



# The EPICentre of Learning

**NEU teacher strikes:** the next planned NEU teacher strikes days are planned for Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May. We are in the process of gathering information from teaching staff about whether or not they will be striking. As previously communicated, teachers do not have to inform us of their intentions prior to these days. We will inform you as soon as any school decisions can be made. We advise families to make a plan in case of any class closures.

**Music extravaganza:** we are exceptionally grateful again to Duo Tutti (Ruth Molins and Alex Wilson) who came to school on Thursday 30 March to perform for all of our age groups. Ruth plays the flute and Alex plays the piano. They treated the children to live music about different types of animals. This was provided through the charity Vive La Musique! The children thoroughly enjoyed the performances and the experience of live music.

**Climate Club on tour:** our thanks to Dr Chris Jones who has, once again, run a climate club for our Y6 children for the entire Spring term; sharing his expertise and wide knowledge. Chris treated our Y6 children to a tour of the Met Office where they learnt about the super computer, met different people in a variety of roles and got to present their own weather report in the green room. The children were inspired by the visit. Climate club is running in the summer term for our Year 5 children at 8am on a Thursday morning, bookings via the google form sent out to Y5 families.

**Bag2School Collection Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023:** After the success of the last collection, Bag2school returns to Exminster Community Primary on 28<sup>th</sup> April! The bags will be handed out via your child's class later this week. Last time we made £264 for school. We know that carrying the bag to school was difficult for parents so if you wanted to drop it off between 4-6pm the evening before (Thursday 27 April) please do so via the back gate.

Bag2School is a great initiative introduced by the ESA to raise money for the school and all we have to do is utilise what everyone has in their wardrobes - unwanted clothes! The clothes must be brought to school on 28<sup>th</sup> April before 9am and dropped off to the outside classroom. The bags will be collected and weighed and the school then receives a cheque - simple! The clothing will then make journeys all around the world to begin their new lives! This could be a second-hand store in Eastern Europe or a market stall in West Africa. So not only are we raising funds for the school, we're also helping contribute to the circular economy and not being wasteful - it's a win win all round. Your child will bring home a bag and a leaflet - just pack the bag full of any good quality items which are suitable for re-use (see list below for everything you can include.) There's also no limit on the number of bags you bring - just use your own and fill them up as you want - after all, the more the bags weigh, the more they pay! This will continue to be a regular collection so please remember to store up those unwanted clothes and keep an eye out in the newsletter for the next date. If you want to know more, visit <https://bag2school.com/>

We accept the following **'good quality'** items for RE-USE\*:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats

**Wednesday 19 April  
2023**

**Dates for the future:**

**Fri 28 Apr** – Bags4Schools collection

**Mon 1 May** – Bank holiday school closed

**Mon 8 May** – Bank holiday school closed

**Mon 29 May – Fri 2 June  
HALF TERM**

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- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

We reserve the right to refuse any unsuitable items

We **DO NOT** accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

**Mr Pinnicks after school sports clubs:** There are still spaces in the clubs detailed below starting next week. Please book using the Clubs section of the Gateway app. Payment alone doesn't book a space.

Year	Club	Day	Time	First session	Last session
Years 3-4-5-6	GIRLS Football	Mondays	3.30-4.30pm	Monday 24 April (there will be no session on 1 or 8 May bank holidays)	Monday 17 July
Years 1 and 2	Cricket	Tuesdays	3.30-4.30pm	Tuesday 25 April	Tuesday 11 July
Years 3 and 4	Couch to 3k Running Club	Wednesdays	8.00-8.40am	Wednesday 26 April	Wednesday 12 July
Reception	Multi sports	Wednesdays	3.30-4.30pm	Wednesday 26 April	Wednesday 12 July
Years 3-4-5-6	Cricket	Fridays	3.30-4.30pm	Friday 28 April	Friday 14 July

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**Early Epic and Epic Eve booking:** booking for Epic Clubs for Summer 2 will go live on School Gateway on Tuesday 9 May at 3pm.

**ESA meeting:** The next Exminster School Association meeting will be Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April @ 7pm – to be held at the Royal Oak.

**ESA Lottery Winner:** Congratulations to Faye Miller! Number 36. Your cheque will be sent home via your child's class teacher later this week.

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