



Useful Dates

January 2025

- 21st - 4DE Abingdon School Science Trip
- 21st - 3EE Swimming
- 23rd - Y1 Space Dome - Schuman Hall
- 28th - 4EE Abingdon School Science Trip
- 28th - 3EE Swimming
- 30th - PTA Clothes & Shoes Collection - Thame Ln
- 30th - 7pm Parent Meeting - Drama Studio
- 31st - Languages Conference at Europa

February

- 4th - 6DE Reading Museum
- 4th - 6FE/6EE Bletchley Park
- 4th - 3EE Swimming
- 11th - 3EE Swimming
- 12th - 1DE Pancake Cafe
- 13th - 6EE & 6FE Reading Museum Trip
- 14th - Inset Day - no Students
- 17th - 21st: February Half Term

Useful Contacts

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Can you help?

Do you have a couple of hours to spare to help in school with laminating and cutting some exciting new early reading resources we are preparing for Reception and Year 1. Please let Esther Schradi know if you have some time next week, or the week following

Thank you in advance.



Europa Science Fair - Friday 14th March



Can you help?

We are calling for all parents with STEM or environmental interest! Can you please help us by hosting a stall with engaging activities for the Primary pupils?

Could you spare a half or full day to host a stall at Europa's Science Fair on March 14th 2025 from 8:30 - 3:30 pm.

If so, please fill out this [google form](#) with your details and we will get back to you for our planning:

[EUROPA SCIENCE FAIR HELP](#)

Thank you,
Maresa Langner and Emma Elliott,
Science Coordinators Primary

New Chemistry Laboratory

One of the classroom projects is to create a new Chemistry laboratory by joining two smaller labs on the ground floor of the science block, adjacent to the main Chemistry prep room. Chemistry is a compulsory subject in S4 and S5 for all students and is a very popular option at IB Diploma, so this project will benefit all students coming through the school.

You are invited to a meeting regarding an exciting development at the school on

Thursday 30th January at 7pm in the Drama Studio.

Mrs Wood will be joined by several members of the science team to explain the rationale for the project and present the current plans. We will be able to give you a guided visit to the proposed lab.

We need to clear the lost property room. Up until and including 28th January, the LP room will be opened at 2.30pm every day so parents/ pupils can look for lost items.



CLOTHES & SHOES COLLECTION

**THURSDAY 30 JANUARY
8-9 AM**

THAME LANE ENTRANCE

Bag up your preloved, unwanted and outgrown clothes, paired shoes, and handbags and bring them to school.

Rags2Riches4Schools will collect them on the day and pay for them by weight.

Please keep **separately** **GOOD QUALITY BRANDED ITEMS AND UNWANTED GIFTS,** for re-sale.



Mediatheque Volunteers Needed

Would you like to help is running the after-school session for children and their parents/carers at the mediatheque?

If you think you can help or would like to find out more, email me at c.grand@europaschool.uk. You may also like to check this page: <https://www.europa-pta.org/primary-library.html>

Super Hero Day in the canteen - keeping it fun for the students



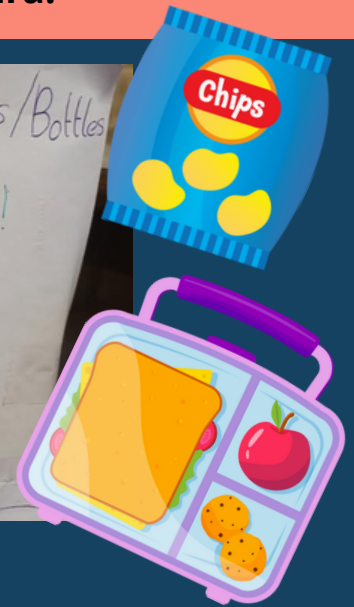
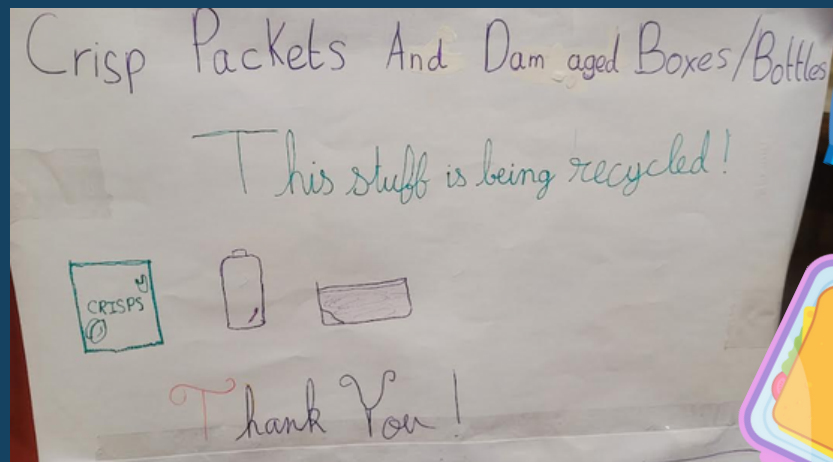
News from the Eco Committee



If you have any crisp packets or damaged plastic bottles/snack boxes, we would be delighted if you could drop them off in our newly designed recycling box. The box has been placed in the canteen, near the primary entrance. Some of these old items will be upcycled to become for blankets for the homeless.



We have also collected a large quantity of used pens which will be recycled by a lovely parent. Thank you Zohra!



Young Climate Warriors

A mid-winter challenge this week ... heating, insulation ... drawing curtains.

Polar bears live in arctic winters (-34°C), with a body temperature close to that of humans (37°C) yet are virtually undetectable using infrared cameras – they simply do not lose body heat. Scientists are designing materials to mimic their incredible insulation – [‘Learn about how Polar Bears keep warm’](#).

There are over 1,500 ‘passive houses’ in the UK – they’re so well designed, with very high insulation levels – they don’t need central heating at all! [Learn more about ‘passive houses’ here](#).

Europe already has over 15 million heat pumps used for heating buildings. The UK target is to install 600,000 a year by 2028 – we’re currently at 55,000 a year – more work is needed!



What can you draw without a pen or pencil, chalk or charcoal? ...

... Your curtains!

They’re great at helping to keep the heat in and carbon emissions down!

Warm air leaking out of our homes lowers the temperature – so the boiler has to work harder, burning more fuel, costing more money, and creating more carbon emissions.

This week draw your CURTAINS at dusk – keep the heat in, and help look after our planet.



When you’ve completed this challenge ... Remember to hit the red button!





Drawing the curtains can reduce heat loss from a home by 10%

