ask me: To sing one of the rhymes with the actions.



FORTHCOMING DATES

12th February	Last day of term Children finish at 3:20
13th February	Whole School Inset Day
23rd February	Children return to school
24th February	Book Fair at School
3rd March	Year 1 trip to London
5th March	World Book day More Information to follow

Worship

Reverend Demery visited us on Monday and told us a story from the bible about when someone got hurt and another person helped him. I think this was teaching us about being kind to others.

My favourite hymn we have been singing this week is Colours of Day because I like the tune.

Yavi—Year 4



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Don't forget to book your lunches in advance on School Money.

Even if your child has **packed lunch** this still needs to be

selected on the School Money system so we know we don't have to ask your child in the morning.

Remember to always checkout!

EXPRESS EVENT

Thank you so much to all the parents who were able to join us this morning for our Express Event. It is always so lovely to be able to invite you in to school and I know the children always really enjoy it. It looked like there was some amazing work going on and we can't wait to look through all the designs and pick our logos for our School Values.

CELEBRATION

The results of this week's celebration awards

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Reception: Mikael and Anaya
Year 1: Kyro and Gigi
Year 2: Yousaf and Maddi
Year 3: Barbara and Aliza
Year 4: Cristiano and Ollie

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Reception: Bobby
Year 1: Safiya
Year 2: Oscar
Year 3: Arishe
Year 4: Maja

**A huge well done to all of these children.
We are really proud of you.**

Half Term Reading Challenge

The Eton Porny Library Monitors would like to invite you to take part in the half term reading challenge!!

The aim is to read a book over half term and then to design a poster which will encourage others to read it. You can draw pictures of the book or write a book review— anything that will encourage others to read!!

All entries will be displayed in the library and the school and the winner will receive a book token.

The last day to send entries into school will be Friday 27th February.

Have fun reading and good luck!!

