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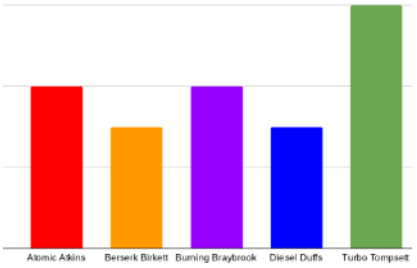
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Newsletter

Term 1 Week 7 Friday 16th October 2026

Dear parents and carers,
Although only a short week next week, we have a number of activities:

- **Monday -** Interhouse Event - Mrs Askew will be leading a ball skills inter-house competition, looking at the skills required to play netball and basketball. Please can all classes come in on Monday wearing PE kit please (except for Year R who can wear school uniform but with trainers if possible please).
- **Tuesday -** Parent Consultations - Please sign up if you have not already - we look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's first term.
- **Wednesday -** Y5/6 Grand Prix Fundraiser - We look forward to seeing our upper Key Stage 2 team take on our race circuit, please do donate towards your favourite driver via Arbor, if you can. At the last count, **Miss Tompsett** is the favourite to win! There will be a prize winner selected from those who have successfully supported the race winner.



Please also be reminded that teacher-led clubs will not be on next week, as you may recall from the information provided at sign up and shared in the first few newsletters of the term: *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.*
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 the start of a positive change:

Lemurs	Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Maddison T	**Lenny B**	**Sullivan H**	**Ronnie M**	**Henry W**	**Ralph S**	**Juniper O**

Many thanks to **Alex M** for supporting Mr Atkins 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
95%	100%	96%	98%	99%	100%	94%
😔	😀	😀	😀	😀	😀	😔

STEM Workshops - Y3 and 4



Y6 Artwork



Emma's Kitchen Tasting Session

We only had a small group of parents join the tasting session - but we hope that they enjoyed the spread that Emma's Kitchen had put on. If you have any questions about the food available, or want to contact Emma then you can do so via emma@emmaskitchenco.com

Open Morning Feedback



Many thanks to everyone who has recommended our school to prospective parents. We have had 3 full sessions of tours already, and many shared that they have signed up following your recommendations! We are always proud to tour prospective parents as it gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on the great opportunity that we provide here. We hope that our existing parents who also toured enjoyed having a peek at the lessons taking place!

RockSteady Trials on Wednesday 21st October

A message from Rocksteady:
Ellie here from Rocksteady, and we are excited to invite your child to take part in a free Rocksteady Lesson taking place on the 21/10/2026. We have a limited number of spaces available in the following bands:

- Band A (Year 3-5): 1 Keyboard and 1 Singer
- Band B: (Year 1-3): 2 Singers, 1 Keyboard and 2 Electric guitars
- Band C (Year 2-4): 1 Bass, 1 Guitar, 2 Keyboards and 2 Singers
- Band D (Year 1-3): 1 Drum, 1 Bass Guitar, 2 Electric guitars, 2 Keyboards and 2 Singers
- Band E (Year 3-5): 1 Keyboard

If you think your child would enjoy or benefit from having a free trial Rocksteady lesson, please contact me directly at ellie.sugden@rocksteadymusicschool.com. Please include your child's name, year group and what instrument they would like to try out. Thank you!

Individual/Sibling School Photographs - new photographer

Our individual/sibling photographs will be taking place on Monday 9th November, and we are very pleased to share that we will be supporting a local photographer this year: https://www.sarahclarkphotography.co.uk/ Please can children come to school in smart school uniform, with hair tied back as per our smart school uniform policy. No jewellery other than small, plain stud earrings (without jewels) are to be worn, and no make up please - this should be followed at all times, not just for photograph day. Deadlines for ordering and delivery will be shared nearer the time, but will be ready ahead of the Christmas break. We would be happy to receive feedback after the photographs have been printed so that we can evaluate which photographer to approach next year.

Please note; parents' emails will be provided to the photographer to enable them to provide you with private access to their website. If you do not consent to us sharing your email address, then please notify us before Friday 6th November. If you do not consent then we will be unable to take your child's photograph. If no contact is made then we will assume consent. Many thanks for your understanding.

FOSIL - Year 1

In assembly this week we have been talking about how we can all be the start of a positive change, and we used the example of being a little spark to create a beautiful firework. In their FOSIL lesson, Otters Class took this point literally and Mrs Wheddon taught the children how to safely use a fire steel to create a spark! There was lots of fun, and it managed to catch, despite the weather!





Year 5 and Year 6 Football v Hadlow



This week we sent 2 teams of footballers to play Hadlow away. There was some great play from all of the players, which did not justify the 3-2 scoreline that both teams walked away with. **Mia SN** was named the stand out player from the coach, and **Jude K** voted for by the opposing team. Player of the match for Year 6s match was **Marshall.** Unfortunately some of the opponents spectators demonstrated behaviours that we just do not want to see in primary school sports fixtures, and we hope that the children learnt that this was how to not act when watching sport. I have spoken to Hadlow and shared my disappointment. On a positive note, many thanks to Miss Tait for overseeing the Y6s, and to Mr Kerton for overseeing the Year 5s. Many thanks also to Mrs Askew for organising the fixtures and to a wonderful team of parents who transported the children there, and stayed to support. Well done to all of the children below:
Year 5: **Jude K, Freddie M, Ivy M, Karter P, Rasphael P, Flo N** and **Mia SN**
Year 6: **Sidney G**, **Jack L**, **Zachary P, Eddie R, Natty S, Marshall T** and **Harry W**

Eco News

Thank you for the entries received for our plastic waste poster competition. The closing date is soon, so if you have any last minute entries please send them into school in the morning. Our winners of the Energy Saving Cup this week are **Otters Class** with 56 points!



Tunbridge Wells Puppetry Festival, 26-31 October!



There are free and ticketed puppetry performances and workshops taking place across Tunbridge Wells and Southborough, including Royal Victoria Place, Southborough Civic Centre, The Forum and The Pantiles. With plenty of free activities and performances to choose from, it's a great opportunity for families looking for affordable half-term entertainment. Special offer: Use discount code TICKLEMONSTER to receive 25% off tickets! To explore the programme and book tickets, visit: [Whats On 2026 – Tw Puppetry Festival]



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 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	RockSteady trials - see section above	Please contact Ellie from RockSteady directly
Wednesday 21st Oct	No Forest School for Lemurs due to Y5/6 Charity Grand Prix event	Year R
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
Monday 9th Nov	Individual/Sibling Photographs	Whole school
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**
Acting Chair of Governors - **Ms Wendy Johnson**

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- BAR

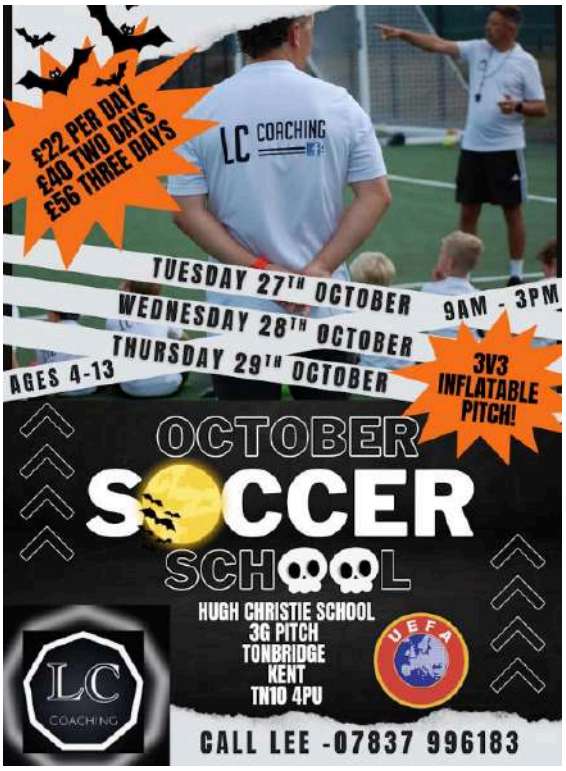
£20 ENTRY PER TEAM

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

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