

Eyam C E Primary School

Newsletter

9th January 2026



'Let your light shine'

Please note weekly PE lessons - please come to school wearing PE kit and trainers (not skirts/dresses), **music lessons & other weekly events will be on the following days ~**

Monday – Piano, Brass and Owls CIL (brass), PE for Owls.

Tuesday – Voice & Choir

Wednesday – Woodwind and Guitar, PE for Hedgehogs, PE for Squirrels.

Thursday – Violin, Hedgehogs shared reading (2.50pm).

PE for Squirrels (Owls are swimming on a Friday)

Friday

Welcome to Eyam CE Primary School ~ where “together everyone achieves more”.

Welcome to 2026

All staff would like to extend a warm thanks for your many gifts this Christmas - it is kind and very much appreciated.

We hope you enjoyed some lovely family time over Christmas and spent time with loved ones.



Infant nativity in Church, Squirrels made a served their homemade soup to invited elderly guests and the choir sang at ‘Soup and a chat’ and the choir also sang at the Community Christmas Lunch – all wonderful community events that are so important at Eyam.



Through the school disco the PTFA have once again been able to send a Christmas donation to Jam Tan Primary school in Burkina Faso. The children have been learning about the progress the school there has made as a result of donations such as ours and we hope this helps our children feel grateful for their own Christmas gifts as well. Thank you for this support.

The school Council have also met to discuss playground games rotas and safety as well as the purchase of a new activity board for the younger children.

Week beginning 12 th January 2026	
Mon 12	
Tue 13	Derbyshire Fire & Rescue visit Y1/2 & Y5/6
Wed 14	
Thu 15	School Meals Theme Day – Celebrating 120 years of School Meals – Big Breakfast (see p3) Y5/6 Basketball at HVC Closing date for applying for reception places
Fri 16	Owls swimming 1/10

Week beginning 19 th January 2026	
Mon 19	
Tue 20	KS1 Fundamentals TBC (waiting list0
Wed 21	
Thu 22	Y5/6 Athletics at HVC
Fri 23	Owls swimming 2/10 Big bird watch week starts today – please sign up and feed your birds – take part in this massive bird count Big Garden Birdwatch 2026

Week beginning 26 th January 2026	
Mon 26	
Tue 27	
Wed 28	
Thu 29	
Fri 30	Owls swimming 3/10

[How to apply for a primary school place - Derbyshire County Council](#)

Important dates for applying for reception places in Derbyshire for the 2026 academic year if your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022.

Closing Date: Midnight on 15 January 2026.

National Offer Date: 16 April 2026



Other Staffing News

We also have new wrap around staff Ella Mundy is running the breakfast club sessions on Wed, Thurs and Fri. There may be changes who covers which day/session after Eliza leaves us in anticipation of her new arrival.

On that happy note we are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of Miss Butterworth's baby, Georgia and her family are enjoying lots of special moments!

Karen Wibberley and Jennie Uchuari join the support staff - both already work in local schools and bring a wealth of experience.

Nursery is open our wonderful little Rabbits are making it home!



New toilet inspection!



Exploring together.

We are pleased to introduce Lisa Evans the new Nursery Lead and a special welcome to our new intake of Nursery children - our little Rabbits have been settling in and been very busy exploring their new spaces. We have a fabulous new Nursery /Reception toilet too - there will be a final period of alterations around half term but well done everyone for managing the building works this week amongst the ice and snow too! We have spaces and would welcome anyone wanting to look round.

Wrap around care - this is now available - **5 mornings and 4 afternoons** with Breakfast Club from 7.45am and After School Club till 5.30pm: Please book through the office or email woodlands@eyam.derbyshire.sch.uk

This is a paid provision, we simply have been unable to get enough staff to provide the free breakfast club as we would need an additional member of staff every day.

For your information

As usual we have students working across school from both secondary schools and university, we always check their details and follow strict safeguarding protocols. This is our small way of helping students grow into citizens of the future and in particular Mrs Gilbertson is an advocate for passing on teaching talents to the next generation of teachers. This is our way of making a difference to the future of high-quality teaching.

For example, our most recent visitor (an ex pupil from LMS) is studying Animal Science and Conservation and spent time this week answering a wide range of questions about conservation of beavers - including reintroducing them to rivers near Buxton! She took time to explain that this is happening in her life time - there were no wild beavers when she was the age of our children at school. This meaningful discussion should spark interest in our local biodiversity and is part of our journey as an Eco school. As a school with green flag of distinction last year we strive to go beyond the basic aspects of looking after the environment. Mrs Gilbertson was pleased to hear a Y6 ask what jobs could lead from this degree - this shows your children are already looking outwards and into the world of work: this is a big part of our role as teachers, especially in a rural school. ALSO, the children could really recall their general science knowledge - they really shone: well done Eyam!



The year has begun with a celebration of Epiphany lead by Adam from Church. The magi brought gifts for baby Jesus which is now celebrated across Europe on January 6th. The children learnt that the epiphany moment of realization or revelation can come at any time but that the new year is a great time to think of new beginnings and to strive for new goals. Our theme for Worship this half term is perseverance.



Snow

All schools were closed on Friday, although we didn't have quite the storm that was predicted. Please do make sure all children bring both wellies and inside shoes/slippers when it snows and a change of trousers/tights/socks are a great idea for after lunch so they are warm and dry. Thank you.
(Please name everything)

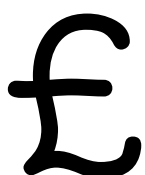
Parent Governor vacancies - please see the note from Clare Harley the Chair of Governors - we are seeking new parent Governors as well as Community Governors to join the group. Do you know anyone in the Community with an interest in maintaining a thriving school into the future? This is such a key aspect of any school - please share the opportunity and consider being a parent Governor!

Diary Dates

- 04/02/26 – Y5 wheelchair basketball TBC
- 04/02/26 – Y6 booster 1/5
- 06/02/25 – Owls swimming 4/10
- 9-15 Feb – Mental Health Week
- 10/02/26 – Safer Internet Day
- 11/02/26 – Y6 Booster 2/5
- 12/02/26 – Family worship 2.40pm in school
- 13/02/26 – Owls swimming 5/10
- 13/02/26 – Break-up for half term
- 25/02/26 – Bag2School collection
- 25/02/26 – Booster 3/5
- 27/02/26 – Owls swimming 6/10
- 03/03/26 – Y5/6 Athletics at Anthony Gell
- 04/03/26 – Y6 Booster 4/5
- 06/03/26 – Owls swimming 7/10
- 06/03/26 – KS2 Girls Football – Highfields
- 11/03/26 – Y6 Booster 5/5
- 13/03/26 – Owls swimming 8/10
- 19/03/26 – Y5/6 Netball at HVC
- 20/03/26 – Owls swimming 9/10
- 27/03/26 – Owls swimming 10/10
- 27/03/26 – Break up for Easter



School Council presenting to the school last week, their ideas about yard games: a democratic process and one that gives every child a voice to be heard within class feedback and information collection.



Reminder to get up to date with payments on School Money. If you need a reminder of how to access your account please ask at the office. Thank you.



School Meals Theme Day
Children who usually bring a packed lunch from home on a Thursday can book a school lunch through the office.
R-Y2 – FREE
Y3-6 - £3.25