

# Eyam C E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025



Week beginning 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	
Mon 27	Piano and Brass
Tue 28	Voice and Choir PE Owls & Squirrels – please wear PE kit. H'hogs - KS1 Fundamental Festival at the Arc Matlock, arrive back approx. 3.20pm.
Wed 29	Woodwind
Thu 30	Violin & Guitar Y3-6 Shooting Stars Girls' Football. Please wear PE kit & bring a change of footwear (bring studs if you have them) PE for R, Y1 & Y2 please wear PE kit. All Y3/4/5/6 wear PE kit please
Fri 31	Y3/4 Wider Opps – clarinet Y3/4 Swimming Signing

Week beginning 3rd February 2025	
Mon 03	Piano and Brass
Tue 04	Voice and Choir PE Owls & Squirrels – please wear PE kit. R & Y6 Height & Weight screening (if consent given) 12.00 deadline for parent governor nominations. 2.50pm Hedgehog class shared reading
Wed 05	Woodwind Y5 Wheelchair basketball at Gt Longstone
Thu 06	Violin and Guitar
Fri 07	Y3/4 Wider Opps – clarinet Y3/4 Swimming

## Ofsted Report

The school was assessed in the following areas:

- Quality of Education: **Good**
- Behaviour and Attitudes: **Good**
- Personal development: **Outstanding**
- Leadership and Management: **Good**
- Early Years Provision: **Good**



Congratulations to all the staff and pupils for their tremendous hard work and enthusiasm which resulted in Eyam CE Primary School being awarded **OUTSTANDING** in Personal Development! This is indeed a HUGE achievement for such a small rural school and I am thrilled as Headteacher to have this recognised. Staff and Governors were particularly pleased to have the bespoke Curriculum validated and we can now set about developing more resources for each topic.

On p2 are a few snippets from Ofsted's of verbal feedback. We very much hope you are proud to read these comments about the school.

Lots of the children have enjoyed external sporting events since Christmas including:  
Basketball Squirrels went to Hope Valley College.  
Swimming at Bakewell for Owls and non-swimmers in Y5/6 - school is obliged to support every child in learning to swim 25m before they leave Y6.  
Y4 Gymnastics at the Arc in Matlock.  
Sportshall Athletics at Hope Valley College for Squirrels



Sportshall athletics



Super paired gymnastic challenge!



As usual we ask for parental support for these trips as it saves school having to employ an additional member of staff so please do offer if you can, thank you.



Y4 travelled to the Arc in Matlock to work with other schools in the Cluster and develop their gymnastics skills – including a visit from Grace who is on the British Gymnastics team! The children said ‘we liked having to work as a team .... we had to socialise with other schools and that was good ..... I liked the way they did games that included gymnastics ....’



Here are Owls busy coding – they used the micro bits to make name badges!

Cave art – exploring these mark making skills with real life materials

### Snippets from Ofsted’s of verbal feedback.....

Learning is ambitious, the well thought through curriculum is sequenced effectively with plans extending from EYFS to KS2 with no narrowing for SEND. The curriculum has an effective rationale. Children understand the pedagogy of phonics and can follow this. Infants are familiar with songs which they can remember. Their vocabulary is skilfully extended through maths and topic work. Older children can describe what it is like to be a historian and there is effective evidence of knowing about chronology - skills in enquiry and analysis are also evident. Teachers are also aware that disciplinary and substantive knowledge sit side by side. Staff have the confidence and the agency to adapt the curriculum as they see fit. There was rich discussion and language was used correctly and time given to explain concepts. Misconceptions were addressed through recall via clever true / false. There were several opportunities observed for children to recap prior learning.

Adults are very caring and in tune with children’s emotional needs. Children said that behaviour is good and that they look after one another; “The little ones know we will look after them”. Children can articulate British Values and know about other faiths and beliefs and cultures from across the globe and UK. There is a “rigorous approach to punctuality” which impacts positively on attainment and progress. It was clear to see the positive work of i-Vengers to support keeping safe on line. Pupils take pride in and value their responsibilities. School is welcoming and a place of comfort reported the children.

The community say the school goes above and beyond and this is evident in the range of activities. Respect for the school is second to none. One parent said “The school and community are intertwined”. The Inspectors commented 'What a delight to be a parent here!' There are endless ways in which the school encourage children’s personal development; it goes above and beyond expectations, this is worthy of sharing with others, which is the true definition of “outstanding”. Finally, the HMI Inspector said it was a 'privilege to see the vision 'Let your light shine', in action throughout the school'.

As she left the Lead inspector said, 'I would love my Grandchild to come to Eyam School'.





This week we were pleased to welcome Open the Book who led worship with the Bible story where Jesus called his first disciples, Simon Peter and Andrew, to become "fishers of men". The story was told with the help of 70 small wooden fish which the children enjoyed throwing into the fishing net! Thank you to the church for bringing the story to life!



## **Buxton Music, Speech and Drama Festival 2025** <https://buxtonmsdfestival.co.uk/>

**What is this?** This is a Festival celebrating amateur music and drama performing, with opportunities for children, young people and adults to perform in both a competitive and non-competitive supportive environment and benefit from feedback. IT IS A FUN EVENT AND GIVES YOUR CHILD A REALLY GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM!

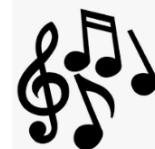
**Who can enter?** There are solo, duet and ensemble classes for primary children in woodwind, voice, piano, brass and strings. We will be taking the choir.

**When is it?** May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> (choir on the Friday)

**How to enter?** The absolute deadline for entries is **March 1<sup>st</sup>** but please talk to your music and drama teachers and get entries in before then – using the online system and make sure you get an acknowledgement of entry.

<https://buxtonmsdfestival.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Sylabus25.pdf>

Do come and talk to Mrs Gilbertson about it ☺



### **Diary Dates**

- 11.02.25 – Safer Internet Day
- 12.02.25 – Young Voices (Y5/6)
- 13.02.25 – 9.00 am Celebration Assembly in school – all welcome
- 13.02.25 – Hedgehog Class cake sale
- 14.02.25 – Y3/4 Swimming
- 14.02.25 – Theme Day Lunch
- 24.02.25 – Y6 Booster Club
- 27.02.25 – Y5/6 Retreat Day at Edale
- 28.02.25 – Y3/4 Swimming
- 28.02.25 – Signing
- 03.03.25 – Y6 Booster Club
- 06.03.25 – World Book Day – dress up as a book character
- 07.02.25 – Y3/4 Swimming
- 10.03.25 – Y6 Booster Club
- 13.03.25 – Y5/6 Hockey at HVC
- 14.03.25 – Y3/4 Swimming
- 14.03.25 – Signing
- 17.03.25 – Y6 Booster Club
- 20.03.25 – Music for the Mind (some Y5/6)
- 21.03.25 – Y3/4 Swimming
- 21.03.25 – Red Nose Day
- 24.03.25 – Y6 Booster Club
- 28.03.25 – Y3/4 Swimming
- 28.03.25 – Signing
- 31.03.25 – Y6 Booster Club

As you are aware Mrs Gilbertson is currently also Executive Head at Elton School. We do of course acknowledge there will be issues and concerns to address and always work as a staff team to not only seek solutions but to learn from them. We have already informed you that we use CPOMS, an online record system for safeguarding and behaviour – whilst confidential this can be accessed by senior staff off site and allows for very efficient communications. Whilst Mrs Gilbertson is not onsite, Mrs McGuire the Senior Teacher is available and Mrs Gilbertson can always be reached by staff if needed – she remains the Head even if she is not in the building.

Volunteers needed please to help Mrs. Gilbertson on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 10am-12 to tidy the garden and outside area. Please contact the office if you can help.

Letters emailed or sent home this week.

Topic Webs – all classes  
 Young Voices letter – Y5/6  
 Consent forms emailed  
     Wheelchair Basketball Y5  
     Netball Y5/6  
     KS1 Fundamentals Festival  
     Retreat Day Y5/6