

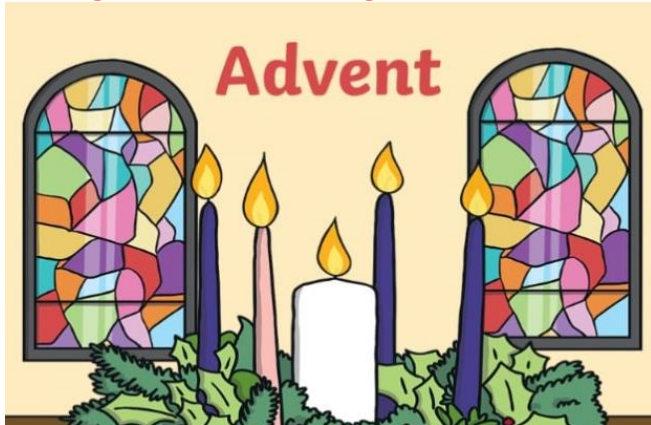


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Friday 8th December 2023

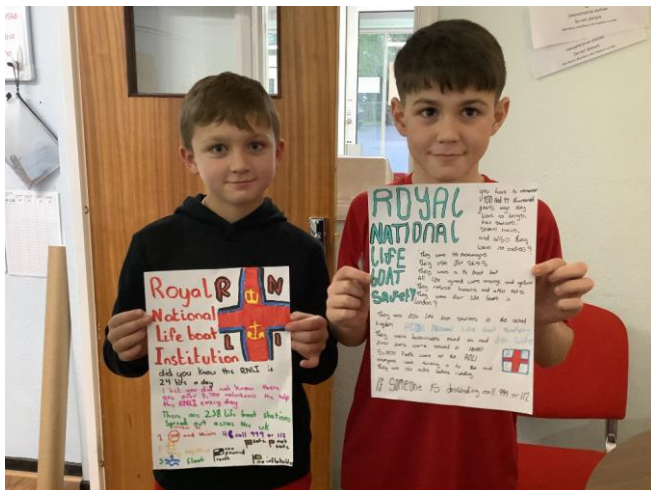
Our Value this Half Term: Love Yourself

Dear Essendon Families,
Getting Ready For The King



We lit our first candle for Advent this week, the first candle represents hope. If you have an Advent Calendar at home, you are counting down to a gift from God. God has given us a big Christmas present and his present is a best friend who is with us every single day of our lives. That best friend is Jesus. Jesus is someone we can talk to every single day, someone who can help us, someone who calms us, someone who loves us no matter what we do. He really is a true best friend. Let's take some time to think about how Jesus can be our best friend and how at Christmas his friendship is the gift that was given to all of us.

Information Posters



Amazing information posters about the Royal Lifeboat Institute (RNLI) following our talk from RNLI's Bob last week.

Fungi Friday



Harefield enjoyed a curriculum enrichment afternoon all about the amazing fungi kingdom. They used identification keys to spot different species in the school woods, before acting out the life cycle of a fungus, using string for the mycelium and umbrellas for the mushrooms. Year 5 and 6 would like to thank Mrs. Talbot for her fantastic help and knowledge!

Our Winter Fayre



We are really looking forward to our Winter Fayre and Raffle Draw in the Hall at 3:15pm on Friday 15th Dec. Our raffle prizes are amazing so keep selling and buying the tickets, there are more at the Office. If anyone has any NEW items or wine, chocolates or biscuit boxes they can donate to our Spin to Win please hand in to the Office by Thursday. It's going to be great fun for all and thank you to the Friends of Essendon for organising all the activities. See you there!

Dates For Your Diary



Tues 12th December, 2pm – Pantherswood and Homewood Nativity
Wed 13th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Friday 15th December, 3:15pm - Christmas Fayre in the Hall
Tuesday 19th December, 2:15pm – Christmas Carol Service, all welcome at the Church.

Christingle at Church

Everyone is welcome to celebrate Christingle at St Mary's Church, Essendon on Sunday at 3pm.



Comics and Magazines

If you have any comics or children's magazines that you do not want any more please send them in to the Office for Homewood Class
And finally ..



Thank you to Hatfield House for our gorgeous Christmas Tree which was decorated beautifully by the After School Club.

Have a very happy weekend from Ms Canham

Your Weekend Times Table Challenge

Name _____

Multiplication

1. $6 \times 3 = \underline{\quad}$
2. $1 \times 8 = \underline{\quad}$
3. $5 \times 2 = \underline{\quad}$
4. $6 \times 0 = \underline{\quad}$
5. $4 \times 7 = \underline{\quad}$
6. $9 \times 2 = \underline{\quad}$
7. $3 \times 5 = \underline{\quad}$
8. $7 \times 7 = \underline{\quad}$
9. $1 \times 6 = \underline{\quad}$
10. $0 \times 9 = \underline{\quad}$

A black and white line drawing of Santa Claus with a beard and hat, and three wrapped gifts of different sizes.

St Mary's Church, Essendon

Christingle



We would love for you, your friends and your family to join us at our Christingle celebrations

Sunday 10th December
3.00pm

Neurodiversity Support Hub

For Parents, Carers and Professionals

We can offer support, signposting and guidance about a whole range of things including but not limited to:

No
Diagnosis
Required

- Understanding ADHD/Autism
- Distressed Behaviours
 - Anxiety
 - School

The phones are answered by our team of parents and carers of neurodivergent children and young people

Are you a
Parent, Carer
or
Professional?



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We Can't:

- Give updates/ fast track places on waiting lists
- Recommend specific private assessors



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Open Monday-Friday
9 AM - 1PM



Here to support, reach out for a listening ear



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The ADHD and Autism Trust

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Learning Disability and
Autism Health and Care
Partnership





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