



East Peckham Primary School

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Newsletter

Term 1 Week 5

Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear parents and carers,

The school has been filled with vibrant Autumnal colours this week as the children have been preparing their work for our Harvest Assemblies. I have popped into Lemurs several times while doing parent tours to see the children



playing with the farmyard animals, experimenting with water and cutting up play dough fruits and vegetables! Our youngest children have also been practising their Harvest song which we heard in



assembly this morning - and will do again this afternoon - they all sang with such enthusiasm! I would like to pass on my thanks to our families for the generous food donations which we will now pass on to The Community Store House. There was so much that every crate was double layered with food - we are very appreciative. We hope you enjoyed the assemblies - and please also enjoy the photographs below. We noticed some parents taking their own photographs during assembly - please be reminded that photographs should only be taken of your own child, and to share any images responsibly. Ideally we would prefer for no photographs to be taken on the school site, but we hope you appreciate that this is difficult for us to enforce.

Unfortunately we have been contacted this week by people sharing their concerns about the parking outside school. Please can we politely remind you to park courteously, especially near junctions such as Pound Road and Church Lane.

Please note; Parent consultations will be on Tuesday 20th October 2026 between 2pm and 8pm, and the time slots to book your appointment open **on Arbor this evening at 6pm**. Please do not email the office to request a booking as messages will not be picked up until Monday morning, and your desired timeslot may be taken. However, please do not hesitate to contact us on Monday should you need any help - full details can be found further on in the newsletter. And to finish - the Winter Fireworks tickets are now on sale - see poster at the end of the newsletter. 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 putting someone else's needs above their own - this links perfectly with our Harvest theme this week:

Lemurs	Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Freya L	Fred M	Frankie T	Elissa-Rose F	Liza B	Felix G	Edward S

Many thanks to **Year 6** for supporting me to lead the assemblies both this morning and this afternoon.

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
98%	100%	97%	99%	96%	96%	96%
😊	😄	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊

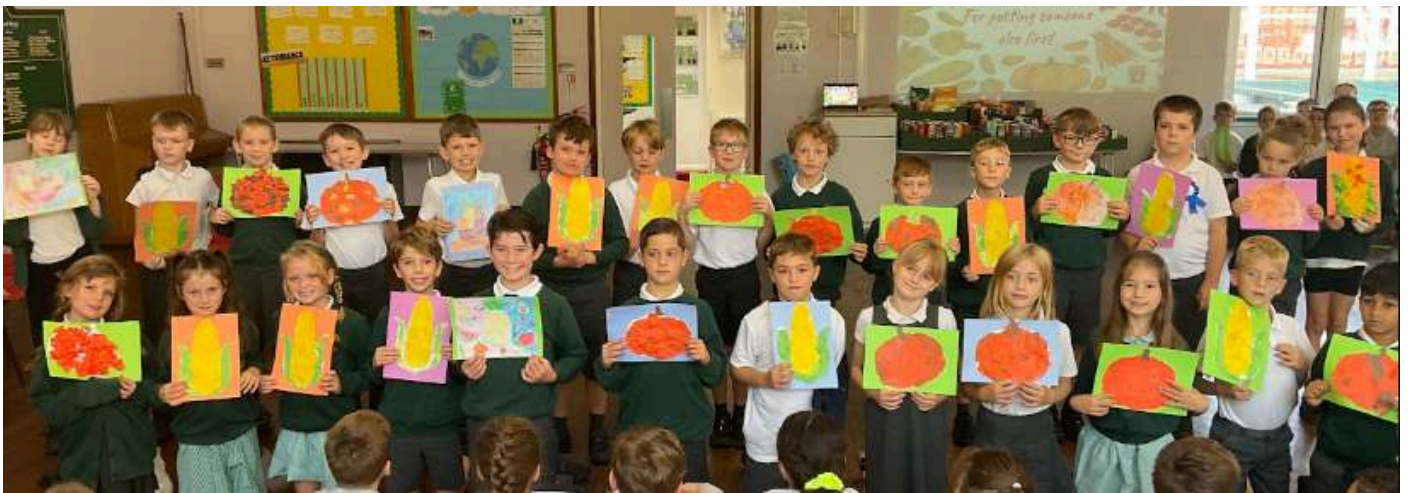
Many thanks to <https://www.extremrobots.co.uk/> who have provided us with an attendance prize. All of the children who have 100% for September have gone into the raffle, and we are pleased to announce that **Cooper W** is the winner of 2 complimentary tickets to their show in Maidstone! Extreme Robots have also kindly given us a discount code would any other families wish to buy tickets - please find their poster at the end of the newsletter.



Harvest

We hope you enjoyed our Harvest assemblies today - please enjoy a few photos of the event:







Parent Consultations

The parent consultation slots are open to book on Arbor from 6pm this evening. To book your 10-minute slot, please click on 'Parent Consultations' on your Arbor homepage. **Please only click on one time-slot and select the guardian(s) who will be attending. If it appears that the time-slot cannot be clicked, this is because it has already been booked.**

Miss Worrall is not available for this consultation date, but she shall be in touch with parents if their child has been identified by their teachers for additional support.

Please be aware that Parent Consultations are protected time-slots when teachers are directed to meet with parents. We provide a window of 2pm-8pm to do our best to cater for parents with other commitments. If a parent cannot attend in this window, then it may not be possible to schedule an alternative meeting time. An alternative time to meet is at the discretion of the individual teacher, and the school reserves the right to refuse, especially if inability to attend is linked to unauthorised school absence.

National Poetry Day

Thursday 1st October was National Poetry Day. This year's theme was 'Wonder', centred around the use of poetry to tell positive and hopeful stories about the world. Throughout the day children listened to poetry performances online, and some classes joined a live assembly with beloved British children's author, poet, and former Children's Laureate Michael Rosen - who most children will know for 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'.



NSPCC Workshops



On Thursday, Years 2, 5 and 6 watched a presentation from the NSPCC. This workshop was the final installment in the NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe programme. Over the past few weeks the children have been developing their awareness of the power of speaking out to ensure they stay



safe in all environments. The children found it engaging and educational and we know it will empower them to find their voice when standing up for themselves. As the facilitators left, they said that they were very impressed by the children, volunteering sensible answers and asking considerate questions - they called the children 'a credit to the school' - well done everyone! Further information can be found here if parents wish to know more: <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services/speak-out-stay-safe>

Optional Homework Activity - BBC's 500 Words



We are delighted to be promoting the BBC 500 Words, the UK's biggest writing competition which encourages children aged 5-11 years to write a story they would love to read. From Tuesday 29th September to 9pm on Friday 6th November, children can submit a story that's just 500 words or fewer. Punctuation and grammar do not matter in this challenge - it is only creativity that matters! Entries opened on Tuesday 29th September until 9pm on Friday 6th November 2026. We would like to encourage children to do this as an optional homework activity, if they choose to. Check out [BBC 500 Words Learning Resources](#) for more help. Also, every child that submits a story to BBC 500 Words will also be entered into a random draw to win a bespoke, literacy Wall Art project for their school.

Golf Taster for Years 5 and 6

Kent Golf visited our school to provide the children with an exciting and engaging golf taster session. The children had the opportunity to learn about the basics of golf and were introduced to a variety of different skills and techniques. They took part in a range of fun activities designed to develop their hand-eye coordination, accuracy and control. The session was a fantastic opportunity for the children to try something new, develop their sporting skills and learn more about the game of golf. Many thanks to Mrs Askew for organising this opportunity.



Maidstone Football Tournament



This week some of our older boys represented the school in the Maidstone Tournament. We were only permitted to send 8 players, so those not chosen this time will be prioritised for future events. The team played really well and although the results did not go our way the boys demonstrated fabulous team spirit. As always tournaments are fast paced, crazy and very competitive, and enjoyable for all involved. The boys received a medal and were gifted a water bottle, as well as a certificate that was handed out in this morning's assembly. Thank you all to the parents that helped, especially Mr Kerton who led the team, including training sessions after school leading up to the event - and

thank you to Maidstone for organising a well-run event.

Eco News

Just a reminder of our 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. We have received a few entries already, which is wonderful! 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).

The Eco team have been counting up the eco points for each class, and are pleased to announce:

- 6th with 18 points = Penguins
- 5th with 20 points = Lions
- 4th with 36 points = Otters
- 3rd with 40 points = Meerkats
- 2nd with 61 points = Dolphins
- and the winners in first place = **Rhinos Class!**

They are the winners of the silver cup, and have officially become our Energy Saving Champions of the week! Well done!



Reminder: 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!

Dates for your diary

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

Monday 5th Oct	STEM Workshops	Year 5 and Year 6
Monday 12th Oct	STEM Workshops	Year 3 and Year 4
Tuesday 13th Oct	Y5/6 Football v Hadlow (Away)	Selected players
Wednesday 14th Oct	Open Morning	Whole school
Thursday 15th October	Emma's Kitchen Tasting Afternoon from 2:30pm	All parents welcome
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
Friday 6th Nov	Year 5 Football Tournament	Year 5
Saturday 14th Nov	Winter Fireworks Event	Community 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

**EAST PECKHAM
PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRESENT**

**WINTER CELEBRATION
FIREWORKS
NIGHT**

SAT 14TH NOV 2026

GATES OPEN AT 5PM - FIREWORKS AT 6PM

ADULTS £10 - KIDS £6 - 2 YEARS AND UNDER FREE!
FAMILY TICKET - 2 ADULTS AND 2 KIDS - £28

**BAR, BBQ AND
TREAT STALLS**

ALL STALLS CASH ONLY!

SCAN FOR TICKETS

Click the poster- link is embedded!



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**.



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EAST PECKHAM PRIMARY'S 2026 Christmas WREATH EVENING

**THURSDAY 26th NOVEMBER
19:00 - 21:00**

IN THE SCHOOL HALL
OFFICE ENTRANCE, CHURCH ROAD, TN12 5LH

£40.00 PER PERSON
£3 PER PERSON WILL BE DONATED TO THE SCHOOL

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS & NIBBLES
CONTACT JO TO BOOK : 07833447217 JO@JWFLORISTRY.COM

All proceeds will go to the Hospice in the Weald

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

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KENT
TN10 4PU**

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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

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