East Peckham Primary School

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Newsletter

Term 1 Week 6 Friday 9th October 2026



Dear parents and carers,

I am delighted to share excerpts of an email from The Community Storehouse following our very generous Harvest donation:

> *It was lovely to receive your harvest donations today; this has helped to stock up our shelves ready for a busy autumn and winter ahead… The amount of your donations weighed in at 109 Kgs - very impressive. The assistance of your students in loading it all into my car was very helpful. Please pass our thanks onto all the students, parents and staff who kindly participated in giving, so that The Community Storehouse can continue giving out to those in our local communities when a little bit of extra help is needed.*

Many thanks again to all of our families for their generosity. We have said goodbye to Mrs Portass, and the new support staff in Year 5 will be Miss Tompsett. Initially a volunteer, Miss Tompsett has been with us since the start of the school year, and has settled in to be a great asset to our school community. Also beginning as a volunteer, and now working across the school, we have Mrs Senior - we know you will make all of our new staff welcome. Lastly, Mrs Richardson is fundraising for the Hospice in the Weald - please see the poster at the end of the newsletter - and do book and come along next weekend if you can!

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 supporting the mental health of others:

Lemurs	Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Bonnie R	**Macie F**	**Nellie S**	**Ellie L**	**Monty H**	**Shyla M**	**Kodey P**

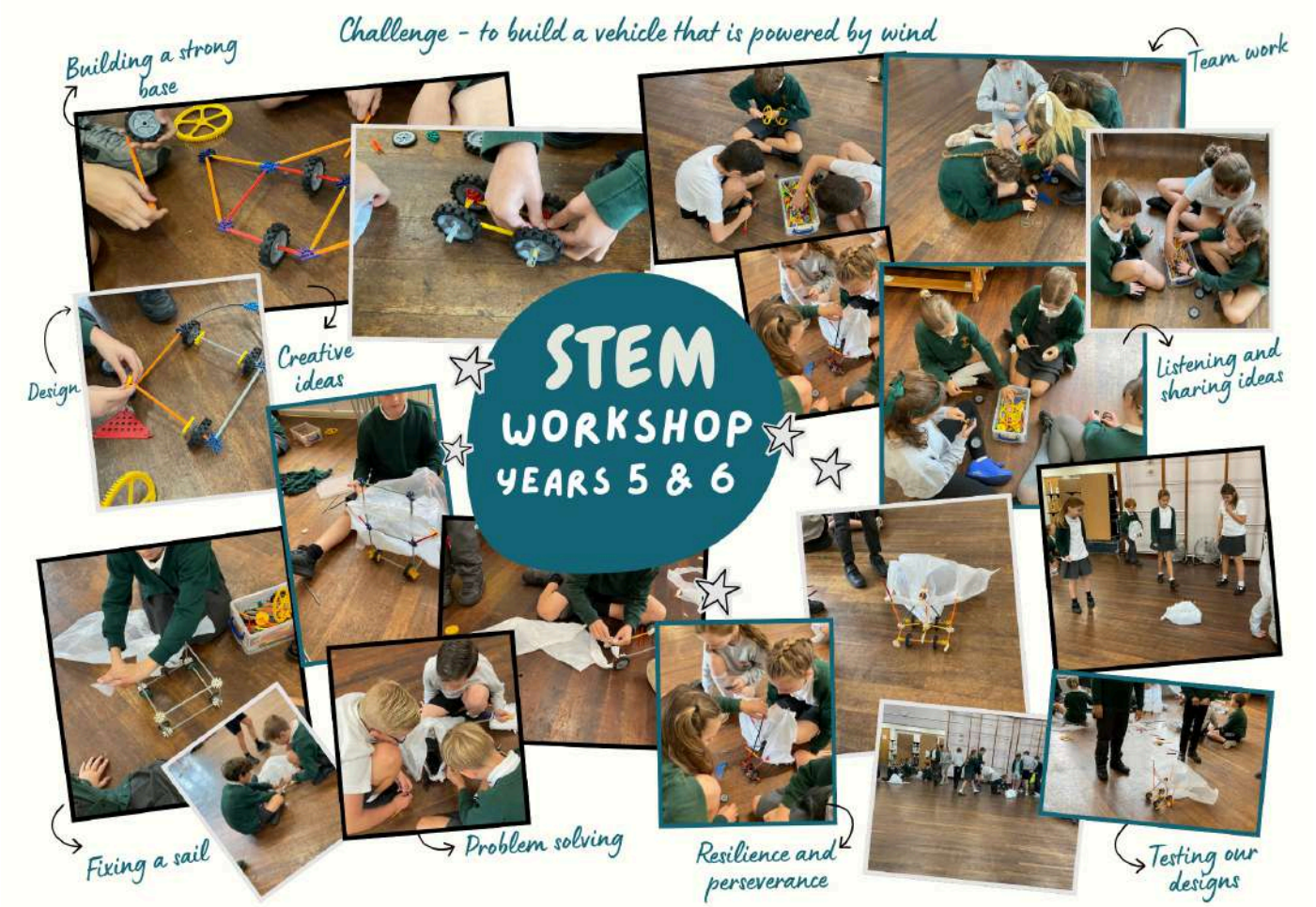
Many thanks to **Josh W** for supporting me to lead the assembly this morning.

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
99%	100%	99%	99%	97%	94%	97%
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STEM Workshops



Pageticker

Many thanks to everyone who has signed up for Pageticker - it has been so interesting to see how many reading logs are being made. Last week, the site could provide us with the percentage of children logging more than 3 reads a week, and the name of each child per class who has read the most pages - take a look below:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% with more than 3 logs	**53%**	**55%**	**38%**	**37%**	**20%**	**36%**
Highest number of pages read	**Lenny B**	**Oscar R**	**Ivy M**	**Liza B**	**Lily J**	**Eduard P**

Next term Mrs Richardson will be setting a whole school challenge, which will be rewarded with certificates! We will share more details in the newsletter nearer the time.

Emma's Kitchen Tasting Session



Ever wondered what your children actually get fed at school? If so, come along to the hall next Thursday at 2.45pm for a special taste testing with Emma's Kitchen. Children and parents can sample some of our lunch items like chicken tikka masala, mac 'n' cheese, burritos and some puddings! Ordering school dinners is a great way to encourage your children to try new foods - and there is always a lot of variety on the ever-changing menus.

East Peckham Scout Troop



We are happy to share details about the East Peckham Scout Troop - they are looking for both scouts and adult volunteers so do please get involved if you can .



Lost Property

We are finding that a number of uniform items are without labels, making it difficult to return lost items to the children. Similarly, if bottles and tupperware snack pots could also be named then we can return those too. All labelled items are being handed back to the children directly, but those without labels will be hung on the school gate before drop off/collection so that parents may be able to identify the items (as the children are struggling to!). Please find details of a label provider below, or if writing in ink, please check regularly as these do fade. Many thanks in advance!

Eco News

Congratulations to **Summer C** in Dolphins for being our school winner for the KIMS Hospital Christmas Card competition. This is a wonderful opportunity for pupils to showcase their creativity and help spread festive cheer- in October! The winning design will become the official KIMS Hospital Christmas Card for 2026, which will be sent to patients, colleagues, partners, and members of the local community. The winning artist will receive a special prize and recognition for their achievement, and a donation is also made to the school too. Good luck Summer!



Eco News

Our Eco team has been collecting each class's points again, and the winners of the Energy Saving Cup this week are ..... Dolphins with a huge 84 points!

Reminder: Parent Consultations

The parent consultation slots are open to book on Arbor. 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.

Reminder: 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.

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 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 Oct	Emma's Kitchen Tasting Afternoon from 2:45pm	All parents welcome
Monday 19th Oct	Inter-house ball control skills - all classes in PE kit please (except for Year R who can wear school uniform but with trainers if possible please).	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
Friday 6th Nov	Year 5 Football Tournament	Year 5
Saturday 14th Nov	Winter Fireworks Event	Community welcome
Tuesday 17th Nov	National Child Measurement Program	Year R and Year 6
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** **https://www.east-peckham.kent.sch.uk/**

Acting Chair of Governors - **Ms Wendy Johnson** 01622 871268





Click the poster- link is embedded!

All proceeds will go to the Hospice in the Weald

FAMILY QUIZ

HOSPICE IN THE WEALD

Enjoy a fun afternoon of questions, prizes and fundraising!

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

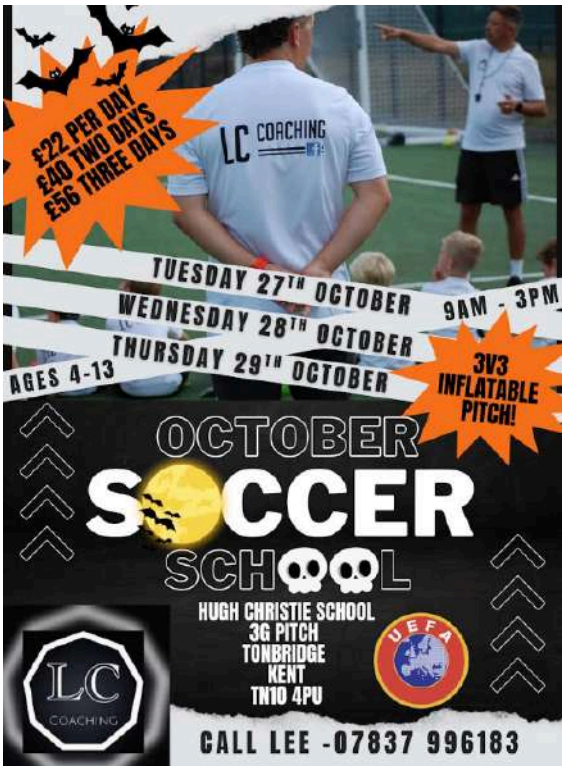
£20 ENTRY PER TEAM

Cash only!

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





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

East Peckham Haunted House & Halloween Trail

1st November • 2pm - 4pm • Jubilee Hall

Presented by East Peckham Parish Council

Haunted House £1
Trail £2
Both for £3!

Payment on the day
Cash Only

For more info and to book: admin@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk

Schools Out!
Autumn Holiday Club

26 - 29 October 2026

Greenfields Community Primary School, Shepway, Maidstone
Archbishop Courtenay Primary School, Tovil, Maidstone
Leigh Academy Tree Tops, Furfield Close, Parkwood, Maidstone

Providing childcare and peace of mind.

Schools Out Club provides the opportunity for children aged between 4 - 13 to participate in a range of **sports** and **arts & craft** activities. Sessions run for **4 hours** between **10:00 - 14:00**.

Places are now open to register for our Schools Out Autumn Club 2026. Don't delay as places are available on a first come basis and charged at £5.00 per day. Simply visit **stonesinthecommunity.org** to book now.

Payments are non-refundable.

stonesinthecommunity.org

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Scouts
ADVENTURE FRIENDSHIP SKILLS FOR LIFE

EAST PECKHAM SCOUT TROOP
(15TH TONBRIDGE)

NEW TROOP STARTING 12TH JAN 27!

- CAMPING
- OUTDOOR SKILLS
- MAKE FRIENDS
- CHALLENGES
- HAVE FUN

SCOUTS & VOLUNTEERS BOTH NEEDED!

Be part of something great!

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www.15thtonbridge.scoutsonline.co.uk

TUESDAYS
7:30PM - 9:30PM
EAST PECKHAM SCOUT HUT

Enquire via e-mail: ep.scouts15@gmail.com

or visit our Facebook page: East Peckham Scout Group