



East Peckham Primary School

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Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2

Friday 11th September 2026

Dear parents and carers,
Congratulations to our new School Captains, **Natasha E** and **Thomas W**, who were selected from a very strong field of applicants, and we know that they will serve the school community well in the Autumn Term. Their names have now been added to the East Peckham Roll of Honour. This week, all of our Year 6s have been awarded a position of responsibility based on the strength of their application, and our knowledge of their skills - please read on to find out who is now in charge of different areas of responsibility below. Our assembly hall was delightfully full this morning with parents watching their children receive their awards, and the badges for our new School Council and Eco Team were given out too.



I would like to say a huge thank you to **the Kerton family** and their company [Prestige Guarding](#) for their donations of new football goals to the school - we are incredibly grateful for your generous gift, and Mrs Askew and the football team cannot wait for their first match! We will share a photograph in an upcoming newsletter once the goal posts are in place.

We are so pleased to report about how the children have improved their active listening skills since we introduced FOCUS at the beginning of this school year. As a Nurture UK school, we are very aware that children have varying needs, and these are catered for perfectly by our staff who know the children very well, but by raising the expectation for all children it means we have seen a greater level of interaction in all classrooms - and most importantly the children themselves have reported that they are not being distracted and are able to get on with their work to the best of their ability. Regular learning breaks continue to be scheduled when needed, but all of our children know that when it is time to learn and listen to the teacher or to our peers, then we need to apply ourselves the best we can to get the most out of time at school. Please be reassured that we know our children well enough to be able to tell when a child is trying their hardest to FOCUS, even if they may not be able to do every step, and we also know when a child is not being their best self and choosing to be disruptive - and for the latter that is what Catch Up Club is for. Our classrooms are places for learning, and we all need to support each other to learn the best we can. We are so pleased to see how successful this has already been.

We look forward to seeing as many of our parents as possible at the Meet the Teacher Events next week - please arrive at the school gate by the field (normal drop off and collection point) and we will be there to let you in at either 3:00pm or 5:00pm. So far we have only been notified of attendees to the later session for Years 1, 2, 3 and 5. If you have a child in Year 4 or 6 and know that you will be attending the later session, please email the office as we do not want teachers to remain in school if the meeting does not need to be held - many thanks in advance.

Have a wonderful weekend,

FOCUS



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

Mrs Elliott

★ Stars of the Week ★

In our Friday Celebration Assembly we have been celebrating children who have been showing resilience:

Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Micah F	Lilian K	Thomas T-S	Alfie H	Nicky-Jenson L-R	Zachary P

Many thanks to **Isabelle R** 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
100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	93%	95%
😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😞	😞

New Year 6 Roles and Responsibilities

We are very proud to share the Year 6 responsibilities for this year below:

			
Zachary P Edward S	Yasmin C Summer C Andreea I Ryan K Thomas W Kodey P Isabelle R Marshall T Josh W	Natasha E Penelope M Mila S Harry W	Ambrose A Eduard P Eddie R Tommy W
			
Penelope M Violet M Juniper O Edward S	Natty S Tommy H Jake S Sidney G	Violet M Juniper O	Charlie B Jack L Alex M Marshall T

Meet our School Council!

Well done to all of the children who put themselves forward to be school councillors - it is very brave to stand up and convince your peers about why you feel you are best suited to a job. As such, our School Council for this year are:



Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Luana B Isla- Rose O	Oscar R Phoebe S	Rowan O Flora P	Liza B Eli F	Ivy M Mia SN	Edward S Zachary P

Meet the Eco Team!



Congratulations to our new eco warriors - Mrs Sutcliffe is very much looking forward to working with this enthusiastic team as we attempt to go for the Green Flag Award for the second year running. We will keep an eye on the display board in the hall to find out about all of the work that they will be doing to keep our school environmentally friendly.



Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Lenny M Ada P	Sophia P Zack S	Bertie B Arlo E	Monty H Joey T	Raphael P Lydia P	Violet M Juniper O

Reading Challenge

Well done to every child who participated in the Kent Libraries Summer Reading Challenge. We have been notified that there are 4 children who have achieved 2 goals, 4 children who have achieved 4 goals and 13 children who have finished the entire challenge - well done! Although there is still time to participate as it does not close until Saturday 19th September. They have also informed us that out of 48 participating schools, we are currently 12th - which is a great achievement for a 1-form-entry primary!



Kent Fire and Rescue Service

Kent Fire and Rescue Service has launched a brand new YouTube Kids mini-series, 'Be Safe with Us' and have asked schools to share them with parents to show to their children. The short videos are designed to help teach children important safety skills including understanding fire engines, what to do in an emergency, and the importance of smoke alarms. They are a great way for the family to learn together about staying safe at home. You can watch the videos here: <https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/besafewithus>



**Kent Fire &
Rescue Service**

together

Reminder: 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.

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 this club, so capacity has increased. Please sign up via Arbor - Year 3- 6 - Illustration with Miss Birkett - now full
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.

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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FAMILY QUIZ

Enjoy a fun afternoon of questions, prizes and fundraising!

**£20
ENTRY
PER TEAM**

- GREAT PRIZES
- RAFFLE
- REFRESHMENTS
- TUCK SHOP
- BAR

Cash only!

To book email richardson_fundraising@yahoo.com with your team name and number of players (max 6 adults). Payment can be made in cash or online using the QR code and reference 'quiz':



3:00pm

17TH OCTOBER,
2026

EAST PECKHAM
PRIMARY SCHOOL
HALL

This event is being independently run by Sian Richardson and is not affiliated with East Peckham Primary School

**£22 PER DAY
£40 TWO DAYS
£56 THREE DAYS**

TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER 9AM - 3PM
WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER
THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER

AGES 4-13

3V3 INFLATABLE PITCH!

OCTOBER SOCCER SCHOOL

**HUGH CHRISTIE SCHOOL
3G PITCH
TONBRIDGE
KENT
TN10 4PU**

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

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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



EAST PECKHAM BIKEFIX

Free safety checks and basic bike services to keep you cycling locally



SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

12 - 4pm | Jubilee Hall, Pippin Road, TN12 5BT

We will be running a drop-in service on the day.

If you would like to guarantee a fix and skip the queue please scan the QR code to pre-book a slot.



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