

# What's in the news at Epina y?

## New Staff



I have spent nearly 11 years working in mainstream as a Teaching Assistant and HLTA. My passion has always been supporting children with Special Educational Needs. This year I decided to follow that passion. I am very excited to join Epina y and support the children here. In my spare time I love to spend time with my family.

Mrs. Collins



My name is Miss. Fairbrother, I have over 10 years experience supporting children with sen. I am passionate about helping every child thrive.

In my free time I enjoy sports, cinema and spending time with my family including my dog Frankie and tortoise Bob!

I am excited to have joined Epina y and I am looking forward to getting to know you all.



I have just started at Epina y in April 2026 after working across the children centres for 18 years! I have a BA Hons in Early Childhood Studies and Postgraduate Certificate in Early Years Studies with Early Years Professional Status. I am based in blue class (phase 1) and really enjoying getting to know all of the wonderful children! I have a real passion for children with SEND and I feel very privileged to start my next chapter at Epina y with such amazing children and staff!

Mrs. Ord

## New Areas

Our school councillors have explored our new areas in school:

### Cubbie

First up, we would like to introduce to you Epina y's very own Cubbie sensory pod. This will benefit a lot of our children to manage themselves throughout their school day. It will help with sensory regulation, reduce stress, and re-engage. 'It is calming and wonderful!' said Evie. 'I felt like a new person coming out of the cubbie!' said Harry.



## Yurt

This is our new yurt. It is located in the Phase 2 yard. In here, you can take part in a range of activities.

'I am looking forward to seeing what activities are available inside the yurt'.  
Harrison B.

'I am looking forward to playing in the yurt', Evie.



## Elegance by Epina y

Welcome to our new training hair and nail salon. This new practical work based learning environment will be part of our new curriculum offer from September 2026.

'I really want my hair done', said Evie.



## Important Dates

**Inservice Training Day**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS**  
Friday 1st May

**Bank Holiday**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS**  
Monday 4th May

**Half Term Holiday**  
Mon 25th May- Friday 29th May

**Inservice Training Day**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS**  
Friday 3rd July

**Summer Holiday**  
Commence- Mon 20th July

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