

BULLETIN

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

April, 2026



Nurturing inclusive learning communities

Welcome Back!

Thank you to you all for your support and involvement throughout the spring term. We have loved welcoming you into school to share learning experiences with your child, celebrate their work and take part in events such as World Book Day. Your engagement with our interoception curriculum afternoon and our trial speech language workshops have been greatly appreciated, and it has been fantastic to work together to support pupils' learning and development at home and in school.



Please support us by completing the Trust parent survey, if you have not already done so:
<https://edurio.com/poll/pVvAKL>

Amazing Attendance!

We are proud to celebrate our pupils' strong attendance this term. 5 pupils achieved an impressive 100% attendance, with a further 12 pupils attending over 95% of the time and 21 pupils maintaining attendance above 90%. This has contributed to a whole-school attendance figure of 91%, which reflects the commitment of our pupils and the continued support of families in ensuring children are in school, ready to learn every day. Thank you for working with us to make attendance a shared success.

Dates for your diary

- Wk/c 27th April – Parents/carers invited into classes
- Wk/c 11th May – SATs week
- 15th May – Mental Health Awareness – Wear green day/Coffee afternoon

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2021-2024

MENTAL HEALTH
AWARENESS WEEK



Great mental health care is human



Helplines & textlines

If you feel overwhelmed, or like you want to hurt yourself, you can:

Text **SHOUT** to **85258** to contact the [Shout textline](#).

Call **HOPELINE247** on **0800 068 4141** or the **NHS** on **111** and select option 2.

Contact **Childline** by using **1-2-1 chat** or calling **0800 1111**.

Call **Samaritans** on **116 123** for 24/7 support.



The Parent App will support you as a parent in understanding what your child is learning, activities for you to do together at home and also a Kids Zone

Featuring my Happy mind Games plus much more! Scan and use the code 145432.

Join us this Mental Health Awareness Week!

Friday 15th May, 2026

1:15 - 2:15

Engage Academy's Coffee Afternoon

Come and join in our mental health themed activities, taste our amazing baking and raise money for Mind.

11-17 May 2026

mind.org.uk/MHAW26

Registered charity in England (no. 2198320) and a registered company (no. 424348) in England and Wales.



We're supporting
mind

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Join us on Friday 15th May – Don't forget to wear something green!

Dolphins Class

Coming up this half term....

Over the past few weeks, Dolphins have been enjoying hands-on learning both in and outside the classroom. We went on an exciting trip to Ponderosa, where the children explored the natural world and learned about biodiversity, including why it is important to care for plants, animals, and their habitats. This learning has continued back in school through discussions, artwork, and investigations



As part of our learning about healthy lifestyles, the children have been finding out where food comes from and using this in cooking lessons to prepare healthy meals. We have also received a grant to develop an area of our school grounds, where the children will explore mini-habitats, visit a garden centre, and learn how to care for the environment and support living creatures.



What coming up...

Dolphins will be diving into an exciting new topic all about toys and play through The Toy Maker. They will take part in lots of practical, hands-on activities where they can explore, discuss, and express their ideas about different types of toys. Children will learn how toys are made, how they have changed over time, and what toys they enjoy playing with themselves. As part of this topic, the children will also go on a class trip where they will have the opportunity to try out toys from the past, helping them to make connections between history and their own experiences.

This half term in Penguins Class

Our topic this half term is **Amazing Australia**. We will explore different human and physical features in Australia, Australian culture and Australian wildlife. We will show our learning through junk modelling, painting and map work. Our English will link to our Australian topic, including writing animal based non-chronological reports and postcards.



Enrichment

This half term Penguins class will be going on 2 school trips. We will visit a local zoo, Ponderosa, and a science museum Eureka! In Halifax. We hope these trips will be fun and educational. We will also be restarting our swimming sessions during the summer term (we will be in contact shortly with exact dates). Finally, we will continue earning our Junior Duke awards including cooking, eco and swimming tasks!



A look back on spring term

During the spring term, Penguins Class began to learn about plants and what they need to grow. We are excited to continue our science learning this half term. We also explored and compared toys from the past including Victorian toys. We described how toys have changed over time. Some pupils even designed their own toys for the future – watch out for the Pianosaurus!

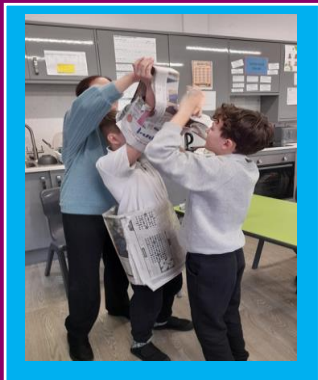


Whales Class

All Aboard

Last term the children read two books, 'Around the world in 80 days' and 'The Explorer'.

As they travelled around the world, they took an extended stay in the Amazon Rain forest where they learnt about the different layers in the rain forest and the impact that deforestation has on the Amazon and wider world. They also learnt all about the plant and animal life. They used this information to write non-chronological reports and setting descriptions in their writing lessons.



The children completed various Amazon challenges. They had to use their leadership, team building and problem-solving skills to compete them. Their challenges included making a suit out of newspaper, a balloon tower and a structure that holds 5kg. Do you think you can take up the challenge?



In Whales we have had a big focus on what makes us healthy. We learnt why sleep and exercise are important for our health and as a result Whales now attends Mr Pett's circuit three times a week!

As part of the 'Healthy Me' project we welcomed in the Magic breakfast team and have looked very closely at making healthy food choices. We even visited a farm to learn where our food comes from and the importance of farms on food production.



SAFEGUARDING AT ENGAGE ACADEMY

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

All Engage Academy staff are here to help. If you don't feel safe or you are worried about the safety of another student, our Safeguarding team is here to help. Come and find us anytime.



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IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS THAT A MEMBER OF STAFF (OR VOLUNTEER) HAS:

- Behaved in a way that has harmed a child, or may have harmed a child
- Possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a child
- Behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicates he or she may pose a risk of harm to children

If so, contact the Head Teacher, Alison Ward (award@eat.uk.com), without delay.



Alison Ward, Head Teacher

If you have any safeguarding concerns about the Headteacher, please contact: Lloyd Nolan, Ethos Trust Board Chair, lnolan@eat.uk.com