



East Peckham Primary School

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Newsletter

Term 5 Week 5

Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Many thanks to all of our families for their generous contributions of bottles and chocolate this morning - we have had a great start in gathering items for the Summer Fair on the 4th July. More details about the preparation will be shared after the half term break - but please do share the date with friends and family so that we have a good number of people in attendance. If you have any suggestions for the raffle, then please do email the school office too.

Today we were visited by Tom Tugendhat MP who, after a gruelling conversation with the SLT about our concerns of inadequate funding for schools, enjoyed wandering around the school looking at all of the great things that take place here. He chose a good day as everyone was enjoying wearing their own clothes,

and he even asked for an ice cream in the French 'Magasin de Glaces' in Rhino Class. He will also be interviewed by the Podcasting team soon - so do listen out for their exposé on the website soon!

We hope you enjoy the half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 1st June at 8:30am**,



Mrs Elliott

PS Don't forget to buy a delicious sweet treat after school today! Thank you to the PTA for organising.

★ Stars of the Week ★

In our Friday Celebration Assembly we have been celebrating children who have taken time to understand their friends:

Lemurs	Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Isla-Rose O'R	Maya P Mirahbella N	Teddy H Arthur W	Reuben D	Lydia P	Eddie R	Mark N

Many thanks to **Phoebe G** for leading 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
96%	97%	95%	92%	94%	94%	94%
😊	😊	😞	😞	😞	😞	😞

Quite low attendance ahead of the half term holiday - let's hope that the break gives everyone an opportunity to rest and return to school trying to achieve 100% for Term 6!

Year 3 Ice Cream Parlour

Rhino Class have been learning all about ice creams in their French lessons this term. To prove they are now experts at asking for "un glace à la vanille avec un flake au chocolat, s'il vous plait" we had our very own ice cream parlour in the classroom with the children taking it in turns to serve and receive ice creams in French! *Bon appétit!* Many thanks to Madame Duffield for putting this together.



RSE Lessons in Term 6

Please check your emails, as this week Mr Atkins sent an email regarding our RSE lessons next term. It includes an overview of the learning which will take place in each year group. 'Relationship Education' and 'Health Education' are compulsory in UK primary schools but 'Sex Education' is not compulsory, so although we do not recommend it, parents do have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from some or all aspects of these lessons. Please be assured that the learning is age appropriate; it follows the Jigsaw Programme which we teach in school, and if required, teachers will also adapt the learning slightly to suit the needs of the children in their class. At East Peckham Primary, it is assumed that all children will participate in these key learning opportunities unless the school has been notified by parents. If you have previously notified us of your wish to withdraw, you must still inform us again as your situation may have changed. **To confirm, parents must notify the school if they wish for their child to be excluded from the 'Sex Education' part of their PSHE learning.**

PTA Name Tags



Further to our message last week about lost property items, the PTA have shared details of a company who provide name tags. If you choose to purchase from them, a percentage also goes to the PTA for school fundraising efforts. Please read the poster at the end of the newsletter or follow the QR code for more details. PS There are still a number of unclaimed items on the rack - so please do check before Friday otherwise we will pass them on to charity / 2nd hand collection.



Eco News



We have some amazing news to share with you all... East Peckham Primary School has proudly been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag, recognising its remarkable efforts toward sustainability! The Eco-Schools Award is a globally recognised program that rewards schools for their commitment to environmental sustainability and education, encouraging students to actively engage in creating a greener and more sustainable future.

The school's Eco-Committee, made up of passionate and committed students, has led a series of impactful environmental initiatives. Their journey began with a thorough Environmental Review, which helped them identify areas where they could make the most significant difference. This resulted in a clear Action Plan that showcases their dedication to creating a greener school and community. Some standout initiatives include litter-picking, rewilding, and recycling Christmas jumpers, highlighting their creative and hands-on approach to sustainability. The assessor praised the school's ability to integrate environmental education into the curriculum, enriching students' learning experiences. The Eco-Committee's work has been effectively communicated across the school through newsletters, and a fantastic Eco-Board, engaging the entire school community in their efforts. We are so proud of our Eco Warriors and Ambassadors, and want to say a huge thank you to them for their continued efforts. We are by no means finished, and cannot wait to begin plans for future projects. Huge thanks to **Eliza LH** and **Lucianna D** for their leadership, enthusiasm and commitment to their roles!

School Name

East Peckham Primary
School

Award Level:

Green Flag

Tonbridge Schools Football Tournament



Well done to all of the children who participated in the tournament last week. Thanks to all of the parents for sending and collecting, and to Mr Askew and Mr Lye for giving up their time to coach! The participants were: **Ambrose A, Kieran F, Sidney G, Tommy H, Jamie K, Jack L, Mark N, Zachary P, Eddie R, George R, Natty S, Jake S, Marshall T, Kyle T, Harry W, Sammy W and Thomas W.** Thank you to

Mrs Askew for organising this opportunity and to Mrs Wheddon for accompanying the teams.

The Opening of the Year 1 Garden

Year 1 wrote letters to Year 2 this week, inviting them to visit their new garden. They even got to share their letters with Year 2! What a lovely way to end the term!



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

BE CREATIVE!

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!

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!



More information at the start of Term 6...



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

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 - 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 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 15th June	Tuesday 16th	Wednesday 17th	Thursday 18th	Friday 19th
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 22nd June	Tuesday 23rd	Wednesday 24th	Thursday 25th	Friday 26th
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 29th June	Tuesday 30th	Wednesday 1st July	Thursday 2nd	Friday 3rd
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	Sports Day All classes - PE
Monday 6th	Tuesday 7th	Wednesday 8th	Thursday 9th	Friday 10th
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 13th	Tuesday 14th	Wednesday 15th	Thursday 16th	Friday 17th
Y1 - PE Y6 - Residential	YR - Swim Y1 - Swim Y2 - Swim Y3 - Swim Y5 - Swim Y6 - Residential	YR - PE Y3 - PE Y4 - Swim Y6 - Residential	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	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	No assembly	Whole school
Friday 3rd July	Sports Day	Whole school
Saturday 4th July	Summer Fair	Everyone welcome
Tuesday 7th July	Dolphins Trip	Year 6
Wednesday 8th July	RockSteady Concert	Parents welcome
Wednesday 8th July	EPS Awards	Parents invited directly
Friday 10th July	No assembly	Whole school
Friday 10th July	Y6 Leavers Awards @ 1:15pm-2:00pm	Y6 parents welcome
Monday 13th-Wednesday 15th	Residential Trip	Year 6

July		
Thursday 16th July	Drumming Concert	Parents welcome
Thursday 16th July	Year 5 Fundraiser - Colour Run (details tbc)	Everyone welcome
Friday 17th July	Final Assembly of the Year (for all all summer holiday birthdays and final reading certificates)	Parents 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 Biddenden Tractorfest for two adults and two children for the 15th or 16th August

ENTER BY 20th JUNE TO BE IN WITH YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

NHS
 Kent and Medway
 Mental Health
 NHS Trust

Parent Workshop

Understanding Neurodiversity

19/05/2026 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:

[Understanding Neurodiversity | Meet or join | 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:

RWTandESTenquiries@neft.nhs.uk

We look forward to meeting you

MENTORIAL WELLBEING TEAM KENT
 EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TEAM
 MEDWAY

Please call for more information 0300 300 1955



NO MORE LOST ITEMS!

Our nametags are perfect to label all of your child's possessions. From clothing to shoes, stationery, toys - everything is identified!



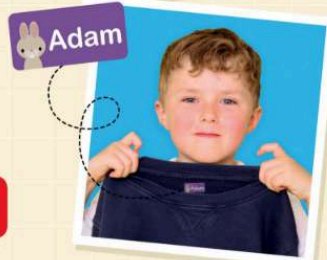
4.8/5 ON TRUSTPILOT

STICKERS STAY ON IN THE WASH!

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*If blank ask your school for your School ID



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From 18th May - 26th May