



PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th
November
2025

Europa's Own Sycamore Gap

During Half Term, Europa School UK sadly lost one of its most loved and historic trees, our very own "Sycamore Gap." Standing proudly on the school grounds for longer than Europa or the European School existed, this beautiful tree was a constant companion to generations of students, parents, and staff. Every year, they enjoyed the beautiful snowdrops surrounding it, which heralded the end of winter, the gentle shade it provided for the end of primary parties and the natural backdrop for the Baccalaureate proclamation photos for our Bacheliers.

During the Monday of half term, stormy weather brought down one of its four great limbs. Despite hopes that the tree might recover, the remaining sections were lost over the following days. Its absence has left a visible and emotional gap in our landscape, a reminder of how deeply our natural surroundings are woven into school life.

Our students have long visited the famous Sycamore Gap along Hadrian's Wall, a place of history, beauty, and connection. Now, in a poignant echo, we find our own version here at Europa.

We plan to plant a new tree in its place and will commemorate the old one in a lasting way, celebrating the strength, growth, and resilience it symbolised for our community. Though we'll miss its familiar presence, its story will remain part of Europa's landscape for years to come.



Useful Contacts

General Enquiries: reception@europaschool.uk

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PTA related: committee@europa-pta.org

Deputy Heads: dhop@europaschool.uk

Primary Secretary: e.schradi@europaschool.uk

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BromCom questions / Log on for students:
datamanager@europaschool.uk

Updated School Access Arrangements

As per the email sent out 06.11.2025

Useful Dates

CPR Awareness Session at Europa

November

- 6th 3FE Swimming
- 7th Yr5 Science Workshop at School
- 7th 19:00 Prospective parents online presentation
- 17th - 28th Parents meetings (look out for communication from the class teacher)
- 19th Year 6 IMPS Session
- 20th 3FE Swimming
- 26th 6EE IMPS Session
- 27th 3FE Swimming (last session)

December

- 1st Y1 & 2 Pantomime - Schuman Hall
- 2nd Y3 Watermill Theatre
- 3rd 6FE IMPS Session - Chapel
- 3rd EYFS & KS1 Christmas Lunch
- 4th KS2 Christmas Lunch
- 5th St Nikolaus at School
- 5th Y2 Science Oxford Trip
- 6th PTA Christmas Fete
- 9th Y4, 5DE, 5FE & 6EE - Watermill Theatre
- 11th 6FE & 6DE - Watermill Theatre
- 12th EYFS Pantomime in Oxford
- 12th 5EE Watermill Theatre
- 19th Last day of term



THAMES VALLEY AIR AMBULANCE

CPR AWARENESS SESSION

Thames Valley Air Ambulance is here for you and your loved ones. Whoever you are. Wherever and whenever you need us. In Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire. Giving you the best chance when the worst happens.

- ▲ **Why Bystander CPR Matters:** Discover why bystander cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) can have a significant impact.
- ▲ **Are You Prepared?:** Would you know what to do in a critical situation?
- ▲ **Confidence to Act:** Gain the confidence to take life-saving action.
- ▲ **Invite Us:** Consider inviting us to visit your group and learn more.

Thursday 15th January 2026

Europa School UK
Limited places available

Sign up today at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/thamesvalleyairambulance/1926534>

Contact us at: cpr@tvairambulance.org.uk

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This training session will take place at Europa on Thursday 15th January 2026 from 16:00 to 18:00.

The training session is FREE, although a £10 voluntary contribution to Thames Valley Air Ambulance is suggested at the time of booking.

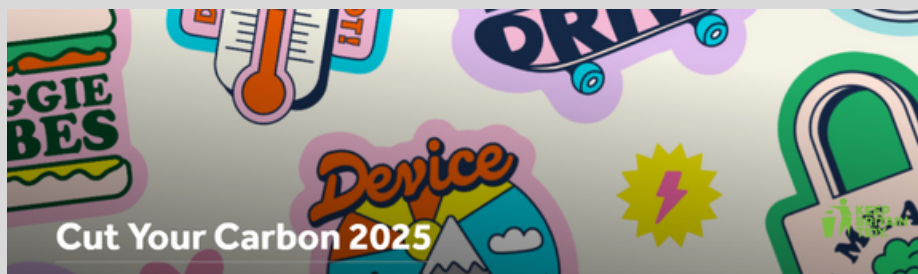


It is limited to 18 places, as it is very hands-on.

Europa is taking part in the **Cut your Carbon** campaign this November.

To take part, you will need to complete 6 challenges below and bring back your challenge sheet in class by the end of November. We will calculate the amount of carbon emissions saved by our school over a month and we will share the results!

Ask your teacher or email s.harries@europaschool.uk for a competition sheet if you don't have one already.



Winter Concert Dates

Schuman Hall

DECEMBER

- 3rd - Y4, 0845 - 0920
- 10th Y5, 0845 - 0920
- 10th Y1, 1330 - 1415
- 10th Y2, 1430 - 1530
- 11th Y3, 0845 - 0920
- 17th Y6, 0845 - 0920

Classrooms

DECEMBER

- 10th REE 0845
- 16th RFE 1400
- 17th RDE 1345



UCL Music Project

This half-term, a team of researchers from University College London (UCL) and Goldsmiths, University of London, will be working with classes 1FE, 2FE, 3EE, 4EE, 5EE, and 6FE, exploring the development of music, language, and socio-emotional skills in children aged 6–11 years.

This will also give some of our Sixth Form students a great chance to get involved in the project. The information sheet and consent form have been shared with parents.

School Photos

Photo orders will be delivered to Primary classes next week.

Please remember the company who print the photos are NOT the photographers who took them. Many photos of pupils who have siblings in other classes are put into the same envelope, primary and secondary, so please check there first. Please do not contact the photographers or picmail. All problems or queries with photos must be emailed to Susi in Reception.

PTA Updates

Laptops:

Thanks to your continued support, the PTA has purchased 30 new laptops for the school to help address an urgent need. We're also exploring second-hand laptop options - more information on this will follow soon.

If you have a working laptop you'd like to donate, please get in touch with us at chair@europa-pta.org. Every contribution helps make a real difference for our students.

Halloween Bake Sale - Funds Raised

A big thank you to everyone who baked or bought cakes to support our bake sale! We raised £1,342 - A great result.

Save the Date – Christmas Fête 🎄

Please mark Friday, 6th December in your calendars for our School Christmas Fête! It promises to be a fun-filled event for the whole family. Your class reps will be in touch soon to ask each class to prepare a hamper for the raffle.

Don't forget to download the Classlist app, as tickets for some fête activities will be available through Classlist.

Easyfundraising Reminder:

As we head into the Christmas shopping season, remember you can support the school effortlessly through easyfundraising.org.uk. A percentage of many of your online purchases will be donated to the school – at no extra cost to you!

Thank you, as always, for your wonderful support

ICT lunch club has started for Year 4



Mediatheque Opening Times

This half term, volunteers will open the Mediatheque on

- Tuesdays (15:35-16:15)
- Thursday (15:40-16:15).

We are hoping to open again on Fridays but we would need a volunteer or two. If we have enough volunteers, we can organise a rota. If you are interested, let Celine know (c.grand@europaschool.uk).

Check Classlist for up-to-date information on opening times.

El Día de los Muertos



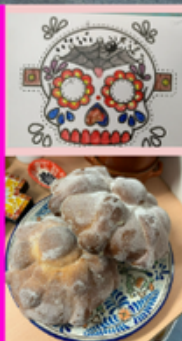
1EE "Altar"



Day of the Dead



In 1EE we celebrated "El Día de los Muertos". Two families from 1EE came in our class to share with the children this great Mexican tradition. We created an "Altar" and we made traditional flowers with tissue paper called "Cempasúchil" (Marigolds). We ate the traditional "Pan de Muerto" and it was "delicioso". We had a fantastic time! Thanks!



1EE celebrated the Day of the Dead. El Día de los Muertos. It is celebrated in Mexico and other Spanish countries on the 1st and 2nd of November.

We have had a few recent reports of head lice in school. We kindly ask all parents and carers to check their child's hair as soon as possible and, if necessary, to treat any head lice before they return to school. Your help in preventing the spread is very much appreciated.



School food garden

We are looking for experienced gardeners to help us set-up a food garden. Please contact s.harries@europaschool.uk if you have time to help.