



# Egginton Primary School Newsletter

MARCH 2025

## UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY...

4th April

Celebration Assembly

Easter Holiday

22nd April

Return to School

29th April

Y3/4 Visit to Derbyshire  
Cricket Club

5th May

Bank Holiday

12th May

Y6 SATs Week

19th May

Book Bus Visit

20th May

School Photographs

21st May

Celebration Assembly

22nd-23rd May

Y5/6 Lea Green Residential

23rd May

Half term

June 2nd

Return to school

June 19th

Y3/4 Perform with the Hallé  
Orchestra

June 23rd

INSET Day

## World Book Day



We had a great week working on 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers and produced some fantastic work. The children dressed up on Friday 7th March and looked amazing. It was lovely to see so many parents also sharing the experience and joining in with the activities.

## Hedgehog Habitats!



On Friday 14th March, Andy from the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust came in to deliver workshops about looking after hedgehogs. The children met Harry, a real life hedgehog and learned how we can help them in the wild. They did this through playing games and building hedgehog homes from lego.

## Boccia Competition



A big 'Well Done' to pupils from MacArthur class who took part in a recent Boccia competition—their attitude and effort was excellent and we are so proud of them.

## #Easyfundraising

Do you shop online? You can help us to raise FREE funds for our library project by using #easyfundraising when you buy anything from your favourite brands like eBay, Just Eat, Trainline, Argos and over 7,500 more.

It's an easy way to support us just by doing what you do anyway and it doesn't cost you a penny extra.

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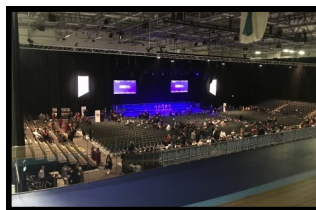
## Attendance



Our overall attendance for this year has been **95.55%**, which is slightly above the government target of **95%**.

MacArthur Class have **95.81%**, Nightingale have **95.59%** and Arkwright have **95.13%**.

## Hallé Orchestra



We are delighted to announce that our Y3/4 brass players have been selected to perform at the Derby Arena with the world famous Hallé Orchestra on Thursday June 19th!

## Join the PTA!



## Easter Bingo

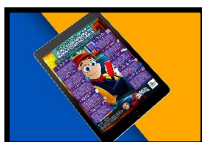
A big thank you to our PTA who organised the Easter Bingo on Friday 28th March. Everybody had a great time and lots of chocolate eggs were won. Thank you also to Mrs Belton for being a brilliant bingo caller!



## National College

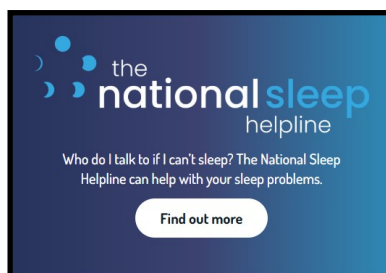
Top tips for using technology to boost reading skills...

You can access this short [podcast](#) via the National College. It offers advice on the digital tools available to enhance literacy by making reading more interactive and accessible.



If you haven't registered for your National College account yet, please sign up [here](#).

## Sleep Awareness



Did you know that up to 50% of children struggle with sleep at some point.

Poor sleep can lead to cranky mornings, trouble focusing in school and even long-term health challenges.

Download the supporter's pack [here](#)...



## A little bit extra...



**Freddie Mercury**

In March, we have learned about Freddie Mercury, born Farrokh Bulsara, a British musician and lead vocalist of the band Queen. Known for his extraordinary stage presence and vocal range, he is considered one of rock music's greatest performers.

You can sample some of his pieces [here](#)...

## Phunky Foods



Why not try out our 'Recipe of the Month' at home?

## Baked Spring Rolls

Click on the link [here](#) to enjoy Spring Rolls in the first month of Spring!

## Free School Meals

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

**Pssst**

Did you know that all reception, year 1 and year 2 pupils are entitled to receive a free meal at lunchtime regardless of family income?

And if your child is in year 3 or above, they may also be eligible, if you receive one of the qualifying benefits.

Just log into the new speedy free school meal checker system to see if your child is eligible. Scan the QR code and it will take you straight there.

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If school meals are free for reception, year 1 and year 2 - why do I still need to apply?

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 get free school meals, but if you receive one of the qualifying benefits you may also get help with:

- the cost of residential school trips
- travel costs to school
- school uniform costs
- music lessons at school

For every child registered for free school meals, schools receive a pupil premium payment each year. This will be used to help your child achieve their best at school.

Use the QR code overleaf to access the portal and check your eligibility.

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