



Essendon
C of E Primary School

Encouraging everyone's light to shine

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Our Value This Half Term: Love God

Dear Essendon Families,

Our Value – Love God

In Collective Worship we reflected on Jesus at this time of Lent and how he spent a very long time thinking about his destiny. In the desert

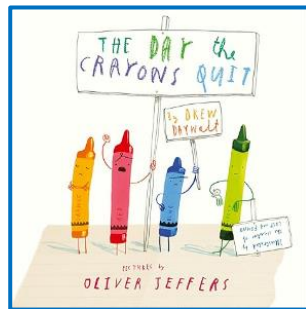
Jesus was tempted three times by the Devil, the Devil tried to get Jesus to leave his destiny behind and come and have fun by making poor choices. Jesus said no, Jesus knew he had a plan for an amazing future. Are

you sometimes tempted to make poor choices? Be strong, know yourself and keep to God's amazing plan for you, this is The Essendon Way.

It's World Book Day 2024!

We used the story *The Day The Crayons Quit* as our key text for this year's World Book Day, what colour were you today?

FOR GOD SO
LOVED
THE WORLD
THAT HE GAVE
HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN
SON JOHN 3:16



World Book Day – Science



The crayons in Homewood have quit! So, we decided to make some more by putting tiny pieces of crayon into moulds, heating them up so they melted and once the liquid cooled back down, we had newly shaped crayons. We have also made peg doll crayons to give peach crayon some clothes again.

Where Do You Read?



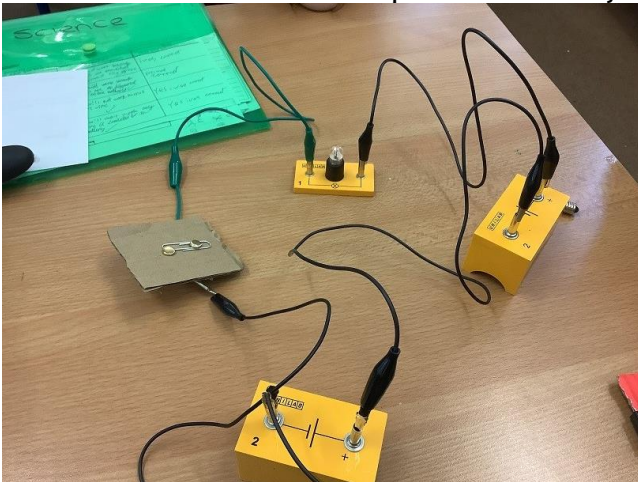
Charlie sent in this photo of him reading in the tractor, all part of our World Book Day's celebration of reading.



Warrenwood Learning



Warrenwood has been researching ideas to create a light up poster in design technology. This links with their history topic of 'The Romans' and their science topic on 'Electricity'.



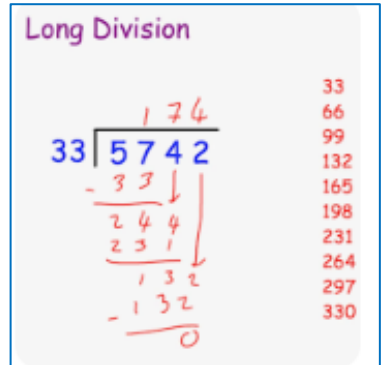
Design And Technology In Pantherswood



We certainly have a future car designer in our midst! Well done Jack on your car design and then your actual car model, great design and technology skills and a skill to develop for the future. You chatted to me about your car and shared your idea in our Celebration Assembly.

Term Time Holidays = Gaps In Learning

Please do not book family holidays in term time because your child is going to miss chunks of their learning. Learning is sequential and each lesson builds on the last lesson. When your child misses a day, a few days or a week off school they miss a huge amount of learning and it is very difficult to catch-up. Have a think about learning maths. If your child misses a week of long division or division skills when they come back from their holiday, your child will have no idea what is going on, they will struggle to fill those learning gaps and they will fall behind. Have a look at our term dates and make sure your child is always in school and enjoying time with their teachers and friends.



See our website for next year's term dates.

<https://www.essendon.herts.sch.uk/term-dates>

Dates For Your Diary

Tues 19th March Parent/Teacher Consultations

Thurs 21st March Parent/Teacher Consultations

Tues 26th March, 2:15pm – Easter Service at the Church, all welcome.

Thurs 28th March 1:15pm – End of Term

Thurs 28th March 1:15pm – Friends of Essendon Easter Egg Hunt with parents – donation £5.

See the poster attached to this newsletter.



Menu Choices

Please find attached the new menu for our school meals. Have a look at home to help your child with their meal choices.

And Finally

Thank you so much to our Governors for coming in to school to look at how we teach maths and how we support all our learners with their progress. It's great to be able to show off our lovely school and celebrate how the teaching team works so hard every single day to ensure every child is shining their light.

Have a great weekend, from Ms Canham

The Friends of Essendon invite you to an end of term Easter Egg Trail.



 <p>MAMMA MIA! THEATRE TRAIN DANCE ACT SING Easter Workshop</p> <p>Annie</p> <p>Musical Madness!</p> <p>Wednesday 10th April, 9am - 3:30pm Stanborough School, WGC</p> <p>£28pp early bird. £30pp thereafter Sibling discounts available!</p> <p>SCHOOL OF ROCK  SIX</p>	 <p>THEATRE TRAIN DANCE ACT SING</p> <p>WISH</p> <p>Easter holiday workshop For ages 4-6</p> <p>Wednesday 10th April 9:30-11:30am</p> <p>Stanborough School, WGC</p> <p>£16pp £15pp early bird</p> <p></p>
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10:30-12pm or
1-2:30pm
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**KIDS
EASTER
CRAFT
CAMP**

**GET READY FOR SOME
CRAFTING FUN!**

AT THE CRAFT ROOM
BREAKS MANOR YOUTH AND
COMMUNITY CENTRE, HATFIELD

**BOOK A PLACE NOW, LIMITED SPACES
AVAILABLE**

CAMPS RUN 10AM -2PM, HOT
LUNCH PROVIDED, CRAFTING
ACTIVITIES AND GAMES

ASK YOUR CHILDS SCHOOL ABOUT
THE HAPPY CAMP PROGRAMME TO
SEE IF YOUR ELIGIBLE

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Essendon C of E (VC) Primary School

Term Dates: 2023/2024

Autumn Term - 2023

Friday 1st September – **INSET Day** – staff only

Monday 4th September – Start of term for pupils – 8:40am doors open, doors close at 8:50am

Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October – Half Term

Wednesday 20th December – End of Term - 1:15pm

Spring Term - 2024

Thursday 4th January – **Occasional Day** – School Closed

Friday 5th January – **INSET Day** – staff only

Monday 8th January – Start of term for pupils

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February - Half Term

Thursday 28th March - End of Term – 1:15pm

Summer Term - 2024

Monday 15th April – **INSET Day** – staff only

Tuesday 16th April – Start of term for pupils

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Monday 27th to Friday 31st May – Half Term

Thursday 11th July – Year 6 Secondary School Transition Day

Friday 19th July – End of term - 1:15pm

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July – **INSET Days** – staff only