

**At Enfield Heights Academy, we are KIND, RESPECTFUL, RESILIENT and BRAVE.**  
**We are the Force for Positive Change.**

26<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

**What a fantastic start to the New Year 2026 at Heights!**

**Celebrating excellence: a letter from the Secretary of State for Education**

We are proud to share that Enfield Heights Academy received a letter of commendation from the **Secretary of State for Education, Bridget Phillipson**, recognising the exceptional academic outcomes we secured for our pupils, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds at the end of the 2024/25 academic year.



This recognition places our school among the **very best nationally**. The Secretary of State highlighted that our performance serves as a beacon of what is possible when "ambition and commitment come together."

The letter [here](#) emphasises that our success is a direct result of the tireless dedication of our staff and the inspiring hard work of our pupils. These results are more than just statistics, they are a validation of our core vision and belief in high expectation leadership, uplifting and empowering young people, regardless of background and postcode.

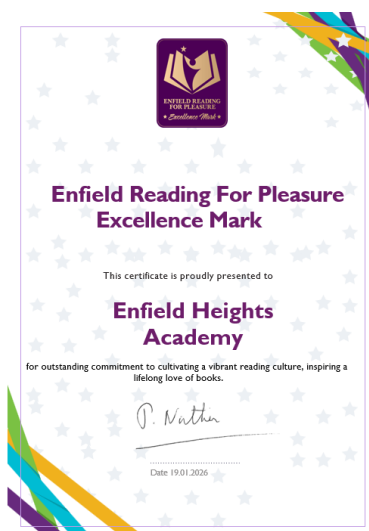
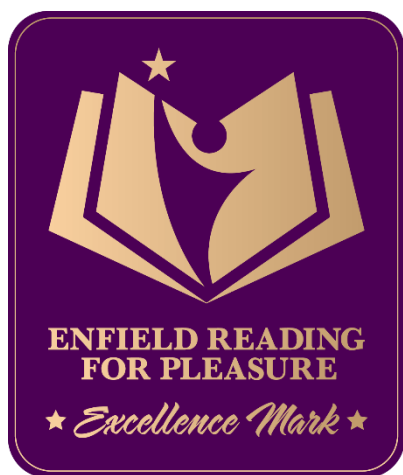
Leading the way forward The Department for Education has not only celebrated our past success but has also challenged us to act as **system leaders**, encouraging our school to share best practice to help raise standards.

As the Secretary of State noted, even the strongest schools can go further. While we take a moment to celebrate this achievement, we remain focused on the future.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to our teachers, support staff, parents, carers and, most importantly, our pupils. **Your brilliance is the reason we do what we do.** Together, we are stronger and able to prove that excellence is achievable for everyone.

### Reading for Pleasure Excellence Mark

We also proudly celebrate achieving **The Reading for Pleasure Excellence Mark** last Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026.



This recognised our school's unwavering commitment to placing reading at the heart of everything we do at EHA and our culture. Beatrix Simpson, Local Authority Consultant, during her audit and learning walk recognised Reading for Pleasure championed by the leadership team who consistently model and promote positive reading practices. Our shared vision is embraced by all staff, ensuring that structured routines, engaging initiatives and inclusive approaches support every child to access, enjoy and succeed through reading. The success was celebrated across the school, with diversity and individual achievement valued at every level.

Through strong collaboration with families, professionals and the wider community, Enfield Heights Academy continues to empower pupils to thrive — not just academically, but as confident, enthusiastic readers for life. This award is a well-deserved recognition of a truly inspirational reading culture that we have at EHA. **Million Thanks to Ms Michael (English Lead) and Ms Yarboye (Phonics Lead) for their excellent commitment, dedication and inspiration.** Thank you for your support Everyone!



### Celebration Day at Heights

We have set up a mini Games Library at EHA with lots of lovely games that we were able to purchase using funds we raised at Winter Fair last December. Thank you for supporting the school as always. We also purchased 16 sets of chess (a class set) which are due to arrive this week.



We would love every single child to **learn how to play new games** to maximise their fun at school. Playing games can enhance cognitive abilities, improve mental health, and foster social connections.

On Friday Year 4-6 will receive a Chess Master class from our very own Mrs McKenzie and Mr Hollas. Each KS2 class will practise playing chess as part of our FUN day.

If you have any board and card games that you no longer require, please donate them to the school so that more children can benefit from them. Thank you

### China Music Workshop for year 1-5



Just a reminder that we have organised a fantastic workshop run by **Earthsong musicians** who will run 'China music' sessions for year 1-5 **on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**. Thank you to Mr Meritt Hall, our Trust Music Lead, for organising this fabulous workshop. This will be a vibrant, colourful, celebration of China's music and dance, from stomping Lion dances and swirling Dragon dances with

drumming, to spiralling red ribbons and spinning brollies, to graceful fan dances serenaded by gentle harp. Along the way, the children will explore a range of traditional instruments, including bells, bowls, gongs, fiddles and dulcimers.

**Unfortunately, we have not had everyone's consents and contributions towards the workshop and might be forced to cancel this very special opportunity. Please could you log into Arbor and support your child's enrichment by consenting and contributing (£4.50) to the workshop as soon as possible.**

Thank you

### Online Safety

There have been an increasing number of children accessing inappropriate games and websites online. Please ensure you are monitoring any devices your children have access to and are setting boundaries around the time they spend on them. We have recently sent a letter regarding Roblox to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 families. Please read [here](#).

### Stay informed

Please attend our SAFER INTERNET Information workshop on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 9-10am in the school hall. This session, run by ECP Safeguarding consultant will be exploring apps, gaming trends, cyberbullying, uncovering the reality of social media's impact on mental health, the risks of sharenting, and grooming.

**THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT SESSION for Parents and carers; please ATTEND.**

Children and staff will also have Safer Internet workshops during the day.

### Dates for your diary

Class assembly for Year 5 parents and carers

Year group	Date/Time
Year 5	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February

Workshops for parents and carers this half term:

<b>Year 3 and 4</b>	<b>Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) Parent Meeting</b> An explanation of what the MTC Check looks like for your child	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February (9-10am) Hall
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## EHA's Mini Library

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Take a book, leave a book



### EHA's Mini Library in the Playground

Reminder re our **EHA Mini Library** — a special space for our school community to enjoy reading! This little library (in an old lunch trolley) brings a wonderful book-swapping opportunity for grown-ups to model a love of reading.

You can **take a book to enjoy** or **leave one for someone else to discover**. It's a simple, fun way to promote reading for pleasure and make books easily accessible to all families.

#### Simple Rule:





**Take a book, Leave a book**

**Where: mainly placed by the main gate by the office**

You're welcome to borrow a book and, when you're done, return it or replace it with another. By sharing stories, we hope to further inspire a reading culture, spark imagination, and encourage families to talk about books together at home. Let's grow this library as a community and nurture a lifelong love of reading in our families!

### Spring FUNDRISE events-PLESAE SUPPORT KS2

Years 4-6 will be running fundraising events over Spring Term to raise money for cross curriculum books and artifacts to support curriculum delivery. All events will run after school in the playground.

<p><b>Year 4</b> will sell donuts, hot chocolate (cream and marshmallows) on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January as well as <b>candy floss</b> on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February</p>	
<p><b>Year 5</b> are hosting a 'guess the number of jellybeans in a jar' game which will be introduced to children at the end of an assembly where the jar will be shown. They will do this in February. £1 a guess and the winner gets the whole jar of jellybeans!</p>	
<p><b>Year 6</b> will be running a skipping competition which pits parents against children in a skip to be fit challenge- Bring it on in Spring 2 when it gets a bit warmer. Details to follow.</p>	
	<p>Tickets are still available on Arbor till 4<sup>th</sup> February. We will not be able to admit anyone on the day of the event. Please log onto Arbor to get a ticket.</p>



## **Polite Reminder- Kindness and Respect at all times**

As the headteacher, I feel extremely proud and thankful to a great staff team I work with and the positive and respectful partnerships with parents and cares.

Enfield Heights Academy is a school that prides itself on being able to balance warm, friendly , family like ethos alongside high standards and high expectations for everyone. So in everything we do, we try to make everything as regulated and optimal as possible so that we can collectively achieve our school aim.

As an ambitious school we are always in search of 'Being Force for Positive Change and following our school values.



These are designed to keep everyone happy and safe and provide an agreed framework in which we can all work and learn effectively. By collectively abiding to the agreements and systems in place, we also demonstrate a commitment to working together, learning and having fun. We understand that at times, a concern might arise which we always address with utmost urgency to reassure or/and rectify if need be. Please ensure that we are all familiar with escalation policy as well as remember that there is **no place for any rudeness in our school community**. Please align with our values so that we are all pulling in the same direction to ensure our success.



## **WHO CAN I TALK TO? Queries/Concerns**

We are always available to hear your concerns and strive to resolve them in good time. We kindly ask that you follow the following pathway of communication:

1. If there is a problem, **please speak to the class teacher/teaching assistant first**. If you need a meeting, email the office for the attention on the teacher you need.
2. You can also speak to Mr Currie (our Teaching and Learning Lead/Behaviour Lead) or Ms Michael (Accelerated Teaching and Learning lead/English Lead) to find answers to your queries and get help to resolve your concerns.
3. If your matter has not been resolved, please request a meeting with /inform Mr Venn, the Deputy Headteacher (via office)
4. If you are still concerned and situation has not been resolved, request an appointment with me by emailing or calling the office at heights@northstartrust.org.uk / 020 8805 9811

A member of SLT is on both gates on most mornings and are always happy to help.

**Please contact the office if you need to make an appointment - you will be asked what the issue is concerning so that the concern will be directed to the correct person.**

SEN concerns should be directed to Mrs Moore, our Inclusion and SEND lead. Her working days are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you need any help or support with helping your child to attend school, please do get in touch so that we can support you. THANK YOU

## **Please note that this remains unchanged:**

**No parents/carers are allowed to enter the school premises through Palmers Gate during morning drop off.**

Reception parents continue to enter site via Pitfield Way and drop their children at the Reception door in the mornings.

Should you need to speak to class team, please either speak to a duty member of staff at the gate or enter school site via Pitfield way and speak to the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

#### Other Key Dates for your diary

Key Events	When	Notes for Parents
Chinese Music Workshop for Year 1-5	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	<i>In school time Sandwich lunch</i>
<b>EPC Online Safety Day</b>	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	<i>Workshops for children and <b>online safety meeting for parent/carers at 9-10am (No Clubs/Intervention after school)</b></i>
Children's Mental Health Week	wc Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	<i>More communication to follow</i>
World Book Day	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Dress up day- details will be sent nearer the time</i>
Comic Relief	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Non-uniform day- information will be sent nearer the time</i>
Daffodil Breakfast (Year 1+2)	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Hall 9.15-10.15am -Parents/Cares Welcomed</i>
Spanish Language Day	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	<i>Non-uniform day (details to follow)</i>
EHA's Got Talent Final	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>Details to follow</i>
Design and Technology Exhibition	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>Details to follow</i>
KS1 and KS2 (Years 1-6) Sports Day <b>Change of date</b>	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 9.30-11.30am	<i>St George's Field</i>
Reception Sports Day	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 1.30-2.45pm	<i>St George's Field</i>
Year 6 Residential Trip to Danbury/ Activity days for Year 6	22nd - 24th June 2026	<i>Details to follow</i>
PTA Non-uniform Day	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>Non-uniform day-tombola donation</i>
Summer Fair International Day	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July <b>3-5.30pm</b>	<i>Wear your culture attire <b>Volunteers and helpers required to help at the fair</b></i>
Year 6 Production	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>For year 6 parents and carers; Hall/5pm</i>
Meet the new class teacher/Open Evening	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>3.15-5pm</i>
Whole School Picnic	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>3.15pm-4.30pm -celebrate and bring your blanket and picnic goodies you wish to eat. Strictly NUT FREE please.</i>
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>For year 6 parents and carers; Hall/9-10am</i>

**Have a great day.**

With my very best wishes,

*Justyna Powne*

Headteacher