



# East Peckham Primary School

*To know more, do more, remember more*

## Newsletter

Term 5 Week 3

Friday 8th May 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Since the start of term, we have had a few visitors to school and everyone has felt the need to pass on positive feedback. References have been made to the 'warm welcome' and the 'calm ambiance of the school' with one visitor needing to email after having left the building as they were so impressed. Another aspect of our community that comments are always made about is kindness, which is something that we hope our children always display. As adults, it is so important that we also act with kindness as our children are always looking to us to be role models. We know that life can sometimes be busy and, at times, challenging, but the way we speak to and about one another, whether in person or online, has a real impact on the atmosphere we create together. By continuing to show respect, patience and understanding, pursuing truth at all times, means that our school remains a place where everyone feels welcome and valued.



Please enjoy the events of this week below, and before I finish I wish to say **GOOD LUCK** to our Year 6s who have SATs next week - we wish them the best of luck and know that they will try their hardest in every challenge.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

*Mrs Elliott*

PS I've had a number of questions on the gate about upcoming fundraising events - including the Quiz and the Colour Run - please read further down the newsletter to find out more - and please do join us if you can!

### ★ Stars of the Week ★

In our Friday Celebration Assembly we have been celebrating children who have shown curiosity:

Lemurs	Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Zachary G Mason WD Finley W</b>	<b>Clara R</b>	<b>Flora P Ronnie M</b>	<b>Poppy C</b>	<b>Jemima W Felicity S</b>	<b>Juniper O</b>	<b>Leo W</b>

Many thanks to **Sammy W** for presenting the assembly with me this morning.

### Attendance

Attendance and punctuality are very important and we have class targets of 96%+. Please make sure that the children attend every day to ensure their class can achieve their targets. Holidays during term-time will not be authorised, this includes those where we are notified both before and after they occur.

Lemurs	Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95%	96%	96%	97%	96%	92%	99%
😞	😊	😊	😊	😊	😞	😊

## Year 4 trip to the Observatory Science Centre



This week Year 4 visited the Observatory Science Centre and Museum, where they enjoyed lots of hands-on learning. The day started with a workshop in which the children had to use triangles, trapeziums and lots of teamwork to build a truss bridge. Then the children explored the rest of the science centre. The children were full of questions and wanted to know more about the different exhibits.



## Kent Art Competition



Please do get involved with the Kent Art Competition - details of which were shared in a letter this week (full poster at the end of the newsletter). The competition is for children aged 4–11 and challenges young people to create a piece of art inspired by farming, farm animals or the countryside. Each entrant will receive 1 free child's ticket and 1 free adult ticket for the entrant and a parent/guardian to attend the Kent County Show and see their work of art on display!

Artwork submitted should be on an a4 sheet of paper and can be in any medium including paint, paper, collage etc. If you have any questions then please get in touch with Mrs Gardiner, Art subject lead.

## A Message from RockSteady

*"Ellie here from Rocksteady, and we are excited to invite your child to take part in a free Rocksteady Lesson taking place on the 20th May 2026. We have a limited number of spaces available in the following bands:*

- *Band A (Year 2-4): 1 Keyboard*
- *Band B: (Year R-2): 2 Singers, 1 Keyboard, 2 Electric guitars and 1 Bass guitar*
- *Band C (Year 1-3): 2 Keyboard*
- *Band D (Year 4-6): 1 Drum, 1 Bass, 1 Electric guitar, 2 Keyboard and 1 Singer*
- *Band E (Year 3-5): 1 Drum*

*If you think your child would enjoy or benefit from having a free trial Rocksteady lesson, please contact me directly at [ellie.sugden@rocksteadymusicschool.com](mailto:ellie.sugden@rocksteadymusicschool.com). Please include your child's name, year group and what instrument they would like to try out. Thank you!"*



## Eco News



A huge thank you to our Eco Warriors who have been giving up their free time - even lunchtimes! - to begin to prepare and create our new rewilding project. We have been working at pace and so far we have created a fantastic bug hotel and a small pond! We cannot wait to see what is created next!



## Upcoming PTA Events

We are very excited to share the details of a few more fundraisers that we have organised before the end of the school year. As we get closer to the events we will add more details. Please add these to your calendars, and book on Arbor if they are already available to purchase!

### Challenge 2026:

- **When?** Now!
- **Details so far...** Children are encouraged to raise at least £20.26 doing any sponsored/fundraising activity of their choosing. Please see the poster below for more details. Please bring all funds raised to the school. The PTA would love to see photographs of the activities to share at a later date, so please email [pta@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk](mailto:pta@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk) to share your photos.

### End-of-Term Bake Sale:

- **When?** Friday 22nd May @ 2:00pm
- **Details so far...** Our usual bake sale will take place on the last day of term - please bring a £1 donation to buy a sweet treat. If you would like to make cakes for the event (including gluten free/vegan options) please bring them to the school office on the morning of the 22nd May.

### Quiz Night:

- **When?** Friday 5th June @ 7:30pm - **taking bookings on Arbor NOW!**
- **Details so far...** Join us for a fantastic Quiz Night packed with fun, laughs and a little healthy competition! Gather your friends, put your knowledge to the test, and enjoy an evening of trivia, prizes, and drinks from the bar. Whether you are a quiz champion or just in it for the fun, everyone is welcome. Have fun whilst raising money for the school, and see if your team has what it takes to claim the top spot! When booking on Arbor, please add your Team Name in the notes. If you are not in a team then we will organise this for you.

### Summer Fair:

- **When?** Saturday 4th July @12:00pm
- **Details so far...** All tbc, but please put the date in your diary - and tell your friends and family too! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, so further details (in great depth!) will be shared shortly, so keep an eye out for future newsletters. If you are able to contribute a raffle prize, please do get in touch with the school office.

### Year 5 Fundraiser - Colour Run:

- **When?** Thursday 16th July @ 3:45pm
- **Details so far...** Following the success of the last Colour Run, we are organising another! The Year 5s would like to invite all children and their parents to join in with a sponsored colour run! The event will be held in the school playground on Thursday 16th July at 3:45pm and is open to all. The challenge is to raise sponsorship to complete a 2K course, while having bursts of colour gently thrown at you as you run/jog/walk. There is a sign-up cost, which covers the cost of the powder paint and a pair of protective sunglasses (which you get to keep!) and any funds raised will go towards school projects. Further details of costs will be on Arbor soon. Please be advised that this is a fun, but messy event, so children (and any parents who want to join in - and other families members are welcome to sign up too) will need to wear old clothes, including shoes, which may be stained by the colour - most runners wear a white t-shirt to see the pattern that the colour makes.



## CHALLENGE 2026

...TO RAISE £20.26 FOR EAST PECKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL THROUGH WHICHEVER METHOD YOU CHOOSE!

### SPONSORED...

Swim, Run, Read, Silence, Litterpick, Skip



### CHORES...

Wash the car, pick up leaves, Hoover the house



**MAKE AND SELL...**  
Bake and sell cakes  
Auction your artwork, poems or stories, grow and sell plants

HAND IN OR SUBMIT YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS BY FRIDAY 5TH JUNE 2026

Prizes for:  
-Highest amount -Most creative - Most activities - Highest class total

Plus 10% of what your class raises goes to your class teacher to spend for the class!



# CAKE sale!

FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY @ 2pm

*treat yourself and help raise money for the school*

# QUIZ NIGHT!

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
7.30 - 10pm  
Tickets £6 per person

When booking on Arbor please write your team name in the comments

Or write "no team" and we will allocate you into a team.

★ Max team size of 6 ★

Drinks will be available at the bar!

## Year 1 Garden UPDATE

We are proud to present the opening of the Year 1 garden! We still have lots to add, but we couldn't wait any longer to get out there!! We hope you enjoy our photographs from this afternoon. A HUGE thank you to all the parents who have donated to our cause. We also need to thank Mrs Fleming who has put a lot of time and effort into creating such a wonderful outside learning space.



## Reminder: PE/Swimming/Forest School/FOSIL Timetable for Terms 5 and 6

We appreciate that there are a lot of things to remember to bring in during the summer terms, as we will have PE, swimming and Forest School (Year R)/FOSIL (Years 1-6) so we are trying to find a way to help our parents prepare their children with bringing in the correct clothing/equipment. We have attempted to list the events each week in a calendar format, where if your child's class is not listed it means for them to wear school uniform as normal. This will also help us to communicate changes should they need to happen for any reason, and this will be listed in red, just like the 'Dates for your Diary' section. The days of the week that items are needed are mainly consistent, but due to short weeks or other events there may have to be

small tweaks. PE is outdoor for all classes, unless stated in the table. We would appreciate your feedback on this. Details about what is required for each activity can be found below this section.

Monday 11th May	Tuesday 12th	Wednesday 13th	Thursday 14th	Friday 15th
Y1 - PE Y6 - PE	YR - Swim Y1 - Swim Y2 - Swim Y3 - Swim Y5 - Swim	YR - PE Y3 - PE Y4 - Swim Y6 - Swim	Y4 - PE Y5 - PE	Y2 - PE
Monday 18th May	Tuesday 19th	Wednesday 20th	Thursday 21st	Friday 22nd
Y1 - PE Y6 - PE	YR - Swim Y1 - Swim Y2 - Swim Y3 - Swim Y5 - Swim	YR - PE Y3 - PE Y4 - Swim Y6 - Swim	Y4 - PE Y5 - PE	Y2 - PE
Monday 25th	Tuesday 26th	Wednesday 27th	Thursday 28th	Friday 29th
Monday 1st June	Tuesday 2nd	Wednesday 3rd	Thursday 4th	Friday 5th
Y1 - PE Y6 - PE	YR - Swim Y1 - Swim Y2 - Swim Y3 - Swim Y5 - Swim	YR - FSchool PE Y3 - PE Y4 - Swim Y6 - Swim	Y4 - PE Y5 - PE	Y2 - PE
Monday 8th June	Tuesday 9th	Wednesday 10th	Thursday 11th	Friday 12th
Y1 - PE Y3 - FOSIL Y5 - FOSIL Y6 - PE	YR - Swim Y1 - Swim FOSIL Y2 - Swim Y3 - Swim Y5 - Swim	YR - FSchool PE Y3 - PE Y4 - Swim Y6 - Swim	Y4 - PE Y5 - PE	Y2 - PE
Monday 15th June	Tuesday 16th	Wednesday 17th	Thursday 18th	Friday 19th
Y1 - PE Y4 - FOSIL Y6 - FOSIL	YR - Swim Y1 - Swim Y2 - Swim FOSIL Y3 - Swim Y5 - Swim	YR - FSchool PE Y3 - PE Y4 - Swim Y6 - Swim	Y4 - PE Y5 - PE	Y2 - PE
Monday 22nd June	Tuesday 23rd	Wednesday 24th	Thursday 25th	Friday 26th
Y1 - PE Y3 - FOSIL Y5 - FOSIL Y6 - PE	YR - Swim Y1 - Swim FOSIL Y2 - Swim Y3 - Swim Y5 - Swim	YR - FSchool PE Y3 - PE Y4 - Swim Y6 - Swim	Y4 - PE Y5 - PE	Y2 - PE
Monday 29th June	Tuesday 30th	Wednesday 1st July	Thursday 2nd	Friday 3rd

Y1 - PE Y4 - FOSIL Y6 - FOSIL	YR - Swim Y1 - Swim Y2 - Swim FOSIL Y3 - Swim Y5 - Swim	YR - FSchool PE Y3 - PE Y4 - Swim Y6 - Swim	Y4 - PE Y5 - PE	<b>Sports Day</b> All classes - PE
<b>Monday 6th</b>	<b>Tuesday 7th</b>	<b>Wednesday 8th</b>	<b>Thursday 9th</b>	<b>Friday 10th</b>
Y1 - PE Y6 - FOSIL	YR - Swim Y1 - Swim Y2 - Swim Y3 - Swim Y5 - Swim	YR - FSchool PE Y3 - PE Y4 - Swim Y6 - Swim	Y4 - PE Y5 - PE	Y2 - PE
<b>Monday 13th</b>	<b>Tuesday 14th</b>	<b>Wednesday 15th</b>	<b>Thursday 16th</b>	<b>Friday 17th</b>
Y1 - PE	YR - Swim Y1 - Swim Y2 - Swim Y3 - Swim Y5 - Swim	YR - PE Y3 - PE Y4 - Swim	Y4 - PE Y5 - PE	Y2 - PE

## Dates for your diary

New dates added are in red. More information about the events will be shared nearer the time.

Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May	Primary School SATs - all Year 6 children must be in school everyday.	Year 6
Friday 15th May	Penguin's Assembly	Year 4 parents
Friday 15th May	Years 5 & 6 Football event at Rusthall Football Club	Years 5 and 6
Friday 22nd May	End of Term 5	Whole school
Friday 22nd May	End of Day Bake Sale	All welcome
Wednesday 3rd June	Multiplication Times Table Tests	Year 4
Wednesday 3rd June	Primary School Swimming Gala at St. Johns, TW	Selected swimmers
Thursday 4th June	Meerkats School Trip	Year 2
Friday 5th June	PTA Quiz	All welcome
Monday 8th June	Lemurs School Trip	Reception
Friday 19th June	Fathers Day Breakfast - details tbc	All welcome
Friday 19th June	Rhinos Assembly	Year 3
Saturday 20th June	Closing date for the Kent Art Competition	Whole school

Monday 22nd June	No school-led after school clubs due to staff training	Whole school
Tuesday 23rd June	Lions School Trip	Year 5
Monday 29th June	Healthy Week - PE kits all week	Whole school
Friday 3rd July	Sports Day	Whole school
Saturday 4th July	Summer Fair	Everyone welcome
Thursday 16th July	Year 5 Fundraiser - Colour Run (details tbc)	Everyone welcome
Friday 17th July	End of Term 6	Whole school

## Designated Safeguarding Team

**Mr Atkins - Mrs Elliott - Miss Ray - Mrs Sinden - Miss Worrall**  
Please notify any of the team if you have any concerns via [dsl@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk](mailto:dsl@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk)

## Contact us

Headteacher - **Mrs Kate Elliott**  
Chair of Governors - **Mrs Katie Bennett**

<https://www.east-peckham.kent.sch.uk/>  
01622 871268

**KENT ART COMPETITION**

THE KENT COUNTY SHOW  
With Trail Blazers  
FOR AGES 4-11

Create a piece of art inspired by farming or the countryside and have your artwork on display at the Kent County Show, 3-5 July 2026.

EVERY ENTRANT will receive one free child and one free adult ticket to The Kent County Show at Detling Showground.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Win a Trail Blazers Fishing Party or Forest Adventure Experience for you and 9 friends  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Receive a one to one fishing lesson and a two day fishing pass at a Trail Blazers Lake  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Win a family ticket to Biddenden Tractorfest for two adults and two children for the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> August

ENTER BY 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE TO BE IN WITH YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

**NHS**  
Kent and Medway  
Mental Health  
NHS Trust

**Parent Workshop**  
**Understanding Neurodiversity**  
19/05/2025 10:30 - 12:30pm

Do you have questions about neurodiversity? Maybe you would like to build on your understanding of children's different ways of experiencing the world. Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding neurodiversity. We also discuss helpful strategies that you can use at home to help support your child.

If you would like to join, please [click the link below](#) or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams:

[Understand Neurodiversity | Meeting ID | Microsoft Teams](#)

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You can create an account for free. You will need access to the internet. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school. Currently, this workshop is only available to parents/carers of children attending an EWT/EST school. Please speak to your child's school or check our website for our list of schools. If you require materials in another language or have any other access needs then please email: [EWandESTenquiries@neft.nhs.uk](mailto:EWandESTenquiries@neft.nhs.uk)

We look forward to meeting you

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