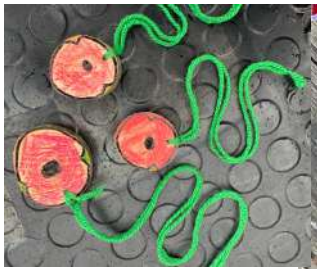
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Newsletter

Term 2 Week 2 Friday 13th November 2026

Dear parents and carers,
Many thanks to the Year 6 parents who joined us for the Remembrance Assembly last Friday, as Armistice Day was on Wednesday of this week, we also had a moment of silence, and during the outdoor learning sessions the children made this items from natural materials, based on the poppy:





On Monday, the children all looked incredibly smart when they came into school for their school photograph. When the pictures are ready we will share with you the details of how to access and purchase. This is a new photographer, so we would appreciate any feedback. Please be reminded that next Friday is own clothes day, in exchange for a bottle or sweet treat for us to use on the Bottle Tombola and Sweet Tombola at the Christmas Fair. The children can wear anything that they choose, but please make sure that it is both named and appropriate for school, including the activities that they do throughout the day.
We are looking forward to seeing you at the **Winter Fireworks event tomorrow** - there are a small number of tickets still available, so if you have not bought yours yet then please find details at the end of the newsletter. Previous attendees will know that it can be quite dark, so you may wish to bring a torch!

Mrs Elliott

⭐ Stars of the Week ⭐

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

Lemurs	Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Margot D	**Isla-Rose O**	**Sophia P**	**Matteo P**	**Noah A**	**Lydia P**	**Summer C**

Many thanks to **Violet M** for supporting Mr Atkins in 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%	99%	99%	96%	97%	95%	96%
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YEAR 6 REPRESENTING THE SCHOOL COUNCIL | NOVEMBER 2026

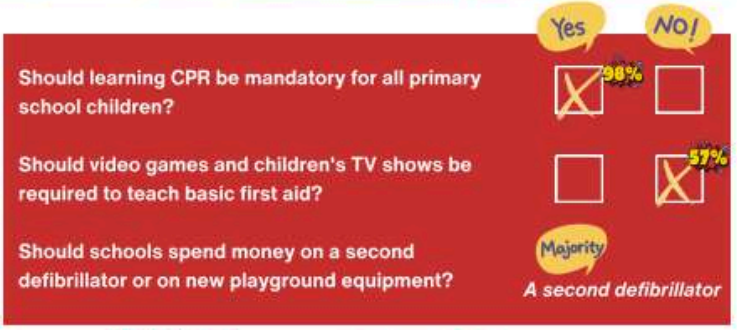
MAYOR'S DEBATE



MEETING THE DEPUTY MAYOR



We went along to the Council Chamber and sat with lots of other children. There was a demonstration by Kent Air Ambulance on CPR and then we debated the three topics. We all had a turn at speaking and putting across our views. The results were interesting and a lot of the children agreed. After the debate, we had a tour of the Mayor's Parlour and interviewed the Deputy Mayor for the podcast (out soon!). Then we were given a lesson on CPR. It was really fun and we all had a good time. We were proud to represent the school.



THE DEBATE



LEARNING CPR





School Captains, and Heads of School Council

World Kindness Week



This Friday 13th November is World Kindness Day, but we have been celebrating it all week! This year our theme has been **One Kind Thing** and we asked the children to think about what the impact would be in school if they all did one kind thing. The children then chose a kind act to perform and we built a wall of kindness, showcasing all the acts of kindness that happened this week. It was lovely for everyone to be able to see just how kind our children really are.



The children also took part in kindness activities in class, finishing with an online kindness assembly with 52 Lives School of Kindness, attended by thousands of other primary schools! The School of Kindness has also set a kindness challenge for November. We introduced this to the children in our kindness assembly, but they have been challenged to write a letter to someone they do not live with, to brighten their day. If your child would like to give this a go, please email the School of Kindness as then their name will go into a prize draw to win a kindness book bundle for our school. You can email a picture of their letter to schools@52-lives.org and please email the school office also as we would love to see what they decide to do - please be reminded to check the content so that your child does not share any personal details.

Welcome to Acorn and Conker!

We would like to introduce you to our new pet snails - **Acorn** and **Conker**! These little guys had been abandoned and left on the doorstep at The National Centre for Reptile Welfare and needed rehousing - so we have welcomed them to East Peckham Primary. They will spend time in different classrooms - so when a class is having their FOSIL lessons for the term, they will also be responsible for the snails as they will live in their classroom too. Mrs Wheddon and Mrs Wall will also be keeping a special eye on them, and making sure that their needs are being met as they move around the school.





So that Year 1 have not missed out on looking after pets, Mrs Wheddon's son has kindly offered for Otters to look after the snails that he also rescued for a few weeks too - thank you Sammy!

Merry Christmas EPS - Our Amazon Gift List



We have had a few requests on the gate and via email about how families can provide a Christmas gift for the school. It has been recommended to create an Amazon Gift List - so we have! There is absolutely no pressure to purchase something from the Gift List, but if you wish to, or if you know a family or friend who would like to then please share and visit this gift list. We have never done this before, but thought that there is no harm in trying, and apologies if asking for donations offends anyone - this is absolutely not our intention. Many thanks in advance.

EPS Cake Raffle - Every Piece Supports!

Many thanks to **Mrs Fleming** for making the vanilla buttercream cake today which was won by **Edward S**. Next week we will be having a lemon drizzle cake baked by one of our grandparents, **Mrs Holford**, who is **Allana R's** granny. Please be warned that the staff have now started buying raffle tickets too!
For just £1 per ticket (available on Arbor), you will have the chance to take home a delicious homemade cake while helping to raise money for our school. We are also looking for families who would be willing to bake at least one cake during the school year. Whether it is a Victoria sponge, chocolate cake, lemon drizzle or your own favourite recipe, we would love your support. Baking just one cake can make a real difference and helps keep this fundraiser running. If you'd like to volunteer to bake, please contact the school office and we will add you to our baking rota. Thank you for supporting East Peckham Primary School - every piece really does support!

Year 5 Football Tournament



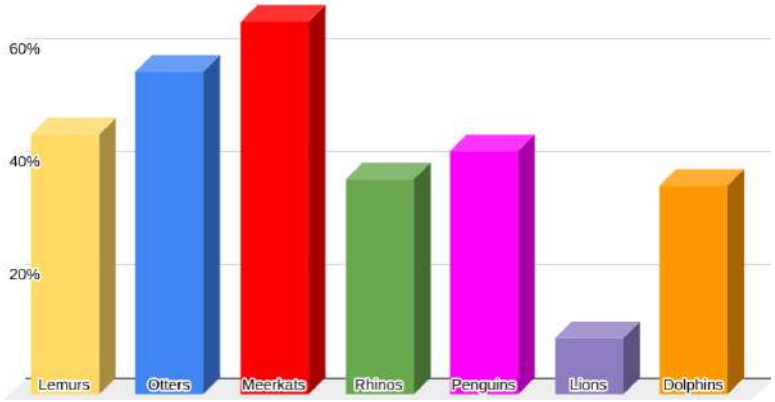
Well done to the Year 5s who attended the tournament last Friday. All of the children played well in what was a highly competitive tournament, aimed at Year 5 and Year 6, but we selected Year 5 players only due to the clash with the Year 6 Remembrance Assembly, as such there was a lot of fierce competition from older and larger opponents. The team consisted of **Jude K**, **Freddie K**, **Ivy M**, **Flo N**, **Karter P**, **Raphael P** and **Mia SN,** who made it through to the plate competition and should be really proud of their efforts. Thank you again to **Mr Kerton** for taking the team.

Year 5/6 Mereworth 1 v 5 East Peckham



A match report from Mrs Askew: Watching the team play was an absolute pleasure! Everyone showed a great understanding of their positions, working well together as a team and demonstrating some excellent football skills. There were some fantastic crosses, great teamwork and plenty of determination throughout the game. Every player gave their best, showing strength, confidence and commitment on the pitch. A special mention goes to **Harry W** for a hat-trick! It was a thoroughly enjoyable performance, with lots of positives to take away. The team consisted of **Ambrose A**, **Jude K**, **Marshall T**, **Harry W**, **Tommy W**, **Josh W** and **Thomas W.** Thank you to **Mr Kerton** for refereeing the match.

PageTicker Challenge



We are now into our second week of the November Pageticker challenge and it is great to see children continuing to be excited by reading! Below is a table showing the percentage of children in each class who logged at least 3 reads last week. Most classes are creeping up but there is still room to improve - come on Year 5! We have had a few parents asking so just to confirm, you can log more than the usual 2 reads a day during this challenge as long as each read is at least 10 minutes long and you can also include reading to your child as well as them reading to an adult or on their own. After the challenge finishes at the end of November we will go back to our usual routine for recording a maximum of two reads a day etc.

Reminder: Christmas Preparation

We will repeat this section every week, adding more details as we get closer to each event - so please check back for changes.

- **Winter Own Clothes Day** - On **Friday 20th November**, children are invited to come to school wearing their own clothes in exchange for a bottle or sweet treat for the Tombola stalls at the Christmas Fair.
- **Christmas Fair Raffle** - We will be sending out raffle tickets nearer the time, but if you would like to volunteer a prize then please email office@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk and we will pass your kind donation on to the person co-ordinating the raffle.
- **Christmas Hamper Donation** - Please donate to the person coordinating the hamper for your class - more details next week.
- **Christmas Fair Stalls** - This event takes place on **Saturday 5th December**, and we think we have space for about 2 more stalls, so if you or anyone you know of is interested then please do pass on our details and ask them to contact us at fundraising@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk
- **Christmas Fair Volunteers** - If you would like to volunteer to help at this event, please email fundraising@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk or let Mrs Elliott know on the gate.
- **EYFS/KS1 Nativity** - The dates for this will be **Monday 14th** and **Tuesday 15th December**, and will likely both be in the afternoon we will confirm nearer the time.
- **Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day** - This will be on **Wednesday 16th December** with more details to follow nearer the time. There is no payment or item request for this day - it is just for fun! But please do book your child's Christmas Dinner on Arbor (as you would book lunch normally).

Reminder: PE

Please ensure your child comes to school in PE kit on these days:

	Term 2 - PE
Year R	Formal PE begins later in the year.
Year 1	Monday (indoor) & Tuesday (indoor)
Year 2	Monday (indoor) & Friday (indoor)

Year 3	Wednesday (outdoor) & Thursday (outdoor)
Year 4	Tuesday (outdoor) & Thursday (outdoor)
Year 5	Wednesday (outdoor) & Friday (outdoor)
Year 6	Monday (outdoor) & Tuesday (outdoor)

Dates for your diary

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

Saturday 14th Nov	Winter Fireworks Event	Community welcome
Tuesday 17th Nov	National Child Measurement Program	Year R and Year 6
Friday 20th Nov	Own-Clothes Day - in exchange for a bottle or sweet treat gift for the Christmas Fair.	Whole school
Wednesday 25th Nov	Open Evening	2027 parents
Thursday 26th Nov	Open Morning	2027 parents
Monday 30th Nov	Last week of clubs this term	Whole school
Saturday 5th Dec	Christmas Fair	Whole school
Tuesday 8th Dec	Assembly led by Christian Church group	Whole school
Wednesday 9th Dec	RockSteady Concert - they will be in touch directly	RockSteady Musicians and parents
Monday 14th Dec Tuesday 15th Dec	Nativity - details tbc nearer the time. Both performances for the parents are in the afternoon.	Year R, 1 and 2
Wednesday 16th Dec	Mental Elf Walk around the village - more details next week	Whole school - and parents welcome!
Wednesday 16th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day	Whole school
Friday 18th Dec	End of Term 2	Whole school
Monday 4th Jan	Start of Term 3	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/**

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