



East Peckham Primary School

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Newsletter

Term 1 Week 4

Friday 25th September 2026

Dear parents and carers,

It is always really sad in school when we have to say goodbye to families who leave, especially if they are moving a significant distance away that travel is no longer viable. However, it is always nice when they get back in touch to share how special East Peckham Primary was to them. Please read below a few excerpts that they have permitted me to share with the school community.

I just wanted to send a little message to say how much we genuinely miss East Peckham Primary...since moving schools I've realised just how many of the little things at East Peckham I completely took for granted at the time.

Things like being able to come into the Friday assemblies, seeing the children receive awards and recognition, the after-school clubs... At their new school, parents aren't able to attend assemblies, there are very few awards given out and there aren't really any after-school clubs, and it has made me realise how special those small differences at East Peckham actually were.

I never thought I would miss sitting in a Friday assembly quite so much, but I really do. There was such a strong feeling of community at East Peckham, and I'm incredibly grateful the [children] had the opportunity to be part of it.

I also wanted to say a special thank you for the swimming lessons... currently top of [their] class... never had any swimming lessons outside of school...really recognise the wonderful start given at East Peckham. It has clearly stayed with [them], and I'm so grateful for that.

It's only after leaving that I've really appreciated just how much thought went into all those little things that made the children feel proud, encouraged and part of something, and made parents feel included too.

We have also shared this message with the staff so that they know how much of a difference they make to the children's experiences. Leading on from this, did you know that today is National Teaching Assistants Day? Teaching assistants are often the first to notice when something is not quite right, and the first to celebrate when something clicks. They build confidence quietly and spot potential early. They help turn small steps into big progress. National Teaching Assistants' Day exists to recognise those moments. The unseen encouragement, the extra patience and the real difference teaching assistants make every day. As such, our Quality of the Week was for considering the feelings of others, with an emphasis on making sure that children were being courteous and polite to support staff on the playground, which is one of the hardest management tasks in the school. As such, every child nominated for Star of the Week has been chosen by our

support staff team. A small gesture to show our appreciation of every member of staff has been treats in the staffroom - which we know do not go anywhere near as far enough to show how appreciative we are for such an amazing team here at East Peckham Primary.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Elliott

★ Stars of the Week ★

In our Friday Celebration Assembly we have been celebrating children who have been kindly considering the feelings of others, with a special focus on being kind and courteous to those on playground duty. As such, the nominations have been made by our playground staff this week:

Lemurs	Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Skye G	Felicity A	Jahkiah B-E	Marnie B	Penny C	Laura L	Ambrose A

Many thanks to **Edward S** for supporting me to lead assembly 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%	98%	96%	100%	97%	95%	95%
😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😞	😞

Year 5 and Year 6 Fundraiser



Following the success of last year's 'horse' race - the upper Key Stage 2 team are putting on another exciting fundraiser - the EP Grand Prix! As you know, nothing is ever as it seems, but we look forward to seeing what the classes are putting together, which will undoubtedly be fun, and a little bit silly! To raise funds children are invited to donate against a rider of their choice - and once we find out who the winner will be, we will select a name at random from those who backed them to receive a Grand Prix themed prize! Your choices are:

- **Atomic Atkins**
- **Berserk Birkett**
- **Burning Braybrook**
- **Diesel Duffs**
- **Turbo Tompsett**

You can back your favourite racer via Arbor - or if you would prefer to contribute with cash, please hand it to the class teacher, stating which drivers you think will cross the finish line first. The race will take place in the last week of term - where we can confirm nearer the time as we want to make sure the weather is fine to avoid any skidding on the tarmac!

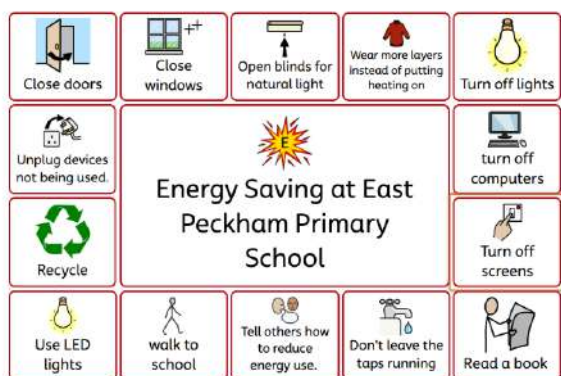
NSPCC Assembly this week - Workshops next week

NSPCC have produced a programme of study to support children and educate them on how to speak up and stay safe. Speak out, Stay safe is a safeguarding programme that aims to equip a generation of children with the knowledge they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect. There will be a virtual assembly which children had this week which is then followed up with a workshop on Thursday 1st October. Further information can be found on the NSPCC [website](#).



Eco News

The Eco Warriors and Ambassadors had their first meeting this week. We are very pleased to announce that we will be trying to attain another Green Flag! Our first mission is to reduce the amount of energy that our classes are using. The Eco Warriors have decided on lots of different ways to do this and these feature in our new poster for the classroom:



We have also had an exciting competition sent to us from Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, for the children of East Peckham School to enter - for any interested children they can design a poster at home that helps others

understand plastic pollution and encourages positive action. This is a chance to get creative, have your voices heard and show how even small changes can help protect the places where we live, learn and play. All entries are to be sent into school and handed to Mrs Sutcliffe by Friday 16th October (as they need to be submitted to the council by 2nd November).

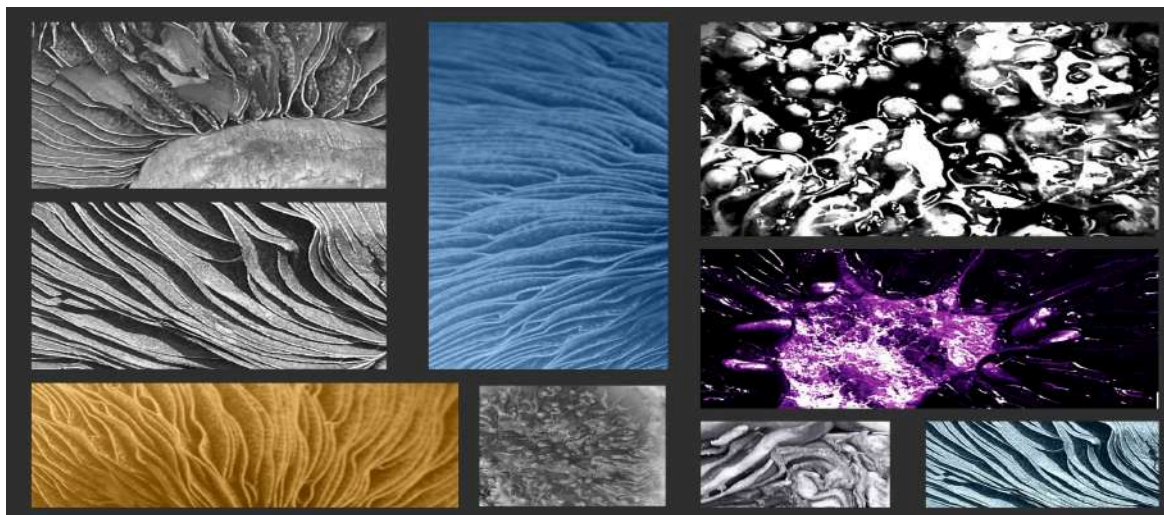
Mrs Sutcliffe advises that posters should:

- Be original and created by the pupil
- Include a clear message about plastic pollution
- Be colourful, creative and visually engaging
- Be easy for others to understand
- Be suitable for display and promotion to schools, families and the wider community.



Year 6 Photography Project

This week Dolphin Class have been editing and assessing their macro photography - can you guess what it is?



Open Days / Evenings

Our Open Events begin next week and spaces are filling up fast! Please feel free to share our image here with people you may know who have a child of school age, and existing parents with children ready to start Reception in September 2027 are also welcome to come and have a look around the school to see if anything has changed! Please contact the office to book.



Visit EAST PECKHAM PRIMARY!

We'd love to show you around!

MORNINGS FROM 9 UNTIL 12:
Tues 29th Sept, Wed 14th Oct, Thur 26th Nov

EVENINGS FROM 5 UNTIL 8:
Tues 13th Oct, Wed 25th Nov

For children due to start **Reception in September 2027**, to book an appointment for one of our Open Mornings or Evenings, please email us at office@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk or call us on **01622 871268**.

Ofsted
Read our report

PODCASTING | SWIMMING POOL | FOSIL | DEDICATED STAFF | HAPPY CHILDREN | ACCREDITED NURTURE UK SCHOOL

OFSTED RECOGNISED STRONG FOR INCLUSION AND BEHAVIOUR

Reminder: Harvest Assembly - Friday 2nd October - NEXT WEEK!

On Friday 2nd October we would like to invite our parents to our Harvest Assemblies, where every class will be doing a short activity to present, such as singing, a reading or sharing artwork. We will be hosting 2 assemblies so that we can hopefully have enough space to fit everyone into the hall! **The content of both assemblies will be the same**, with the exception of the Reception class only joining the 1:00pm assembly. Therefore, to stagger parent attendance, please can we ask that if you have children in Y3/4/5/6 that you attend the 9:00am assembly, and if you have children in YR/1/2 that you only attend the 1:00pm assembly (and obviously if you have children in both, please choose which assembly to attend). For the parents in YR - the children can get teary when they first see you in assembly, so it is highly likely that we will dismiss them to you as soon as assembly has finished. Also, if you are unable to attend then please do not worry as we will share photographs in the newsletter that follows. Additionally, as is traditional in a Harvest Assembly, if you are able please could you send the children in with donations of food, preferably those with long shelf-lives, such as tins and packets. We will be waiting at the gate to collect donations as the children arrive.



Reminder: Reception and Year 1 Early Reading Meeting with Mrs Richardson

On Monday 28th September, Mrs Richardson will be delivering an 'Early Reading Meeting' for Reception and Year 1 parents. She will be sharing all of the details of our Phonics Scheme ([Little Wandle](#)), and crucially how you can support your child with reading at home. If you are able to come along, please email the [office](#), stating if you can attend the 2:45pm-3:25pm meeting, or the 5:00pm-5:40pm meeting. Notes will also be sent out after the meeting. Please note that a lot of the content is similar to last year, so Year 1 parents are welcome to join for a refresher if they have already attended.

Dates for your diary

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

Monday 28th Sept	Y5/6 Football Tournament at Maidstone	Selected Footballers
Monday 28th Sept	Early Reading Meeting - 2:45pm or 5:00pm	Year R and Year 1
Tuesday 29th Sept	Open Morning	Whole school
Thursday 1st Oct	NSPCC Workshops	Years 1-6
Friday 2nd Oct	Kent Golf Taster	Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
Friday 2nd Oct	Harvest Assembly - more details to follow	Whole school
Monday 5th Oct	STEM Workshops	Year 5 and Year 6
Monday 12th Oct	STEM Workshops	Year 3 and Year 4
Wednesday 14th Oct	Open Morning	Whole school
Tuesday 20th Oct	STEM Workshops	Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday 20th Oct	Parents Evening - time slots released 2nd October @ 6pm	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/>
01622 871268



All proceeds will go to the Hospice in the Weald

FAMILY QUIZ

Enjoy a fun afternoon of questions, prizes and fundraising!

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

£20 ENTRY PER TEAM

Cash only!

To book email richardson_fundraising@yahoo.com with your team name and number of players (max 8 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

LC COACHING

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

TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER 9AM - 3PM
WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER
THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER 3V3 INFLATABLE PITCH!

AGES 4-13

OCTOBER SOCCER SCHOOL

HUGH CHRISTIE SCHOOL
36 PITCH
TONGRIDGE KENT
TN10 4PU

CALL LEE - 07837 996183

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 35 YEARS

School ID: 30813

*I block ask your school for your School ID