



East Peckham Primary School

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Newsletter

Term 1 Week 1

Friday 4th September 2026

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a fantastic start to the 2026/2027 school year! The children have returned positively, full of stories of their busy summer holidays, and falling back into familiar friendships and school routines as well as welcoming new classmates and staff, Miss Birkett and Miss Tompsett. The new Lemurs and their parents have been in to meet the Reception team, and we cannot wait for them to join us next week.

Many thanks to Jo Wilkinson from <https://www.jwfloristry.com/> for coming in over the summer holiday to refresh our hanging baskets - it was a beautiful way to greet our staff as they returned. Many thanks also go to Michael Bishop from <https://www.pinden.co.uk/> for supplying us with a skip - although less attractive than the hanging baskets, it was very much needed and appreciated!

It was lovely to see parents in assembly this morning - please be reminded that all parents are welcome to attend any of our Friday assemblies, but we will notify those whose children will be receiving the 'Star of the Week' certificate in advance as these are a particularly special type of certificate. Additionally, we do remind children that sometimes parents are unable to attend, which is perfectly understandable, but they will still be notified by email and by their child being celebrated in the newsletter. Next week, some of our Year 6s have the Kent Test - we hope that they remember that they can only do their best and may all of your weekends be spent relaxing, and not doing too much preparation - the children are amazing regardless of the outcome. We have also sent home application forms for Year 6 responsibilities this year, and we look forward to reading about how the children feel that they have a wonderfully, well-rounded set of skills that will positively impact our school community. The positions will be announced in the assembly on Friday 12th September. Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Elliott

★ Stars of the Week ★

In our Friday Celebration Assembly we have been celebrating children who have been demonstrating that they are ready to learn by being in **FOCUS** (read below to find out more):

Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Zach G	Stirling A-C	Logan M	Kobi D	Jude K	Mila S

Many thanks to **Harry 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
Starting next week!	96%	100%	96%	95%	95%	95%
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FOCUS

We hope that the children have been talking to you this week about being in FOCUS. This is a new idea that we have introduced to help children understand the importance of being ready to learn, and to reduce low-level distractions in the classroom. We instill in our children the importance of positive learning behaviours, and we hope that this will support all of our children to apply themselves to learning. Engaging positively with those who speak to us is a real life skill as well, making the speaker feel valued and building positive relationships. We would appreciate it if you could help us by using the same language at home too, so that we can have a combined effort to ensure all children come to school ready to learn. For those children who find this a little more challenging, we will continue with our pastoral support and we have also introduced a 'Catch Up' Club, led by class teachers, which takes place during breaks so that children can practice being in FOCUS, and to make sure none of their learning is lost. This week our Stars of the Week have been selected based on those who have already demonstrated this - well done!

FOCUS



- F - Face the speaker
- O - Objects out of hands
- C - Calm arms
- U - Use your ears
- S - Sit up straight

New Online Reading Journals

We are delighted to introduce [PageTicker](#), a new online method for recording reading which means we will no longer be sending home the yellow reading journals. As a school, we try not to encourage children to use smartphones, but we appreciate that they are very much a part of life for grown-ups, and we feel that this will be a useful app to make recording reading with your child more convenient. **The app is free for parents to download and information about how to link your account to school will be sent home shortly.** The intention is that use of the app will:

- Motivate children to develop a regular, mindful reading habit,
- Create a beautiful record of every book they have ever read,
- Advise on books to try based on those previously read,
- Enable children to work towards reading certificates,
- Make the process of allocating reading certificates more efficient,
- Help our environment by moving away from a paper record,
- Save parents time to log reading as you just scan the book and type in the page number and it is recorded instantly.

Feedback from other schools using the app is that 78% more reading is logged than with paper diaries, helping children build stronger reading habits. As the school is paying for this service, there are no ads, no in-app purchases and no hidden distractions, so you can be confident your family's reading journey stays focused, safe and enjoyable.

Benedict's Law - Keeping Every Child Safe

From September 2026, all schools in England are required to strengthen their allergy procedures as part of the new statutory guidance known as Benedict's Law. The legislation aims to make schools safer for children with severe allergies, including having emergency adrenaline auto-injectors (EpiPens) available on site. These changes will help ensure that, should the unthinkable happen, schools are equipped to respond quickly and confidently to protect every child.

As with many new statutory requirements, schools have not received additional funding to purchase these emergency EpiPens, and replacing them as they expire represents a significant ongoing cost. If you, your employer or a local business you are connected with would be interested in sponsoring the school's



emergency EpiPen provision, we would be incredibly grateful. Please contact the school office if you would like to find out more. Your generosity could make a genuine difference in helping us keep every child safe. Please note; The [Human Medicines \(Amendment\) Regulations 2017](#) do not require consent to have been obtained for spare adrenaline devices to be used in an emergency. Moving forward, the school will obtain advance consent from parents/carers or pupils for spare adrenaline devices to be used, so that in an emergency, consent can be assumed to be in place. However, in an emergency situation, anyone may take reasonable action to save a life without checking whether prior consent has been given. This avoids potentially fatal delays in treatment.

If you do not consent for your child to have this administered in the case of an emergency then please notify the office. At present, consent is assumed for all children.

Save the Date - Winter Celebration Fireworks Event

Plans for our Fireworks event are underway - a colourful way to welcome in the winter! Save the date on your calendars!



Register Interest for Language Clubs

We are exploring the possibility of welcoming VCA to provide weekly after-school language clubs for the 2026-27 academic year. Find out more about the lessons here: www.vcalanguageacademy.com and register your interest here: [East Peckham Language Clubs | Vca Verb Centred A](#). Once they know if there is enough to form a class then they will be in touch.

Reminder: Clubs for Terms 1 and 2

Clubs for Term 1 and 2 were available to book on Arbor from **6pm on the evening of Friday 28th August** - if there are still spaces available then it will allow you to book. If you are unable to book it means this club is now full. 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 - now full
Tuesday	- Phonics Club @ 8.10am with Mrs Sinden (invite only) - Year 1-3 - Arts and Crafts with Mrs Stenning - Miss Simpson will now be supporting Mrs Stenning for this club, so capacity has increased. Please sign up via Arbor - 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 - now full - Years 3-6 - Maths Club with Mrs Askew (limit to 16 children) - now full - 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

Reminder: 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

Reminder: Forest School and FOSIL - FOrest School Inspired Learning

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](#).

Dates for your diary

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

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 - **Ms Wendy Johnson**

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

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!
- NO SEWING REQUIRED
- QUEEN'S AWARD WINNER
- UK MARKET LEADER FOR 20 YEARS

School ID: **30813**

*If blank ask your school for your School ID



Katie B's TENNIS IN THE Park

Friday Tennis & Pickleball Afternoon Club in East Peckham

What's on Offer:

Fridays 11th September - 16th October
2:30 - 3:15 for 4-7 year olds
£48 for the term

Fridays 11th September - 16th October
3:15 - 4:15 for 8-11 year olds
£54 for the term

Come and enjoy lots of ball and racket skills and fun hitting games!

Contact Katie for more information:
Tel: 07734 365369
www.katiebtennis.co.uk
katiebtennis@hotmail.com
@katiebtennisinthepark



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