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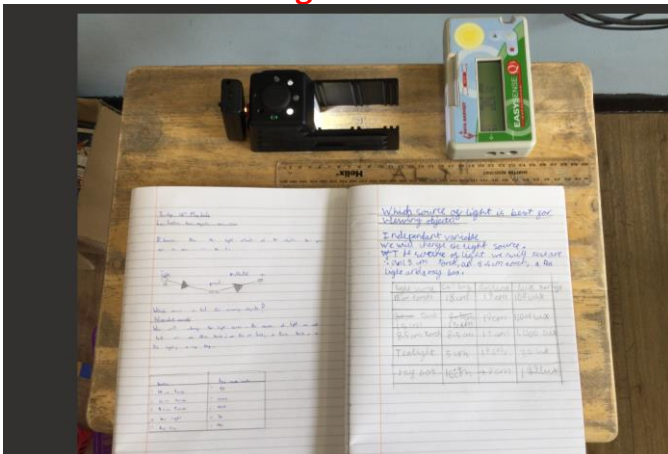
Our Value This Half Term: Love Learning

Dear Essendon Families,
Pentecost – The Gift



Pentecost is important to Christians because it symbolises the birth of the early church. It also represents God's support for all of us in the form of the Holy Spirit. This is how we know God is always with us, everyday. Essendon would like to say a big thank you to Revd Alan from Hertford St Andrews for coming in to school on Thursday to lead our Collective Worship which was all about Pentecost.

Science And Gathering Data

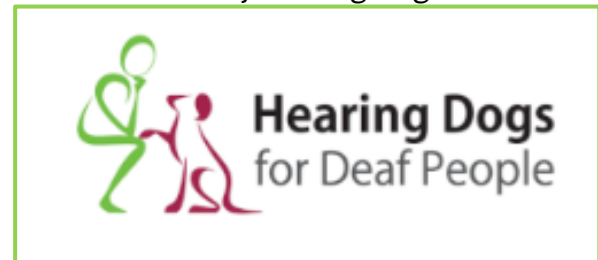


In science, Harefield investigated how we see things and the amount of lux produced by different sources. Tyler wrote, "The light reflects off the object to your eye so you can see it". Archie designed his own table to record results, including the size of the light sources and then calculated the mean lux from three readings.

Fundraising For Our School Charity



Well done to Tyler, Ted, Sonnie and Archie for the loom band market stall and sale all in aid of our school charity Hearing Dogs for the Deaf.



Hearing Dogs for the Deaf train clever dogs to help deaf people. They train dogs to alert deaf people to important and life-saving sounds they would otherwise miss – such as the smoke alarm, alarm clock and even a baby's cry. Being aware of these – thanks to a hearing dog – makes a real difference to deaf people's lives, and can even save them. Deafness can be a very isolating disability. A hearing dog provides lots of love, companionship and emotional support. This is really important as many of the deaf people who come to the charity for help have felt very lonely and isolated. The amazing dogs help deaf children and adults to leave this loneliness behind and reconnect with life.

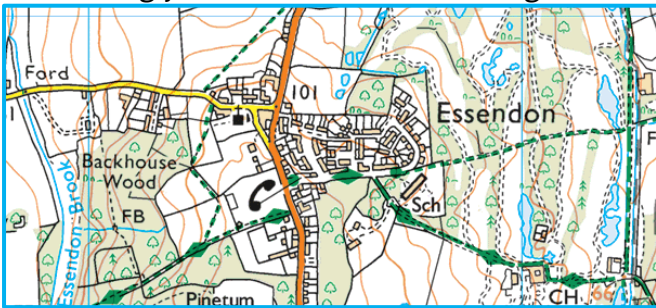
Well Done To The Year 6s!

A huge well done to all our Year 6s who sat their SATs this week, they were amazing and so are the fantastic class teaching team, Miss Raw and Mrs Cawthra; we are so proud of all of Harefield and their great progress this year.

Geography And Our Local Area



Well done Pantherswood for mapping our local area during your walks around the village.



Diary Dates

Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May – Half Term

Mon 3rd June – Everyone back to school

Tues 4th June – Class photos

Sun 9th June – School Summer Fayre

Tues 2nd July - Sports Day afternoon – 1:30pm at school, all welcome, bring a blanket or chair

w/c Mon 8th July – Bikeability – Y6

Tues 9th July – Sports Day afternoon (contingency) 1:30pm

Thurs 11th July –Transition Day for all year groups and Y6 to secondary school

Thurs 11th July – Open Classrooms – all welcome, come and see the school

Fri 12th July – End of year reports

Thurs 18th July – 2:15pm Thanksgiving Church Service, end of term celebration and goodbyes. All parents/carers welcome

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Fri 19th July – 11am Y6 Leavers Assembly, Y6 parents welcome. Y6 leave at 12pm.

All other pupils leave at 1:15pm.

Tues 3rd September – Back to school

Have a lovely weekend, from Ms Canham

Friends of
Essendon School
Would like to invite
you to the

Essendon School Summer Fayre
Sunday 9th June
1.00-4.00pm

The Yorkie Wrap Co.
Bar ~ Ice Creams

Inflatable slide, bouncy castle, games and more...

More details to follow soon!

All children must be accompanied by an adult



Essex Fire Museum Open Days

Sunday 26th May 2024

Tuesday 28th May 2024

10.30am to 4.00pm

(Last suggested entry time: 2.30pm)



Visits must be pre-booked via:

museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

Address: Essex Fire Museum, Grays Fire station,
Hogg Lane, Grays, RM17 5QS



JOIN THE JUNIOR PARKRUN FAMILY

WALK, JOG, RUN, VOLUNTEER

or simply come and watch - it's up to you!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY 2K EVENTS

Every Sunday morning

FOR 4-14 YEAR OLDS

Adults can join in with the kids too!

EVERYONE WELCOME

Walk, jog, run, hop, skip or jump - it's up to you!

FREE & EASY TO TAKE PART

No special kit needed - wear whatever you like

HAVE FUN BEING ACTIVE

Share high fives and big smiles!

MAKE FRIENDS

Meet lots of new people

LEARN NEW SKILLS

Kids can volunteer in lots of roles

FEEL HAPPY AND PROUD

Try your best and celebrate your achievements

*"We all do it together as a family. The volunteers are really nice,
it's fun and you can walk if you want to!"*



Register at [parkrun.com](https://www.parkrun.com)

and head down to your local junior parkrun event!

notes:

**Birchwood junior parkrun at Birchwood Leisure Centre, Hatfield, Herts AL10 0AN
Sundays at 9am**

Essendon Cricket Club (Colts)

Introduction to cricket for Year 4's to Year 7's.

Open to all boys and girls, of all abilities

When: Wednesday 5th June to 10th July

Time: 6pm to 7pm

Where: Essendon cricket field

If you are interested, please message Nigel on 07960424230 to be added to the WhatsApp group.



Families First – Working together in Early Help



Bringing together Hertfordshire's Early Help services

Making SEND Everyone's Business

SEND Support Events

There will be SEND themed presentations from the following:

- Hertfordshire's SEND Local Offer
- Herts Sports Partnership SEND Activities
- SPACE Neurodiversity Support
- DSPLs

Along with information from early help SEND support services

St. Albans / Dacorum

Wed 5 June 12.30-2.30pm

The DSPL Hub, Fleetville Jnr School,
St Albans, AL1 4LW

Stevenage/North Herts

Wed 12 June 10am-12pm

Bowes Lyons Young People's
Centre, Stevenage, SG1 1XY

Broxbourne/East Herts

Tues 25 June 2.00-4.00pm

Broxbourne Borough Council,
Cheshunt, EN8 9XQ

Watford, Three Rivers & Hertsmere

Fri 5 July 10am-12pm

Three Rivers District Council,
Rickmansworth, WD3 1RL



visit: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/earlyhelpevent to book your place

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst

Musical Open Evening

at Mid Herts Centre for Music & Arts

We are pleased to invite all to our upcoming open evening. This will be an opportunity for parents, carers and children to see what we have on offer at our music centres.

You will be able to try out different instruments and find out which one suits you. Talk to qualified music teachers and if you already play an instrument, learn about the many ensembles we have on offer.



Tuesday 21st May 2024



3.30pm - 6.00pm



Mid Herts Centre for Music & Arts



Free to attend—register your interest using the QR code



01707 270025



www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/HMS-MidHerts



**Hertfordshire
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Understanding my Autism/ADHD

Do you have a child aged between 7-16 diagnosed with Autism, ADHD, or both?

We're thrilled to launch a range of exciting offers designed to support children and teens just like yours!



These workshops, are available online and in-person. Led by experienced professionals, sessions will provide tailored strategies to help your young person understand their Autism, and or ADHD, in a fun and engaging way!

Referrals from professionals are welcome, or you can easily sign up your child yourself.

Are you ready to empower your child on their journey of self-discovery?



Find out more here:



🌐 thetoolbox.mindler.co.uk



Friends of Essendon School

Unwanted Gift Amnesty



Clear the clutter!

Do you have a gift you won't be using? Or perhaps unopened drinks or sweets that you don't want?

Friends of Essendon school would be thrilled to receive these to use as prizes in the upcoming summer fair!

We're collecting new, unused items:

- ✓ Gifts
- ✓ Toiletry sets
- ✓ Toys or games
- ✓ Bottles or sweets

Reduce ~ Reuse ~ Recycle

Please drop donations into the school office



This term's menu. Help your child by talking about the daily meal choices.

		Pupils Choice Extra Menu				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1						
		15 APRIL, 7 MAY, 3 JUNE, 24 JUNE, 15 JULY, 23 SEPTEMBER, 14 OCTOBER				
MAIN MEAL 1		Pork Sausages with Gravy	Herb Crusted Chicken with Spaghetti Marinara	Roast Beef with Gravy	Favourite Quorn Hot Dog	Battered Fish Fillet
MAIN MEAL 2		Cheese & Tomato Quiche	Mild Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry	Mince Slice 	Cheesy Spring Vegetable Bake	Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza
SIDE DISH		Pasta or Potato Wedges	Brown & White Rice	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Diced Potatoes or Garlic Bread	Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta
COLD OPTION		Tuna Roll	Cheese Spread Roll	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Baguette	Egg Roll
EXTRA OPTION		Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)
WEEK 2						
		22 APRIL, 13 MAY, 10 JUNE, 1 JULY, 22 JULY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 30 SEPTEMBER, 21 OCTOBER				
MAIN MEAL 1		Tex Mex Quorn Fajita	Chicken Pie	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Beef Burger in a Bun	Salmon Fishcake
MAIN MEAL 2		Creamy Macaroni Cheese	Moroccan Taghine 	Plant Balls with Gravy	Roasted Summer Veg Pasta	Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza
SIDE DISH		Rice or Tomato Bread	Diced Potatoes or Couscous	Roast Potatoes or Brown & White Rice	Potato Wedges or Herby Bread	Oven Chips or Tricolour Pasta
COLD OPTION		Cheese Baguette	Ham Sandwich	Tuna Roll	Cheese Spread Sandwich	Egg Roll
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WEEK 3						
		29 APRIL, 20 MAY, 17 JUNE, 8 JULY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 7 OCTOBER				
MAIN MEAL 1		Chicken Curry	Quorn Burger in a Bun	Turkey Roast with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Beef Lasagne	Fish Fillet Fingers
MAIN MEAL 2		Homemade Sausage Roll 	Rich Tomato Bolognese	Roast Quorn Fillet with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Chipolata Sausages with Gravy	Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza
SIDE DISH		Rice or Diced Potatoes	Potato Wedges or Spaghettil	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Herby Bread or Diced Potatoes	Oven Chips or Tricolour Pasta
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Seasonal vegetables and a variety of salads are served daily. = Vegetarian = Vegan.

We are proud to use the following food brands:

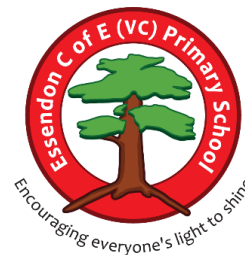


Essendon C of E Primary School

Term Dates: 2023/2024

Summer Term - 2024

Monday 15th April – **INSET Day** – staff only
Tuesday 16th April – Start of term for pupils – 8:40am
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



Term Dates: 2024/2025

Autumn Term – 2024

Monday 2nd September – **INSET Day** – staff only
Tuesday 3rd September – Start of term for pupils – 8:40am
Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November – Half Term
Friday 20th December – End of Term – 1:15pm

Spring Term – 2025

Monday 6th January – **INSET Day** – staff only
Tuesday 7th January – Start of term for pupils – 8:40am
Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February – Half Term
Friday 4th April – End of Term – 1:15pm

Summer Term – 2025

Tuesday 22nd April – Start of term for pupils – 8:40am
Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday
Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May – Half Term
Monday 16th June – **INSET Day** – staff only
Thursday 10th July - Y6 Secondary Transition Day
Friday 18th July – End of Term – 1:15pm
Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July – **INSET Days** – staff only
Wednesday 23rd July – **Occasional Day** – School Closed