



It has been lovely to see all our pupils returning to Eversley this week—and everyone remembered our new start time!

The children have already been working hard with a number of visits to the Gold Book to share excellent work. Teachers have also been giving out lots of 'dojos'. These have replaced our house points this year and can be earned by children for good work, positive attitudes, great effort, good manners and much more!

We have had lots of work carried out over the holiday: new panelling around the infant playground, resurfacing of the flooring around the play equipment and some upgraded toilets for children to use, all enhancing our school facilities.

Although our school has been identified as having the type of concrete that has caused many schools in the area to delay opening, we have had remedial work in the past that has made our site safe to remain open.

We are looking forward to working with your children over this coming year, with lots of exciting events planned! Here's to the next year at Eversley!

Mrs Pepper and Mr Hancock

Dates for this term

We are in the process of finalising dates for this term and will be publishing these on our website next week (by clicking on the Autumn Term dates banner on our homepage)



Lost Property

If you haven't done so already, please label all items of clothing, including PE kits and water bottles, with your child's name.

It really increases the chance of them being returned!



We will be marking Jeans for Genes Day on **Friday 22nd September** with a non-uniform day. On this day children can come in wearing their jeans and denim for a suggested donation of £1, either through ParentPay or on the gate.

This is a cause close to Eversley's heart, following the sad loss of a former Eversley pupil due to a rare genetic disorder, after whom Jamie's Garden is named.

We will also be having a special lunch that day. Look out for more information about this next week.



After School Clubs

After School Clubs begin next week from Monday 11th September. Clubs will end at 4:15pm.

Please see the separate letter being sent out today about collecting children after clubs.

We still have limited vacancies in around half of our clubs, so there is still time to book your child in for a club. Please click here: <https://www.prosportssolutions.coordinate.cloud/project/46419>

School Photography

Happy Days, our school photography company, are offering parents this year a subscription service of just £3 a month to ease the cost of paying for school photos.

For more information and details on how to set this up, please click here: [eversley.essex.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/HAPPY-DAYS-Eversley-Primary-School.pdf](https://www.eversley.essex.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/HAPPY-DAYS-Eversley-Primary-School.pdf).



Attendance Guidance from Essex Local Authority

The DfE has provided schools with a clinical and public health perspective on mild illnesses and school attendance.

There is wide agreement among health professionals and educational professionals that school attendance is vital to the life chances of children. Being in school improves health, wellbeing and socialisation. The greatest benefits come to children who attend school regularly.

It is usually appropriate for parents to send children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. You can find further information by following this link: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

It is likely that more of our children are experiencing symptoms of anxiety than before the pandemic. Worry and mild or moderate anxiety or feeling apprehensive (whilst sometimes difficult) can be a normal part of growing up for many children. Being in school can often help alleviate the underlying issues. A prolonged period of absence is likely to heighten a child's anxiety about attending in the future, rather than reduce it.

As we head into winter, we will be encouraging a high uptake of seasonal 'flu vaccination and will facilitate immunisation session in school.

Improving school attendance is a key priority for Essex schools. Missing school can negatively impact a pupil's progress and stop them from reaching their true academic potential.

See here for further information: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-attendance-and-absence>

Remember that you can always find lots of information on our school website, or see what we are getting up to during the day by following us on Twitter:



www.eversley.essex.sch.uk



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