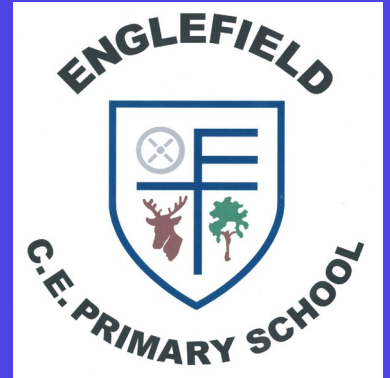




Sowing the seeds for a flourishing future

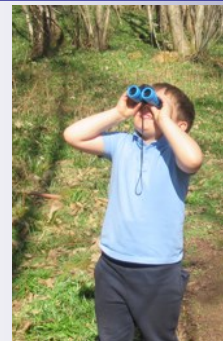


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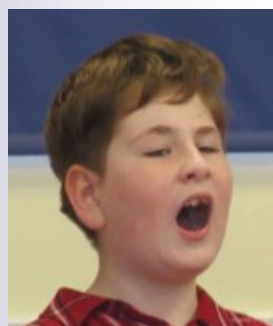
Ufton Court

We had a truly wonderful experience on our whole school trip to Ufton Court. The younger children learned about animals and their habitats whilst the older children learned about life in the Stone Age, having a go at creating sparks from a flint, spinning fleece into thread and building a wattle fence. The children listened well and participated with enthusiasm in all the activities.



Porridge

Well done to the Year 3/4 class, ably led by Miss Stuart, Mrs Hennah and Mrs Jackson, for a fabulous production of Porridge. They learned and performed their many funny lines brilliantly and sang with enthusiasm. A particular well done to Max, Alex and Evalyn for their touching solo singing.



Easter Service

Thanks you to everyone who contributed to our Easter service today. The Year 3/4 poems gave us a poignant journey through the story of Holy Week, beautifully supported by singing from the whole school. Rev Julia gave an interesting talk which the children responded to with enthusiasm.



Sporting Successes

Well done to the seven children who went to Elstree for their annual Year 2 football tournament. We had every season in one afternoon and the children just kept going, whatever the sky through at them!



Well done to our eight cross country runners from Years 5 and 6 who attended the Small Schools Competition at Elstree School. We split into an A and B team; both did really well, coming within the top six out of about 14 teams. The conditions were muddy and a few shoes were lost on the way round! After a superb first leg by Isla, the A Team remained ahead through the whole race and came in first, beating the course record by 9 seconds. The fastest individual lap went to Stanley. A truly spectacular achievement all round!



Fifteen children entered the Team Kennet Cross Country held at Newbury Showground. With 1600 runners taking part and 52 schools, it was a massive event with a competitive field! The team embraced the experience and calmed the nerves, running with grit and determination over a bumpy and windy route cheered on by a huge crowd. As a team they came in third in Division 3 (for small schools) which was a brilliant achievement Well done runners! Individual achievements: Isla 7th, Stanley 19th, Luca 29th & Max 32nd.

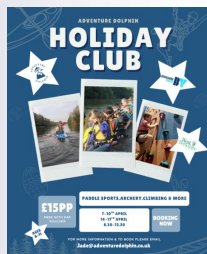


Finally a huge well done to our Year 4/5 football team who won The Oratory Football Tournament, collecting gold medals after winning their 4 matches. Super team spirit and excellent teamwork, thanks to the brilliant leadership of Ben Fabianczyk.

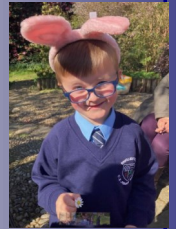


Adventure Dolphin has a brand new Holiday Club!

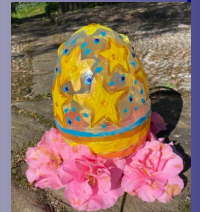
This has been designed to provide local children with **exciting outdoor experiences** while offering affordable and accessible childcare for parents over the holidays. You can book your child's 4 hour session for just **£15**. Sessions are **completely FREE** for families with **HAF vouchers**.



Englefield Garden was buzzing with excitement during our PTA Easter Egg Hunt! Children worked together in their house groups to find four large eggs, each filled with smaller eggs containing clues to the next location. Each year group had their turn to open a big egg and solve the clue hidden inside. The hunt led them back to school, where they were greeted by the Easter Bunny, who had mischievously hidden all the chocolate eggs in the classrooms! The children had an eggcellent time!



Thanks to the incredible support of our school community, we raised £821.31 through the cake sale, Break the Rules Day, the ASDA Cashpot, and the Rainbow Raffle. With match funding from previous events last term, we've raised a total of £2881.31 this



Spring term! These funds have gone towards purchasing glue sticks for the school, a new bin for OPAL, K'nex sets for Year 5/6, and covering school subscriptions. The Book Fair was also a big hit, and we look forward to new books for the library. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to these wonderful events – your support is truly appreciated!

Please see the separate OPAL Bingo Card for Loose Parts which you could collect and bring in to win the class challenge!

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All dates are available on our website.

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| Weds 23rd April | Pupil term begins |
| 30th | 9am: Year 1 class assembly |
| Thurs 1st May | 3pm: SEND Chat |
| 2nd | 3pm: Celebration Assembly |
| 5th | Bank Holiday Choir singing at Bradfield May Fayre |
| 7th | 2.45: Safeguarding Training for Volunteers |
| 12th - 16th | Year 6 SATs KS2 Assessment Week NO HOLIDAYS PLEASE! |
| 16th | 3.30pm: PTA Plant and Ice Lolly sale |
| 21st - 23rd | Year 3/4 to Thirtover |
| 26th - 30th | Half Term Holiday |