



East Peckham Primary School

To know more, do more, remember more

Newsletter

Pre-Term Starting

Friday 21st August 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Please find below a lot of information that you may find useful ahead of the start of term. Most importantly, please can we also ask that you notify us if any of your personal information has changed over the holiday so that we can update our records - you can do this by emailing the office on office@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk or you can change certain items yourself on Arbor. The office email will not be monitored until the 31st August - so please do not expect a reply (if needed) until then. Please can we also ask that all medications that need to be in school are in-date and labelled, and brought to the office on the first day back so that the paperwork can be filled out accordingly. Please be aware that all medication was sent home at the end of the school year, so **we have no medication in school for the children**. The new menu can also be found at the end of the newsletter.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 1st September @ 8:30am**,

Mrs Elliott

Staffing and Meet the Teacher Meetings

Please find below details of the staffing arrangements for this academic year. If you need to contact a member of staff for any reason, please catch them at the end of the school day or email the [office](mailto:office@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk).

Class /Year	Teacher	Support Staff	Targeted Support	School-wide
Dolphin / 6	Mr Atkins (M-T) Miss Braybrook (W-F)	Mrs Duffield (HLTA)	SEND Mrs Wall (HLTA)	SLT Mrs Elliott (Headteacher) Mr Atkins (DHT / DSL) Miss Ray (School Business Manager) Miss Worrall (SENDCo) Admin Miss Macleod Premises Mrs Wheddon
Lion / 5	Miss Birkett	Mrs Portass		
Penguin / 4	Mrs Stenning	Mrs Siggs		
Rhino / 3	Mrs Hassell (M-T) Mrs Askew (W-F)	Mr Wong	Pastoral Mrs Smith	
Meerkat / 2	Mrs Sinden (M-T) Mrs Gardiner(W-F)	Mrs Fleming	Support Miss Tompsett	
Otter / 1	Mrs Sutcliffe	Miss Simpson		
Lemur / R	Mrs Richardson	Miss Tait		

Please also find below details of the Meet the Teacher events - please do join us at 3:00pm or 5:00pm. **If attending the later session, please email the office to notify us.** Entry by the entrance from the field.

Tuesday 15th September 2025	Year 3 and Year 6
Wednesday 16th September 2025	Year 2 and Year 4
Thursday 17th September 2025	Year 1 and Year 5

There will not be a Meet the Teacher for Reception class as individual meetings will be taking place with Mrs Richardson in the first week.

Clubs for Terms 1 and 2

Clubs for Term 1 and 2 will be available to book on Arbor from **6pm on the evening of Friday 28th August**. Unless indicated, clubs led by members of staff run starting week beginning 07/09 and end in the week beginning 30/11 (they will not be running until the end of the term due to the Christmas events in the final weeks). Clubs only take place in full and complete weeks, so will not be taking place in the week before the half term break (week beginning 19/10). For clubs that you sign up for by booking directly with the organiser, please follow their guidance for when they will run. If you have any questions then please do email the office.

Monday	- Years 1-2 - Film Club with Mrs Sutcliffe (Possibly for Year R, but please speak to Mrs Richardson beforehand to confirm if suitable). - Year 3-6 - East Peckham TaskMaster with Mr Atkins and Mrs Duffield
Tuesday	- Phonics Club @ 8.10am with Mrs Sinden (invite only) - Year 1-3 - Arts and Crafts with Mrs Stenning - Year 3- 6 - Illustration with Miss Birkett
Wednesday	<u>External</u> - Year 4-6 - Football Club with Lee - please book directly via lccoaching18@gmail.com
Thursday	- Years 1-3 - Mindfulness Singing and Colouring with Mrs Gardiner - Years 3-6 - Maths Club with Mrs Askew (limit to 16 children) - Year 6 (invite only) - Podcast Club with Mrs Duffield
Friday	<u>External</u> - Year R-3 - Football Club with Lee - please book directly via lccoaching18@gmail.com

PE

Please ensure your child comes to school in PE kit on these days:

	Term 1 - PE
Year R	Formal PE begins later in the year.
Year 1	Monday & Tuesday
Year 2	Monday & Friday
Year 3	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 4	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 5	Wednesday & Friday
Year 6	Monday and Tuesday

Forest School and FOSIL - FOrest School Inspired Learning

As you may have seen in the media, the Government are no longer continuing the allocation of Sports Funding directly to schools. At East Peckham we have used this funding to pay for a number of activities, including contributions towards Healthy Week, Swimming, Forest School and **FOrest School Inspired**

Learning (**FOSIL**) - as such we have had to review our provision to ensure it continues to be affordable. With this in mind, we have adapted our Forest School/FOSIL provision.

Lemurs (Reception) will continue to have weekly sessions that will take place on Wednesday afternoons, and all other classes will have an entire term dedicated to **FOSIL on a Monday afternoon**. Please see below the table to show when the term is for your child to have their outdoor clothing.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Year 1 Otters	Year 2 Meerkats	Year 3 Rhinos	Year 4 Penguins	Year 5 Lions	Year 6 Dolphins

Please make sure that your child brings in their complete outdoor learning clothing - more information about the correct clothing required can be found on the [school website](#).

Uniform and Presentation

Details about school uniform can be found below. Items can be with or without the logo - and items with the logo are available from Monkhouse.

Please can we also highlight the need for children to be smart and well presented when coming to school. Children are not to have elaborate hair decorations. Hair which is longer than shoulder length must be tied back, using neutral colour hair ties, or modest hairbands of school colours (yellow and green). Nail varnish is not permitted and if worn to school any varnish will be removed with acetone-free remover, which is kept in the school office. Many thanks for your support in helping the children to develop pride in their appearance and in their school.

Winter Uniform October-April		Summer Uniform April-October
- Grey trousers, shorts, pinafore or skirt - White polo shirt - Dark green jumper or cardigan * - No summer dresses please - Hairbands in neutral or green only - Grey, white or black socks / tights - Flat black shoes - these may be trainers, so long as they are completely black (not to include any colour, including on the logo). Boots are not permitted.		- As the Winter Uniform, but also including green summer dresses - If children choose to wear cycling shorts underneath their dresses/skirts, please can these be shorter than the hem of the dress.
PE Kit		Swimming Kit (Terms 5 and 6)
Indoor	Outdoor	
- Grey or black shorts - cycling shorts are acceptable - White crewneck t-shirt (not a polo shirt) - Light grey sweatshirt * - hoodies or tops with zips are not permitted - No leggings or jogging bottoms - they may be worn over the items,	- Grey or black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms - White crewneck t-shirt (not a polo shirt) - Light grey sweatshirt * - hoodies or tops with zips are not permitted - White, grey or black socks - Trainers (which must be with a suitable grip for	- Boys - swimming trunks or briefs - loose or baggy shorts are not permitted - Girls - one piece swimming costume - bikinis are not permitted - We advise against rash vests - please speak to the SENCO if you feel they are necessary - Flip flops - that the children can put on themselves - Towel - that the children can put on themselves

but removed for the lesson	sport - not fashion trainers or plimsolls)	- All children are required to wear silicon/plastic swimming hats as it prevents damage to filters in the pool - please speak to the SENCO if you feel an alternative is necessary - Goggles are optional
----------------------------	--	--

- Items marked with a * are available with the school logo, although items may be purchased with or without the 'East Peckham' logo. If without the logo, they must not include any other logo/printing/message.
- Please can footwear be smart and appropriate for school. Shoes or trainers with parts that light up are not permitted. Boots are not permitted.
- Most children are now in white polo shirts - many thanks for your support as we transitioned away from the yellow. If you still have yellow shirts and your child is not yet ready to grow into a white one, then they can continue to be worn - but please can we ask that they are still presentable as some are discolouring and are no longer in keeping with our smart uniform - we would like our children to be proud of their appearance by wearing smart school uniform.



Attendance Matters

Good attendance is vital for every child's learning, wellbeing and success in school. The Government expects all children to attend school regularly, with a target of at least 95% attendance wherever possible - we are more ambitious so our attendance target is 96%. Parents should be aware that holidays during term time are not permitted. Requests for leave of absence will only be authorised where there are exceptional, verifiable reasons, and unauthorised absences may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued by the Local authority. We appreciate your support in ensuring that children attend school every day and arrive on time.

Dates for your diary

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

Tuesday 1st Sept	Start of Term 1, 2026-27	Whole school
Monday 7th Sept	Clubs begin this week	Whole school
Thursday 10th Sept	Kent Test Assessment	Y6 children whose parents have signed up
Tuesday 15th Sept	Meet the Teacher - Year 3 and Year 6	Y3 and Y6 classrooms
Wednesday 16th Sept	Meet the Teacher - Year 2 and Year 4	Y2 and Y4 classrooms
Thursday 17th Sept	Meet the Teacher - Year 1 and Year 5	Y1 and Y5 classrooms
Thursday 24th Sept	Flu Vaccinations	Children whose parents have signed up
Friday 2nd Oct	Harvest Assembly - more details to follow	Whole school
Tuesday 20th Oct	STEM Workshops	Year 1 and Year 2

Tuesday 20th Oct	Parents Evening	Whole school
Wednesday 21st Oct	End of Term 1	Whole school
Monday 2nd Nov	Start of Term 2	Whole school
Friday 6th Nov	Remembrance Assembly - led by Year 6	Year 6 parents welcome
Monday 30th Nov	Last week of clubs this term	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**

Acting Chair of Governors - **Mrs Wendy Johnson**

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

01622 871268



AUTUMN MENU 2026

WEEK ONE W/C: 31/8, 21/9, 12/10

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	PASTA CLUB Pesto Pasta {1,9}	Chicken Fajita Nacho Rice Bowl {11}	Red Tractor Roast Gammon	Creamy Garlic One Pot Chicken {9}	Pork and Beef Sausage {1,14}
VEGETARIAN OPTION	MEAT FREE MONDAY Tomato and Basil Pasta {1}	Butternut Squash and Chickpea Fajita Nacho Rice Bowl {11}	Melty Mushroom Puff {1,9}	Lentil and Roasted Red Pepper Curry	Vegan Sausage {1}
JACKET POTATO FILLING	Cheese {9} Beans	Cheese {9} Tuna {7}	Cheese {9} Beans	Cheese {9} Beans	Cheese {9} Beans
SIDES	Garlic Bread {1} Salad Bar	50/50 Rice Sweetcorn and Peas	Roast Potatoes Carrots Broccoli Bread Roll {1}	Mini Jacket Potatoes Green Beans	Chips Baked Beans
DESSERT	Fruit Crumble {1} Custard {9}	Crunchy Fruit Yoghurt Pots {1,9}	Fruit Salad	Oaty Cookies {1}	Chocolate Cake {1,7}

ALLERGEN KEY
 1 CEREALS CONTAINING GLUTEN 2 CRUSTACEANS 3 MOLLUSCS 4 FISH 5 PEANUTS 6 NUTS 7 EGGS 8 SOYABEANS 9 MILK
 10 CELERY 11 MUSTARD 12 LUPIN 13 SESAME 14 SULPHITE
 ALL OUR MENUS ARE PEANUT AND NUT FREE. WHILST WE DO NOT BRING NUTS INTO THE KITCHENS, SOME PRODUCTS ARE SUBJECT TO 'MAY CONTAIN' STATUS IN MANUFACTURING.



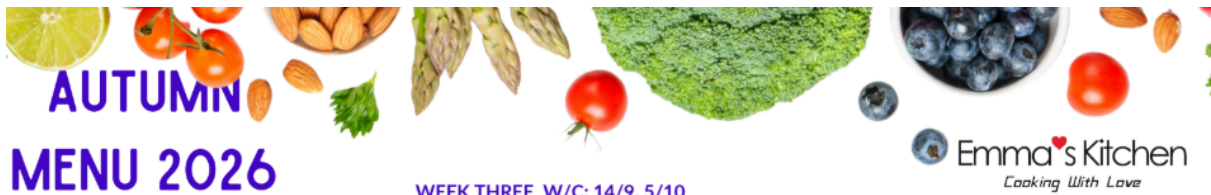
AUTUMN MENU 2026

WEEK TWO W/C: 7/9, 28/9, 19/10

Emma's Kitchen
Cooking With Love

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Hidden Veg Pasta Bake {1,9}	Slow Cooked Pork Sausage Ragu {1,14}	Roast Herby Chicken	Beef Burritos {1,9,11}	Fish Fingers {1,4}
VEGETARIAN OPTION	Cheese Omelette {7,9}	Chickpea and Squash Ragu	Vegetable Crumble {1}	Mixed Bean and Halloumi Burritos {1,9,11}	Mozzarella Fingers {1,9}
JACKET POTATO FILLING	Cheese {1} Beans	Tuna {7} Beans	Cheese {9} Tuna {7}	Cheese {9} Beans	Cheese {9} Beans
SIDES	Garlic Ciabatta {1} Salad Bar	50/50 Pasta {1} Leeks Cabbage	Roast Potatoes Root Veg Medley Bread Roll {1}	Lightly Spiced Rice Sweetcorn	Chips Peas
DESSERT	Carrot Cake {1,7}	Fruity Flapjack	Fruit Jelly	Orange and Treacle Sponge {1,7}	Unicorn Cookies {1,7}

ALLERGEN KEY
 1 CEREALS CONTAINING GLUTEN 2 CRUSTACEANS 3 MOLLUSCS 4 FISH 5 PEANUTS 6 NUTS 7 EGGS 8 SOYABEANS 9 MILK
 10 CELERY 11 MUSTARD 12 LUPIN 13 SESAME 14 SULPHITE
 ALL OUR MENUS ARE PEANUT AND NUT FREE. WHILST WE DO NOT BRING NUTS INTO THE KITCHENS, SOME PRODUCTS ARE SUBJECT TO 'MAY CONTAIN' STATUS IN MANUFACTURING



AUTUMN MENU 2026

WEEK THREE W/C: 14/9, 5/10

Emma's Kitchen
Cooking With Love

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	PIZZA CLUB BBQ Sweetcorn and Pepper Pizza {1,9}	Chicken Tikka Masala {9}	Toad In The Hole {1,7,9,14}	Loaded BBQ Pork With Mac'n'Cheese {1,9}	Chicken Nuggets {1} Salmon Fishcakes {1,4}
VEGETARIAN OPTION	Margherita Pizza {1,9}	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry	Veggie Toad In The Hole {1,7,9,14}	Mac'N'Cheese {1,9}	Spiced Bean and Lentil Patty {1}
JACKET POTATO FILLING	Cheese {9} Beans	Tuna {7} Beans	Cheese {9} Beans	Cheese {9} Beans	Cheese {9} Beans
SIDES	Pizza Rice Peas and Sweetcorn	50/50 Rice Salad Bar Naan Bread {1,9}	Mashed Potato Peas Carrots Gravy	Garlic Bread {1} Peas and Green Beans	Fries Peas
DESSERT	Fruit Yoghurt {9} Fresh Fruit	Dorset Apple Cake {1,7}	Cheese, Crackers And Grapes {1,9}	St Clements Shortbread {1}	Old School Sprinkle Cake {1,7}

ALLERGEN KEY
 1 CEREALS CONTAINING GLUTEN 2 CRUSTACEANS 3 MOLLUSCS 4 FISH 5 PEANUTS 6 NUTS 7 EGGS 8 SOYABEANS 9 MILK
 10 CELERY 11 MUSTARD 12 LUPIN 13 SESAME 14 SULPHITE
 ALL OUR MENUS ARE PEANUT AND NUT FREE. WHILST WE DO NOT BRING NUTS INTO THE KITCHENS, SOME PRODUCTS ARE SUBJECT TO 'MAY CONTAIN' STATUS IN MANUFACTURING