



Evendons Newsletter 21st July 2023

Happy End of Term! It's been a brilliant finish to the year at Evendons with the term packed with events such as Sports Day, Joseph productions, 14 music assemblies, racing at Goodwood, Year 6 leavers assembly and the STEM day!

It's strange to think that we began the Autumn term with a tanker in the sinkhole, commenced a two-storey building project at Easter and still finished the year with a full and exciting curriculum.

There has been some fantastic progress as seen in the children's end of term reports. It's imperative that the children continue to read daily and practise maths during the holidays to maintain the progress they have made this year. We have suggested some ways to support this further in this newsletter.

Goodbye and good luck to the year 6 children who are all confident and ready for their next adventure. We look forward to hearing about how well they are doing at secondary school.

Finally, we'd like to thank all the parents for the thoughtful gifts and lovely messages of gratitude. We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching the children.

Congratulations to the PTA - you are truly amazing! Thank you for the wonderful Summer Fair and the endless other events you organise to raise vital funds for our school. We are so lucky to have devoted parents like you!

Stacey.

EYFS

We have had another busy half term in Reception. The children enjoyed a range of exciting learning opportunities including our duckling project where they observed our ducklings hatch and grow, giving them their first swimming lessons!



The children took part in our whole school STEM Fair where they were inspired by a range of STEM Ambassadors.



The children also experienced their first residential at our school camp!



The children demonstrated our school values of love, courage and fairness at our Sports Day at Luckley House! It was a really great day!



Year 1

It's been another busy but great half term in Year 1 and we really can't believe it's now time for the children to move on to Year 2!

We have been learning about Animals and Islands this half term. The children loved having a visit from Zoolab and meeting lots of creatures!

They made us so proud at the Year 1 camp where they showed our values of courage and resilience as well as having lots of fun with their friends!

Sports Day was another great success and we saw lots of love and enjoyment for the activities, as well as encouraging their friends.

Well done Year 1!



Year 1



Congratulations to
all of Year 1, you are phonics
superstars for completing the
Phonics Screening Check!

Year 2

What a wonderful start we had to the summer term!

Year 2 are gardeners and artists, they harvested their first crop of delicious radishes and felt a real sense of pride and achievement of growing their own food.

Molly Williams was such a inspiration to us and she explained her process of how to create and design patterns. We were then inspired to create our very own textile art.



Year 2



Our creativity continued as we designed, sewed and decorated felt fish in DT.

We loved showing kindness (whilst being competitive!) at Sports Day



Year 3

Year 3 have had a wonderful term learning about the massive changes in human civilisation that took place during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We have been lucky enough to spend a day with a time travelling visitor call Ograd who taught us all about the three periods of the Stone Age! (thank you to the PTA for funding this wonderful experience). Later in the term, Rob came to help us build round houses, learning about strong structures and how to use wattle and daub to make a cosy home in the Bronze Age. Thank you to all the parents for your support - especially with the wonderful costumes and the woolly mammoths that are currently roaming our classrooms!



Year 3

Year 3s Experience a Stone Age Life by Rajvi

On Monday 19th June, Year 3 has a terrific historical blast to the past! An ancient old creative Stone Age man (called Ogrid) came to Evendons Primary School! Ogrid was very kind but a little scary at first. Did you know the Stone Age lasted around two million years? Ogrid showed the Year three classes so many astonishing skulls and artefacts! He even showed Year 3 the skull of a small sabre tooth tiger! There was a Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age and there was a Copper Age (which surprisingly only lasted a few years).

Intricate Ancient Artefacts

During their first activity, all the children had to be extremely careful with all the interesting artefacts! The artefacts were amazing! The year 3s even got to hold a real reindeer antler! The time Year 3 arrived they noticed they all were wearing a historical Stone Age costume! They all looked extraordinary.

Hunting gatherer game

The Year 3s played a hunter gathering game for approximately 45 minutes. The classes were put into teams. Each team had an item that they used. The teams would pass the object to the back of the line. The person at the back of the line would have to go to the front of the line. The team that got to the back of the room first would win the game!

Shamon says

In their third activity, Year 3 played a game Simon says, but a Stone age version called Shamon says!

After all the activities the Year 3s were flabbergasted as they went home to tell their parents what an amazing day they had!



Year 3

SUPER STONE AGE DAY by Avi

Last Monday, Year 3 had a spectacular day! It was Stone age day we got to dress up as Stone age people. We met a Stone age person called Og, he was funny.

AMAZING ARTEFACTS!

We got to hold really delicate stuff. I even got to hold a huge deer antler. At the end of the lesson he told us what they were. We were all so surprised when Og told us what some of them were.

TERRIFIC TRADE

We had our break then we played a game. Whichever team got the animal they were trading in Og's hand won but he gave us luck and bad luck so it was hard.

FASCINATING FOOD

After lunch, we played another game. There were two sides, yes and no. Og would tell us a plant or a food and we would have to decide if they ate it by running to a side.

SUPER SCARY STORY TIME

Then we all settled down and Og told us a story about a boy and his wolf. I liked it because I kind of imagine them to be cute. He said he'd only tell us the beginning and the middle so we could decide the end. It really was a nice story.

TIME TO HUNT!

Before the day ended, Og let us hunt with his rubber spears. That was my favourite part. It was so fun that I can't stop thinking about it! Layla said, "It was a fun day!" and Melanie said, "It was the best day of my life!" I can't wait to have a day like this in year 4.



Year 4

The children have used their STEM skills this half term to design and create marble runs with the aim of the marble reaching the end in the slowest possible time. All the children showed great resilience and cooperation when making their marble runs and our four finalists (pictured below) confidently presented their designs to the judges.



Year 4

Year 4 had their residential to The Sustainability Centre this term. The children learnt lots about being sustainable and took part in an array of activities from bridge building, den building, leaf bashing and pond dipping.



Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed learning about different naturalists throughout history. They even visited Gilbert White's house. They enjoyed sketching animals, using a compass, tracking animals and exploring his house.



As part of our English lessons, year 5 wrote persuasive letters to the Mayor of Wokingham. They were writing to persuade the Mayor to choose them as the new Mini-Mayor. Due to their letters, Emma and Henry were invited to have afternoon tea with Mayor. Fingers crossed one of them is chosen!



Year 6

Throughout this term, Year 6 have been building lifelong memories and celebrating the last seven years at Evendons.



Waterloo- 1st



Here we are trying to see which house group can throw the javelin the furthest.



Menai- 2nd

In this photo, we are seeing who can skip around the cone and the team to sit down first wins.



Our running race

Severn- 3rd

Brooklyn- 4th



Relay race

Our parents racing each other.



Kintai- 5th

We also did hurdle relay, bean bag toss as a shot put throw, a basketball race, bat and ball balance and a football dribble .



Year 6



Debating Competition



A banner for the Evendons STEM Fair 2023. It features logos for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The text reads 'Evendons STEM Fair 2023' and 'By Charlotte Yemm and Jemima Thackray'. The Engineering logo includes the text 'ENGINEERING THE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION COMPANY'.



STEM FAIR

Our first STEM Fair since 2019 was a huge success! We welcomed local schools, 35 exhibitors and many many volunteers who helped to make the day such an exciting and enriching opportunity for all the children and adults who attended.

We can't wait to do it all again in 2025!



STEM FAIR



Staff News

We are sad to see the following members of staff leaving us in July, we wish them all the best with their next adventures:

Sam Grimes will be leaving Evendons to become a Deputy Head teacher at Willowbank Infant School. Sam started at the school in 2014 as an NQT and we are very proud of her achievements.

Caroline Lang will be moving to Parsonage Farm Nursery and Infants as an EY teacher

Pina Nagar has decided to take some time out to support her family. She has enjoyed her time working with the staff and the children at Evendons and especially watching them thrive and become independent learners.

Charlotte Goswell will be moving to Lyndhurst School to be a Reception Teacher.

Hayley Murdoch will be returning to full time work and continuing her baking.

Tarryn Robinson is leaving us to finish her Masters degree.

Emily Burgess is leaving so that she can focus on her vintage clothing business which has picked up momentum in the last year and take time to support her family.

These staff have all made a positive contribution to many children and the school ethos and we look forward to hearing from them and seeing them again.

We would like to wish Helen Brewis all the best as she is getting married this Summer. We look forward to hearing all about the wedding and her exciting trip.

Summer Writing Challenge

Whether you are travelling to Windsor for the day or Italy for a week, we would love to hear all about it by postcard!

Teachers will enjoy reading them and can use them as a learning tool in September; maybe in Geography to find where on a map your child has travelled to or as a transition game guessing who wrote the card!

If your child is coming in to Reception, they could draw a picture or even try and write their name. In KS1 children can think carefully about describing their experience using adjectives and in KS2 they can think about capturing their audience in an interesting but concise way.

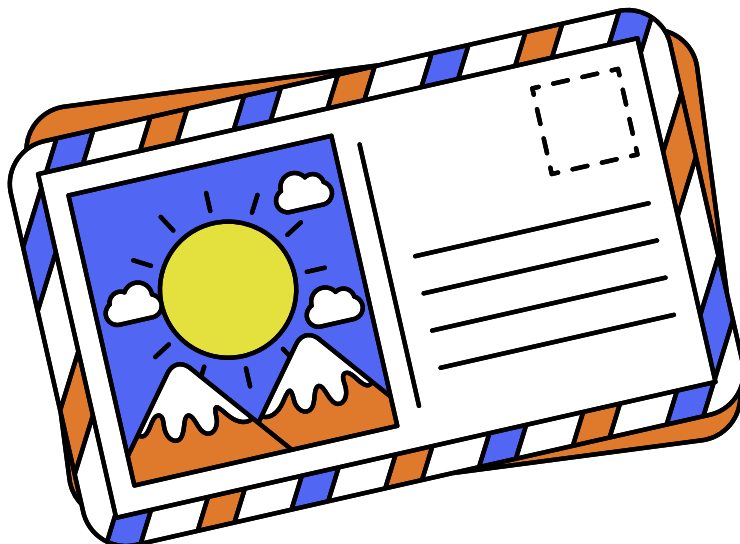
Let's bring back the postcard!

All children entering will receive a summer writing challenge certificate!

Emma Barley
KS1 Reading and Writing Lead

Please post your cards to:

Evendons Primary School
161 Finchampstead Road
Wokingham
Berkshire
RG40 3HD



Reading

Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Ready, Set, Read!

Join online TODAY



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It is important that everyone gets a break this summer however we highly recommend that children continue to read and practise their arithmetic skills during the summer.

Follow this [link](#) for top tips to keep reading over the summer!

Wokingham libraries have a brilliant free app which allows you to listen to hundreds of audio books- a great resources for long car journeys and a lovely way for the whole family to engage in stories together.

Reading

What is Libby?

Libby is a free app where you can borrow ebooks, digital audiobooks, and magazines from your public library. You can stream titles with Wi-Fi or mobile data, or download them for offline use and read anytime, anywhere. All you need to get started is a library card.



Wokingham libraries have launched a Summer Reading Challenge. We highly recommend that all our children take part in this. Primary school children can sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge and have fun with reading over the holidays!

There are two ways you can take part in the Summer Reading Challenge:

You can join at your local library and take part in person. The librarian will give you a collector folder, stickers, and other special rewards, and help you find books to read.

Or, take part online by signing up here. Set a reading goal and log your books on your profile. When you reach your goal you will unlock a virtual badge and certificate!

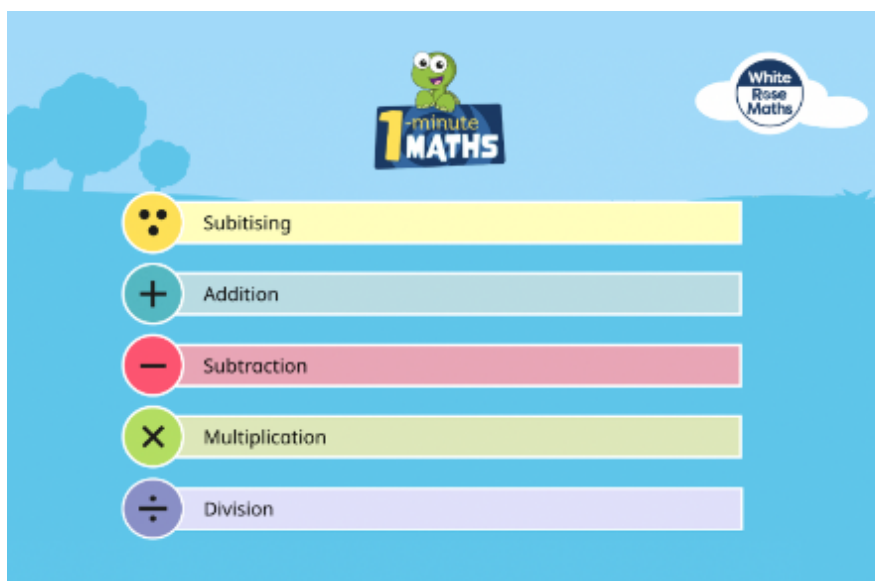
Please note, the in-person and online Challenges are separate. Physical incentives like medals and certificates are only available via the library, for those taking part in the in-person Challenge.

Maths



The White Rose 1 Minute Maths app is free to download and is suitable for children in all year groups. It is a great resource to help maintain children's arithmetic skills over the holidays.

All children in Y2 - Y6 have a TT Rockstars log in and children are encouraged to log in regularly over the holidays to keep up their Times Tables recall!



IMPORTANT DATES

- Friday 21st July: 1.30pm - SCHOOL FINISHES! ****No After School Club****
- Wednesday 30th August - **Moving furniture to new classes - all help welcome!**
- Friday 1st September - INSET DAY, SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS
- Monday 4th September - INSET DAY, SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS
- Tuesday 5th September - Autumn Term 1 begins.

Office Notices

- **Scopay**

Please ensure that all Evendons extracurricular clubs and Breakfast / After School Club bookings have been fully paid via Scopay. Your child's place will be withdrawn and offered to another child on the waiting list if payment has not been received. If using childcare vouchers or tax free childcare, a screenshot of your payment should have been emailed before 14th July to childcarevouchers@evendons-primary.co.uk

- **Lost Property**

Please have a look in the lost property bin outside school for any items you may be missing! **Anything left at the end of term will be donated or disposed of.**

- **School Lunches**

Lunches will be open for bookings in Scopay for the new school year during the holidays. You will be advised when they are live. Menus for the Autumn term are below. As communicated earlier, there is a slight increase to meal costs for the start of the new academic year and do remember that school lunches for children moving from Year 2 to Year 3 become chargeable from September 2023. However, Year 2 children who qualify for benefits-related Free School Meals are not affected.

Moving Help Plea!

On Wednesday 30th August we will be moving furniture in to our beautiful new class rooms and we would really appreciate any help you can give.

Many hands make light work - so if you can please spare an hour or two in the morning we would be very grateful!

Summer Holiday Club - Star Hotshots

We still have spaces left at our exciting new holiday club! The club offers sports and craft options so please see attached flyer for registration details.



Head Lice

We have had several reported cases of head lice in school at the end of this term and we would advise everyone to follow the NHS guidance and check their child's hair and treat accordingly.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

PTA

Firstly, thank you to everyone for your support this year in supporting our amazing school!

We appreciate all the donations, volunteering, monies spent at events, raffle tickets purchased, help folding second hand uniform and everything else that you all do to support the PTA.

The weather did not dampen the spirits at our Summer Fair and our initial count shows that we took an incredible £4,900!

Thank you to everyone for coming out in the rain and wind. The community spirit was in full force and we loved seeing everyone have such a fantastic time.

Our incredible Treasurer, Amanda Myatt will be leaving us this year as her son leaves Year 6.

We can't thank Amanda enough for everything she has done for our PTA over the years. As well as being our Treasurer she has organised huge events, spent hours and hours sorting uniform, run all of our raffles, shopped for the gift rooms and generally been totally awesome.

We also thank Amanda's husband Rob and her children who have spent so much time supporting us.

We are grateful to you all!

AGM

Our AGM will be held at school on Thursday 21st September at 7.30pm

We are looking for new committee members! If you are interested in finding out more please contact either your class rep or email pta@evendons-primary.co.uk



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July 24th – Sept 1st



**Evendons Primary
School, Wokingham**

£38 per day

Full Week



£180 Summer

THE ACTIVITIES

Football, Basketball,
Tennis

Nerf Games

Team Building Games

Dodge Ball
and many more!

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Drama/Music

Science Experiments

Cooking
and many more!



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Key Dates 2023/24

2023-24

- Friday 1st September 2023 - Inset Day 1
- Monday 4th September - Inset Day 2
- Tuesday 5th September - Autumn Term 1 starts
- Friday 20th October - Half term finishes 3.30pm
- Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October - Half term
- Monday 30th October - Inset Day 3 - TBC
- Tuesday 31st October - Autumn Term 2 starts
- 15th to 17th November - Year 3 residential to Ufton Court
- Friday 15th December - Autumn Term finishes 1.30pm (*no After School Club*)
- Monday 18th December - Monday 1st January - Christmas holidays
- Tuesday 2nd January 2024 - Inset Day 4
- Wednesday 3rd January 2024 - Spring Term 1 starts
- Friday 9th February 2024 - Half term finishes 3.30pm
- Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024 - Half term - Friday 16th February 2024 - Half term
- Monday 19th February 2024 - Spring Term 2 starts
- Thursday 28th March 2024 - Spring Term finishes 1.30pm (*no After School Club*)
- Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April 2024 - Easter holidays
- Monday 15th April 2024 - Summer Term 1 starts
- Friday 24th May 2024 - Half term finishes 3.30pm
- Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024 - Half term
- Monday 3rd June 2024 - Summer Term 2 starts
- Friday 5th July 2024 - Inset Day 5
- Tuesday 23rd July 2024 - Summer Term finishes 1.30pm (*no After School Club*)



Evendons Week 1

Weekly menu



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Pizza Margherita	Cottage Pie with Caramelised onion & Thyme Gravy	Oriental Salmon Stir Fry with Noodles	Beef Penne Pasta	Battered Fish & Chips with Tomato Sauce
Indian Style Vegetable Biryani with Chickpea Dhal	Tomato & Basil Pasta	Red Pepper & Sweet Potato Pattie with Sweetcorn Rice	Caribbean Style Vegetable & Plantain Curry with Rice	Cornish Style Vegetable Pasty (Gram Flour Pastry) & Chips
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise
Wholemeal/White Bread	Cheese & Herb Bread	Wholemeal/White Bread	Garlic & Herb Focaccia	Carrot & Cumin Bread
Oven Roasted Courgettes, Peas	Savoy Cabbage, Carrot	Green Beans and Crunchy Coleslaw	Broccoli, Herb Roasted Butternut	Baked Beans, Peas
Berry Swirl Sponge with Custard	Chocolate Shortbread with Orange Wedges	Oaty Apple Crumble & Custard	Strawberry Jelly with Fruit Wedges	Pineapple & Lime Cake with Custard

Available daily

Salad Selection, Fresh Fruit Platter, Yoghurt, Bread

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Week 1, Weeks Commencing:

- September 4th & 25th
- October 16th & 30th
- November 20th
- December 11th
- January 1st & 22nd 2024

Evencons Week 2

Weekly menu



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Macaroni Cheese	Mild Beef Chilli with Rice	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Thyme Gravy	Beef Bolognese with Fusilli Pasta	Battered Fish & Chips with Tomato Sauce
Sweet Potato Stir with Vegetable Rice	Mexican Style Burrito with Tomato & Coriander Salsa	Baked Onion Bhajis with Red Bean Dhal & Pilau Rice	Wholemeal Cheddar Cheese & Spinach Quiche served with Herbed Potatoes	Cheese Pinwheel with Chips
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Cheese	Jacket Potatoes with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potatoes with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jackets with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potatoes with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise
Tomato & Basil Focaccia Bread	Sweetcorn Bread	Wholemeal/White Bread	Tomato & Herb Bread	Wholemeal/White Bread
Glazed Carrots and Green Beans	Broccoli, Roasted Butternut Squash	Cauliflower, Peas	Vegetable Medley	Baked Beans, Sweetcorn
Marbles Sponge Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Wholemeal Lemon Shortbread	Carrot & Orange Cake	Ice Cream	Apple & Berry Oat Bar

Available daily

Salad Selection, Fresh Fruit Platter, Yoghurt, Bread

Weeks Commencing: 11th September, 2nd October, 6th November, 27th November, 8th January 2024, 29th January.

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Week 2, Weeks Commencing:

- September 11th
- October 2nd
- November 6th & 27th
- January 8th & 29th 2024

Evendons Week 3

Weekly menu



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Italian Style Tomato & Herb Pasta	Chicken & Leek Pie with Baby Potatoes	Mexican Style Soft Chilli Beef Soft Taco with Mexican Style Rice	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes & Onion Gravy	Battered Fish & Chips with Tomato Sauce
Oriental Style Stir Fried Vegetables Served with Rice	Roasted Reg Pepper & Herb Jambalaya	Mexican Chilli Bean Soft Taco with Mexican Style Rice	Vegetable Sausages with Mashed Potatoes	Sweet Potato, Spinach & Bean Empanada (Gram Flour Pastry) with Chips
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise
Garlic & Herb Bread	Tomato Focaccia Bread	Carrot & Cumin Bread	Paprika & Garlic Bread	Wholemeal/White Bread
Herb Roasted Butternut, Peas	Broccoli, Carrots	Garlic Green Beans, Mexican Style Corn	Thyme Roasted Carrots, Savoy Cabbage	Baked Beans, Peas
Parsnip & Apple Sponge with Custard	Oatmeal Cookie	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Fruit & Yoghurt Bar	Pear & Chocolate Crumble

Available daily

Salad Selection, Fresh Fruit Platter, Yoghurt, Bread

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Week 3, Weeks Commencing:

September 18th

October 9th

November 13th

December 4th

January 15th 2024

February 5th

School Fund Donations

As a result of increasing costs and reduced funding for all schools, it is becoming increasingly difficult to finance the items we wish to provide the school in order to enrich our children's learning environment.

We have set up a School Fund via Scopay in order to offer a way to parents who wish to offer a donation. Contributions would finance the provision of additional resources and equipment which may not be available through our usual government funding.

This is entirely voluntary, of course. However, if you are in a position to make a donation, please log into Scopay (link - www.scopay.com/login) and select the "School Fund Donation" option.

Please be advised there is no pressure on parents to contribute, and regardless of whether you are in a position to donate to the fund or not, we remain ever grateful for your support.

Free School Meals

We encourage families who are in receipt of benefits **across all year groups** to apply for benefits-related Free School Meals. Note: this is separate to *Universal Infant Free School Meals*, which is the provision of free lunches for all children in Reception to Year 2. Your child may qualify for free meals for the duration of their Primary years. **It takes less than two minutes to apply!**

Click [Free School Meals Application](#)



Summer Holiday Gymnastics Club

At Floreat Montague Park School, William Heelas Way,
Wokingham RG40 1BG



Tuesday 29th August

All ages - Reception-Year 6

9.30-11.00am

£16 per child

Open to all Evendons Children



Games



Skill Based Circuits



Balancing / Jumping



Strength / Flexibility Work

Please contact laurenbakergymnastics@gmail.com to reserve
your Child's space