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Newsletter

Term 6 Week 4

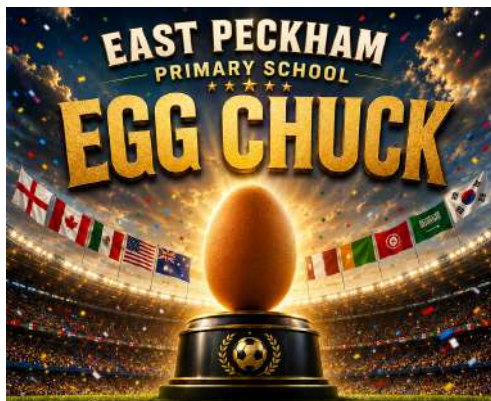
Friday 26th June 2026

Dear parents and carers,

With just a few days until the school fair, do not forget to buy your **raffle tickets**. Many thanks to all of the local businesses who have donated such fabulous prizes including experience tickets, meals, massage equipment, expensive wines and cash prizes too! If you would like more tickets then these are available from the school office. And don't forget to sign up for the egg chuck too!

I also have a few deadline reminders for you this week:

- **Class photographs** - Please purchase by Monday 29th June at midday so that we can order the photographs in good time before the end of term. Unfortunately we cannot order after this date.
- **Colour run** - With 70+ runners already signed up, the deadline for the Colour Run in the last week of term is on Tuesday 30th June. Unfortunately we cannot add anymore names to the list after this date as we need to make sure we have ordered enough powder for the event.



Next week is our Healthy Week finishing with Sports Day - children are encouraged to wear PE kit everyday. We understand that it may be difficult to wash in between wears, so plain white t-shirts or school shirts with dark shorts can be worn instead, but please no logos or pictures. Many thanks for all of your support this week in keeping the children cool - it has definitely been a hot one!

Wishing you a slightly cooler weekend,

Mrs Elliott

P.S. A gentle reminder that next week is the last week that school-led clubs will run.

★ Stars of the Week ★

In our Friday Celebration Assembly we have been celebrating children who have been fulfilling their potential:

Lemurs	Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Lenny M Oliver M	Eva C	Cooper W	Henry W	Shyla M	Sidney G	Skye H

Many thanks to **Lottie W** for offering to play the piano - and did so beautifully - in assembly today. **This is our last Friday assembly of the year due to all of the events that take place in Term 6. There will be one final opportunity to hand out any remaining certificates in an assembly on the final day of term - Friday 17th July.**

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. Thank you so much for all of your support this week - attending school despite the high temperatures - it is really appreciated.



Lemurs	Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97%	97%	96%	95%	94%	96%	95%
😊	😊	😊	😞	😞	😊	😞

Staffing for 2026/27

Please find below the staffing arrangements for September. We are very sorry to see Mrs Bawden moving on to a part-time position in a new school and we wish her the best of luck, hoping that she will keep in touch. However, we are pleased to welcome Miss Birkett who joins us full-time, highly recommended from another Kent primary school - we know that you will make her feel welcome.

Across the school, Miss Worrall is the SENCO, supported by Mrs Wall, and Mrs Smith leads pastoral support. Mrs Duffield and Mrs Wall continue to be HLTAs, teaching across the school, with Mrs Duffield leading French. Mrs Wheddon remains in place for premises and Forest School/FOSIL. Miss Macleod and Miss Ray also continue to form our administration team.

R / Lemurs	Mrs Richardson, supported by Miss Tait
1 / Otters	Mrs Sutcliffe, supported by Miss Simpson
2 / Meerkats	Mrs Sinden & Mrs Gardiner, supported by Mrs Fleming
3 / Rhinos	Mrs Hasell & Mrs Askew, supported by Mr Wong
4 / Penguins	Mrs Stenning, supported by Mrs Siggs
5 / Lions	Miss Birkett, supported by Mrs Portass
6 / Dolphins	Mr Atkins & Miss Braybrook, supported by Mrs Duffield

The children will get to meet their new teaching team during sessions on the 2nd and 8th July.

Summer Weather

As the recent spell of hot weather reminded us, some school decisions come with no perfect answer! If we close because it is too hot, we know many families face difficulties arranging childcare (much easier if you are a secondary school). If we stay open, despite putting every practical measure in place to keep children comfortable, some question whether children should be in school at all in this heat. So we offered a flexible arrangement of an optional early leave, and yet there were comments about fairness for those who cannot be collected early. Hot-weather decisions, like snow-days, mean that whatever option is chosen, we will be unable to please everyone. With that in mind, we would like to thank you for showing patience, understanding and support. Our priority is always to balance children's wellbeing, safety and learning, while recognising the needs of our families - and trying to follow Government advice (which was limited). We

know that not every decision will suit everyone, but please be assured that they are never taken lightly. Thank you for working with us during the hotter days and for continuing to support the school community.

Watering the Garden (and the children!)



Children from across the school who have spent time in the Courtyard have been spending the past couple of months nurturing the fruit and vegetables we have growing in the courtyard and thanks to the excessive heat this week, they were able to harvest and enjoy strawberries - a more positive outcome of the red weather



warning! And while the children have been watering the strawberries, Mrs Fleming has been watering the Year 1s!

Social Media

Many of you will have seen the recent government announcement that social media platforms will be restricted for children under the age of 16 as part of wider plans to support children's wellbeing and online safety. Whatever our individual views, it has prompted many conversations about the role technology plays in children's lives and the importance of helping young people develop healthy habits both online and offline ([GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)). One of the things that has made us reflect as a school is a small change I have noticed at the beginning and end of the day. Children who bring mobile phones continue to hand them in responsibly each morning, but increasingly, as soon as they collect them at home time, their attention goes straight to the screen. Not so long ago, our older children would walk through the gate chatting to friends, greeting us with a cheerful '*good morning*', or saying '*goodbye*' at the end of the day. These moments may seem small, but they are an important part of growing up. They help children learn confidence, courtesy, conversation and connection with the people around them. As a school community, we would love to preserve those moments. We therefore encourage everyone, adults and children alike, to make the most of the few minutes before entering the school site and while waiting at collection time by keeping phones tucked away where possible. When children see the adults around them looking up, greeting one another and being fully present, they receive a powerful message about the value of relationships and respectful communication. In a busy world full of distractions, those simple human interactions remain some of the most important lessons we can offer our children. While I cannot enforce this, I would appreciate your support. Many thanks for your understanding with this.

Summer Reading Challenge 2026

Please find below a message from the Kent Library Service: The Reading Agency's Summer Reading Challenge is back at Kent Libraries from Saturday 4 July to Saturday 5 September – and it's completely free to take part. This year's theme, Read to the Beat, celebrates music, stories and creativity, encouraging children aged 4 to 11 to enjoy reading in a way that works for them. Children can join at any time by visiting their local library, borrowing a book and getting started. They can also take part online by logging their reading digitally. With flexible reading-related goals and rewards along the way, children can read to their own beat and build confidence over the summer. Can't wait to start? As part of the National Year of Reading, you can Go All In and begin now by sharing your reading goals in the Kent Libraries Book Chat

group on Facebook. Library staff are on hand to help, and you can plan your visit with virtual tours and social stories available online. Find out more at kent.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge



Challenge 2026

Many thanks to everyone who joined in with Challenge 2026. Following all of the fundraising efforts, a fantastic £3,023.72 has been raised! From the amount raised by each class, 10% will be given to the class teacher to spend within their class - and they have been busy deciding what to buy. The highest amount was raised by Year 2, with £1,146.72, closely followed behind by Year R and Year 1. Year 2 will be rewarded with sweet treats and extra playtime as a thank you. The highest amount raised by an individual child was **Arlo E**, who made and sold key rings. Thank you again to everyone who contributed.

Lions Trip to the Science Museum



A message from the Children's Commissioner - Dame Rachel da Souza

As Children's Commissioner for England, I am writing because it is vital that I hear from children and young people in every school, college and community across England, to hear about their experiences, views and aspirations to help shape future policy and decision-making. Please follow the link to find out more: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

Reminder: Summer Fair Preparations

Come and join us for our **World Cup Inspired Summer Fair** on **Saturday 4th July 2026** between **12:00pm and 3:00pm**. It will be lots of fun, filled with stalls for parents and children to interact with, including the classics; **Alcohol Tombola**, **Chocolate Tombola**, **Bouncy Castle** and some exciting new stalls **Rodeo Bull**, **Pinatas**, **Coconut shy** and many more! The **Crockery Smash** will be taking a rest this year - but new stalls will be arriving - watch this space! There will also be food and drink available throughout the day, including **hot food** and **cold drinks/ice-cream!**

Please spread the word and invite all of your friends and family. Also, if you would like to hang a poster for us, it could be in your house window or in your place of work, then please drop by the office to collect a copy.

HELP:

Contributions

We would be really grateful for any contributions of:

- Alcohol bottles
- Chocolate gifts
- Raffle prizes

Support

We can only run these events if we have people to help run the stalls. If you can volunteer to run a stall from 12pm-3pm, then please notify the school office. If a group of parents work together then it would only be a short amount of time each to keep the stall open.

We also need some **face painting heroes** - this is the most difficult stall to manage, and needs people to commit for long periods of time. If you can fill this roll, then please let us know.

We would also appreciate some help after Sports Day on Friday 3rd July to begin setting up some of the stalls - again, please notify the school office if you can help.

Gazebos

We are also looking for a few gazebos to borrow on the day (because it will, of course, be sunny!). If you are able to lend one to the school (ideally with help to put it up too) then please let the school office know.

Advertising

We are more than happy to receive support from businesses with links to the school - if you can offer any support, then please do contact the school.



ACTIVITIES:

Egg Chuck

We are very pleased to announce that the **East Peckham Egg Chuck** is back - but with a World Cup Twist! Please sign up in advance if you want to join in to win the coveted Egg Chuck Trophy! Entry fee is just £2 a pair (please choose your partner wisely!) - and sign both of your names up on the list **as well as your preferred Country** (if this has gone we may have to randomly allocate - so sign up quickly to grab your preferred Country!), which will be available after school or at the school office. *Please note; we need to be told in advance so that we can buy enough eggs.*

Raffle

We are also holding a raffle and tickets will be sent home shortly for you to purchase (or pass on to friends or relatives). We would also be grateful for any contributions towards the raffle - please email the office - many thanks in advance.

Reminder: Year 5 Fundraiser - Colour Run!



The Year 5s would like to invite all children and their parents to join in with a **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 complete the course, while having bursts of **colour** being gently thrown at you as you run/jog/walk. There is a sign-up cost of £10 per adult, and £6 per child, 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 future school projects. 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 completely 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. To help we will be having an 'Own, Old Clothes Day' on this day, for all children to attend school in their least finest clothing! To see if there is enough interest in the event please can we ask you to sign up via Arbor, under 'school shop'. Now the important bits...

- **A waiver must be signed by every participant** - these will be available from the school office / sent home once we acknowledge the booking on Arbor.
- **The deadline is Tuesday 30th June** as we need at least 2 weeks to order in all of the paint and glasses - so sign up quickly to avoid disappointment
- The course can be as long or as short as you wish it to be - so please do not be concerned about fitness - it is the taking part that counts!
- The bathrooms will not be available, including for the children after school closes at 3:30pm, so please go before you arrive!

Also, for an additional £2 in cash, funnels of **colour** will be available for bystanders to gently throw at competitors on the way round!

Reminder: Healthy Week Arrangements

We are pleased to let you know that our annual Healthy Week will take place from Monday 29th June finishing with Sports Day on Friday (see below). Throughout the week, the children will be taking part in a variety of exciting activities designed to promote health, wellbeing, teamwork, and active lifestyles.

Monday: Martial arts

Tuesday: Outdoor events including mini-golf and aeroball

Wednesday: Tennis

Thursday: Football (For Year 6 parents, we are aware there is a secondary school transition day on Thursday. Thursday has in-house activities and children will not miss a paid activity.)

Swimming will also continue to be on their scheduled days.

To help cover the cost of the activities and resources during Healthy Week, we kindly ask for a contribution of £10 per child. Payments can be made via Arbor.

Reminder: Sports Day Arrangements

We are delighted to invite you to our Sports Day on Friday 3rd July. Further to the email sent on Monday, please see below a reminder of the arrangements:

Brunch:

- As the start time of Sports Day clashes with our usual lunchtime, Emma's Kitchen team will instead be making a school brunch! So the children will eat slightly earlier at 11:00am to be ready for the 12:00pm start. More information about the menu will be with you shortly.

Sports Day:

- This will begin at 12:00pm, hoping to be finished by the end of the school day at 2:00pm.
- Parents and grandparents are more than welcome to join us - you can access the school via the gate that you usually drop off and pick up by.
- We will be following the same model as last year, with a carousel of events and then some traditional flat races. This ensures that all children have the ability to succeed and to provide points for their house.

Clothing:

- Your child will be competing in their house colour (which is the same house they have been with for our Inter-House events). For the younger children, the class teacher will be in touch to notify you of the house that your child is in (although the children may know already!). If you are unsure, please do check with your child's class teacher. Children may wear their own school PE kit, or they can choose to wear a PLAIN coloured t-shirt for their house colour if they would like to (no sports team tops though please - this includes football shirts).
- The children will be outside for a long time and shade is limited, so should the weather be hot and sunny, please ensure your children have sun hats and that sun cream has been applied at the start of the day (also if anyone has any gazebos they are willing to lend us for the afternoon, please let the school office know). Similarly, it may well be pouring with rain, so we may have to cut events short, but fingers crossed that this will not be the case.
- Should the weather be so poor that we cannot run the event, then we will endeavour to reschedule it for another day before the end of term - again, we hope that this will not be the case.

Hydration:

- Please make sure that your children have named water bottles with them for the day.
- We will also be providing the children with an ice pole (so non-dairy) after the event, which has been paid for out of the profit from our Friday ice cream sales. If your child is not able to have one then please let your child's class teacher know.

Parent Conduct:

- Organising a Sports Day is very complex, so we please ask that you remain in your designated area throughout, and do not call your children over to you - this is to ensure that we keep everyone safe.
- Please be reminded that the event will be taking place on the school premises, so no alcoholic drinks are permitted, nor is smoking/vaping.

- Dogs are also not allowed on the school site.
- Although we are hosting the event across lunchtime, please do not bring food with you, although water to remain hydrated is recommended.
- You may bring camping-style chairs with you if you prefer, however there will be activities in different places around the playing field so you are likely to have to relocate throughout the session.
- If you need to park in the surrounding roads, please do so considerately.
- Unfortunately, toilets will not be available for adults or children who do not attend the school.
- Apologies for this last comment, however, parents are guests in our school and to make sure that the event runs smoothly they must listen to staff and adhere to our requests, such as not sitting in places that are not intended for parents. We will not accept confrontation towards staff or other parents, and parents exhibiting this will be asked to leave for the best interests of the school community.

After the event:

- If the event finishes early then children will head back to the classrooms to collect their items and may then be collected by yourselves to leave (alternatively they can stay in class if you are unable to take them at this time). Please do not take your child directly from the playground, they will be dismissed from the classroom door as usual.
- Families are welcome to head home or to have a picnic on the playing field outside of school if they wish, please do organise yourselves with your classes if this is something that you wish to do. Unfortunately we cannot invite you to picnic in our playground as we will be setting up for the fair - if anyone is able to stay behind a while and help to carry a table or put up a gazebo then please do let the office know.

Lastly, a reminder that this is all meant to be a bit of fun! Although the children are competing and trying to earn points for their house, the most important thing is that they feel they are valued and enjoy the day. Please do support your children's house, however please support all of the children's efforts too. Some children may find the experience overwhelming, but please be assured that we are ready and prepared should this happen. Most importantly, please remember that they are only children - so please be encouraging to all!

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

Monday 29th June	Tuesday 30th	Wednesday 1st July	Thursday 2nd	Friday 3rd
All classes - PE	All classes - PE YR - Swim Y1 - Swim Y2 - Swim Y3 - Swim Y5 - Swim	All classes - PE Y4 - Swim Y6 - Swim	All classes - PE	Sports Day All classes - PE - in house colour tops if possible.
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 Y3 - 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	Whole school in old clothes - ready for those participating in the Colour Run.	Y2 - PE

Dates for your diary

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

Monday 29th June	Healthy Week - PE kits all week	Whole school
Tuesday 30th June	Deadline to sign up for the Colour Run	Everyone welcome
Friday 3rd July	No assembly	Whole school
Friday 3rd July	Sports Day from 12:00pm	Whole school
Saturday 4th July	Summer Fair	Everyone welcome
Monday 6th July	Deadline for ordering School Photographs	Whole school
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	Chelsea Football Club coaching session	Year 2 & 3
Friday 10th July	Y6 Leavers Awards @ 1:15pm-2:00pm	Y6 parents welcome
Monday 13th-Wednesday 15th July	Residential Trip	Year 6
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/>

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