



East Peckham Primary School

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Newsletter

Term 5 Week 4

Friday 15th May 2026

Dear parents and carers,

As we begin to see more and more signs of summer (excluding yesterday's hail storm!), plans are underway for the Summer Fair on Saturday 4th July - which will have a World Cup theme, with more details to follow. This kicks off with a **non-uniform day next Friday**, the last day of Term 5. All children are welcome to come in wearing their own clothes, in exchange for a donation towards the bottle tombola or chocolate tombola - many thanks in advance for your generosity in supporting these events. Please also support us by opting for a School Dinner on Thursday for Census Day - where the children get to enjoy one of the delicious pizzas!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Elliott

★ Stars of the Week ★

In our Friday Celebration Assembly we have been celebrating children who have supported our community:

Lemurs	Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Summer D Thea NW	Elliott W	Charlotte B Astrid T	Lucas F	Dottie P	Violet M	Eliza LH

Many thanks to Year 4 for leading this week's assembly - it was wonderful for us to all hear about your learning this term in DT and Science - and how it is all eco-friendly!



Attendance

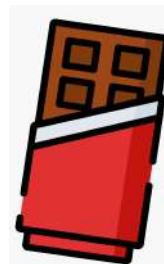
Attendance and punctuality are very important and we have class targets of 96%+. Please make sure that the children attend every day to ensure their class can achieve their targets. Holidays during term-time will not be authorised, this includes those where we are notified both before and after they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

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

Friday 22nd May - Own Clothes Day



Children are invited to come to school on the last day of term 5 in their own clothes, in exchange for an item to donate to the summer fair. We are looking for contributions of bottles and chocolate for the Bottle Tombola and the Chocolate Tombola.



Earrings during Swimming

While we understand that newly-pierced ears mean that earrings cannot be removed without fear of infection/closure - unfortunately, children not removing their earrings is causing a significant amount of damage to our pool. Lost earrings are blocking the filter, as is the tape that some children are using to try and cover it. The use of silicon hats helps to cover most ears, but children have been rolling them back, exposing the earring making them ineffective. This week we have also had to repair the pool lining as a lost earring pierced the material - all of this comes at a cost to the school, and puts our swimming lessons at risk. As such, we have now purchased some of these swimming headbands, and children wearing earrings will be required to wear them. We are unable to purchase one for every child who needs it, so they will have to be a shared item. If you do not wish for your child to wear a shared headband then you may purchase one for them individually if you prefer. Many thanks for your understanding - and if you have any other suggestions then please do let us know.



Payments for Trips

Due to the more pleasant weather that we have in the summer term, it means we tend to have a higher frequency of trips. Please be advised that all contributions made towards trips are voluntary, but they are essential in covering entrance/travel/workshop fees. Where contributions are not received the school has to cover the shortfall and recently, this is becoming a greater cost. As such we do need to advise you that if we do not receive enough contributions then trips may not be able to go ahead.

If you ever do find yourself in financial difficulty, then please do ask to have a confidential conversation with Mrs Elliott (Headteacher) or Miss Ray (School Business Manager).

Mr Colin Jewhurst

We are saddened to hear of the passing of Mr Jewhurst, our former caretaker and member of our school community who worked at East Peckham Primary a number of years ago. We extend our sincere condolences to his family and loved ones.

Census Day Menu - Thursday 21st May



THEME DAY
THURSDAY 21 MAY 2026

A TASTE OF ITALY

MARGHERITA PIZZA {1,9}
HAWAIIAN PIZZA {1,9}
MEAT FEAST PIZZA {1,9}

SERVED WITH CHEESY GARLIC BREAD {1,9}

DESSERT
SELECTION OF EMMA'S HOME MADE GELATOS {9}

Emma's Kitchen
Cooking With Love

Lost Property



Since we returned after Easter, we have had a number of clothing items left around the school mainly in the playground. You may have noticed that we have had the Lost Property trolley outside the school gate for you to look at, and while a number of items have been collected, there are still 10 green jumpers / cardigans, 2 grey PE jumpers, 6 black coats and an assortment of bottles / tupperware / scarves / gloves/swim hats etc.



Unfortunately, the children themselves do not recognise these items, **and they are all unnamed**, so please can we ask parents to take a look (We think that the coats belong to older children due to their size - so parents of children in Year 5/6 may want to drop by before the end of term to take a look).

Reminder: 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.

Reminder: 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 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 19TH 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 22ND MAY @ 2pm

treat yourself and help raise money for the school

QUIZ NIGHT!

Friday 5th 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!

KICK OFF YOUR SUMMER!

AT EAST PECKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL'S WORLD CUP INSPIRED

Summer Fair

£1 ENTRY

SATURDAY 4TH JULY
12PM - 3PM

FUN STALLS
BOUNCY CASTLE
GAMES AND ACTIVITIES
AMERICAN AND MEXICAN THEMED FOOD
LICENSED BAR
BIG PRIZE RAFFLE

AND THE RETURN OF THE 'EGGCITING' EGG CHUCK COMPETITION!

Egg Chuck!

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

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	Sports Day All classes - PE
Monday 6th	Tuesday 7th	Wednesday 8th	Thursday 9th	Friday 10th

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
Monday 13th	Tuesday 14th	Wednesday 15th	Thursday 16th	Friday 17th
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.

Friday 22nd May	Own clothes day	Whole school
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

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.

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

ENTER BY 26th 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

*Workshop timings change from term to term

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 **ctrl + click** the link below or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams:

[Understand Neurodiversity | Meeting | 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:

EWTandESTenquiries@neft.nhs.uk

We look forward to meeting you

PLEASE CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION 0300 300 1955