



Ewell Grove Newsletter

This week all of the teachers across the Lumen Learning Trust have met within their year groups to share ideas and work collaboratively on teaching strategies and the curriculum. These sessions were extremely valuable, especially as our focus is always about making a difference and having a positive impact on **all** children. Various future activities have been planned such as pen pals, a debate and an online quiz.

Next week the children will be participating in special events such as 'Dress the Christmas Tree' and 'Decoration Day' where they can showcase their creativity. Parents and carers are warmly invited to visit our beautifully decorated classrooms after school on Friday 5th December. Additionally, our Christmas performances will commence on Thursday 4th December with our Year 5 assembly 'The Christmas Truce'. All of the children have been learning new songs and enjoying the experience of practising together as a year group.

Our Years 4, 5 and 6 Festive Singing children are all looking forward to performing some of their favourite songs during 'Ewell Yule' on Friday 5th December. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our support for local businesses and to be part of the wider Ewell Village community. Ewell Grove will be performing at 4:30pm and everyone is welcome to sing along and join in the fun!



Miss Paula Rising



Christmas Performance Donations



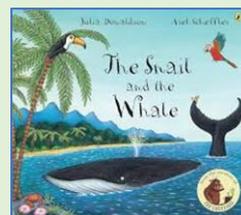
Each year, at our school Christmas performances, we collect donations towards the Epsom Medical Equipment Fund (EMEF).

Last year our donations helped fund 1 of 29 new defibrillators which were purchased to replace equipment that had reached the end of its useful life. These are spread around Epsom General Hospital ensuring life-saving equipment is readily available when needed the most.

Any donations you are able to make are greatly appreciated.

A Love of Reading

This week Miss Browne has recommended two stories you may like to share at home.



I love reading stories that celebrate the power of kindness and believing in yourself. *The Snail and the Whale* is a beautiful rhyming picture book by Julia Donaldson. It follows the unlikely friendship between a tiny snail and a huge humpback whale. Together they embark on an exciting adventure, discovering the power of bravery and kindness.

The Last Bear by Hannah Gold follows the journey of a young girl named April who travels to a remote Arctic Island with her father. April's adventures lead to her forming an unlikely friendship, resulting in a daring mission that shows how courage, kindness and hope can have such a positive impact on those around us.



[Parents Information Booklet](#)



[Calendar of Events](#)



Subject of the Week - Phonics

We have been working hard in phonics this week.

Reception have been applying their sound knowledge to write CVC words, remembering to check their sound mats to help them.

In Year 1 we have been looking at new sounds and playing a range of games to help remember them. We especially love playing sound bingo and using phonics play go through our flashcards. Hedgehog class are trying to get quicker each week!



Dad Matters



Dad Matters is a new charity in Surrey helping new dads suffering from stress, anxiety or depression during the perinatal period (conception to second birthday). Research indicates up to one third of new dads are affected. These mental health issues not only impact the dad's wellbeing, but also affect his ability to support the mum and engage with the baby. If you

Epsom and Ewell Cross Country



This week a group of KS2 children took part in the first Cross Country League event of the school year. All children involved represented the school with great pride, demonstrating fantastic determination and resilience. We look forward to the next event in the new year!

Netball Friendly



Our school netball teams played a friendly fixture against St Clements this week. Everyone demonstrated amazing team work, encouraging and supporting each other throughout. We are very proud of their hard work and enthusiasm, well done!

Accent – Christmas Lunch

Wednesday - 17th December 2025

****Please note that all lunches are now available online to order for December****



Nursery Parents

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 you will need to apply for a school place.

Nursery children will be coming home with a leaflet with full details of the application process.

Reception outcomes will be sent by post or email on **16th April 2026**.

Apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions between **1st September 2025** and **15th January 2026**.

If you have any questions regarding the admissions process, please contact the school office.

Christmas Performance Dates

Christmas performances will take place in the School Hall starting at 9:15am.

Nursery	Friday: 12 th December
Reception	Wednesday: 10 th December
Year 1	Thursday: 11 th December
Year 2	Tuesday: 9 th December
Year 3	Monday: 8 th December
Year 5	Thursday: 4 th December

St Mary's Ewell – Christmas Events

In the office foyer, we have paper copies of the Christmas Advent Calendar from St Mary's Church.

Included in the brochure are key dates of events over the Christmas period.



Friends of Ewell Grove Events

November

December

Wednesday: 3 rd December	Non-Uniform day and Christmas Fair donations (parent volunteers needed 8:45am – 9:15am)
Friday: 5 th December – 3:15pm	Santa's postbox closes
Friday: 5 th December – 8:00 – 10:00pm	Wreath Making Workshop (pre-paid tickets only)
Wednesday: 10 th December – 3:15pm	Collection of Christmas wreath kits (pre-orders only)
Thursday: 11 th December – 7:00 – 10:00pm	Christmas Fair prep evening
Friday: 12 th December – 4:00 – 6:00pm	Christmas Fair & Santa's Grotto (Grotto pre-booked tickets only)
Friday: 12 th December – 7:00pm	Christmas Fair raffle (closes at 6:00pm)
Week commencing Monday: 15 th December	Nearly new uniform – order form goes live

January

Monday: 5 th January – Wednesday 7 th January	Nearly New Uniform donations accepted (office foyer)
Wednesday: 7 th January – from 7:30pm	Donation Sorting Evening – Orchard Room (volunteers needed)
Thursday: 8 th January	Nearly New Uniform orders – home in bookbags
Monday: 12 th January – 3:05pm	Nearly New Uniform – playground sale

Making magic happen, one fundraiser at a time!

Great news — the new patio and ramp area is officially complete. Thanks to our 2023/2024 fundraisers which helped raise **£28,000!** for this project. Nursery and Reception now have their brand-new role-play furniture from our 2024/2025 project, already being enthusiastically “tested” by small humans. Play food is coming soon — because what’s a kitchen without plastic pizza? Thank you for helping to raise **£8,000** to make this happen.

We also held our last **EVER Krispy Kreme sale** and went out with a sugary bang, before retiring our glaze-covered aprons. This month we added **£240.75** from **Little Recyclers** after donating nearly half a ton of items (our cupboards are very grateful).

Our **Christmas Card Design** project was a festive hit — thank you everyone! We’re expecting **£1,300** to drop into the fundraising pot.



From L-R New patio & ramp area (before & after), New Role-play area, The Little Recyclers, Krispy Kreme sale, Santa's post box

Sleigh Bells are ringing in...Ewell

Santa's Post Box is officially **OPEN!** And children have until **5th December** to post their very important letters to Santa. Important! Santa's admin team (the elves in charge of the paperwork) have asked that all letters must include their full name, year group and class to receive a reply.

Christmas Online Raffle- We've got 31 amazing prizes to be won. Grab your ticket at www.pta-events.co.uk/foeg before **6pm** on **Friday 12th Dec**, or the Grinch might get them first. Good luck, and may the festive odds be ever in your favour.

What's Coming Up...

🎄 Christmas Wreath-Making Workshop – Friday 5th December



Ready to get crafty and Christmassy? Join us for our festive wreath-making workshop or pick up a take-home kit to create your masterpiece at home! A huge thank you to **Northwood incorporating Jackson Noon** for generously sponsoring this event.

www.northwooduk.com/epsom

Tickets are on sale now at www.pta-events.co.uk/foeg — grab yours before they vanish faster than Santa's cookies on Christmas Eve!

🍫🍷 Non-Uniform Day – Wednesday 3rd December

Time to ditch the uniform! In exchange for this glorious freedom, we're asking each family to donate **1x chocolate item** and **1x bottle**. These goodies will stock our legendary **Christmas Fair** tombolas. Items must be sealed, have a best-before date of **30/12/25 or later**, and **not** require refrigeration. Thank you for supporting the festive fun!

🎅 Christmas Fair – Friday 12th December

Brace yourselves... the **Christmas Fair** is nearly here, and it's shaping up to be our most jingle-tastic, mince-pie-fuelled extravaganza yet!

Expect games, treats, tombola's, and enough festive cheer to make even the Grinch crack a smile. Our **Helping Hands** coordinators have already rallied a small army of magical volunteers — **HUGE thanks to them!**

Buuuut... Santa has informed us that we still need more helpers. If you can spare some time, please let us know — you'll earn yourself a guaranteed spot on the Nice List.

Come along, join in, and help make this the **best Christmas Fair ever!**



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