



# East Peckham Primary School

*To know more, do more, remember more*

## Newsletter

Term 5 Week 3

Friday 9th May 2025

Dear parents and carers,

This week we have been sharing information about WWII and why it is important to remember our history and to learn from it. We have been very impressed with the children's sensitive observations, and we hope that they have enjoyed learning about our past - including listening to some music from the era. We are very much looking forward to our VE day picnic later - please take a look at some of the children's wonderful **red**, **white**



and **blue** outfits below - and our attempt at a Union Jack! The sun has also decided to shine while we tuck into our sandwiches - and do not forget that ice creams will be on sale after school today too.

Please be reminded that swimming starts next week (see timetable below). Please can all of the children's items be named, and if possible please familiarise them with their belongings to help us to help them when changing. The weather is looking good, so this coupled with our new pool heating system will keep the children toasty. As always, we would recommend against rash vests, especially for the little ones who struggle to get out of them easily, as these keep the water on their bodies making them cold. It is far better to swim without and then have a nice, fluffy towel placed directly on to the skin to warm up with instead.

Lastly, next week is SATs week, where the Year 6 children will be taking assessments in Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling, Reading and Mathematics. Although we want our children to do well, we do not wish for them to be anxious about these statutory tests. Parents of Year 6 children - please join us in reassuring your children that we are proud of them, whatever may happen. These tests do not define them as a person; they do not test their dazzling personalities, nor their sense of humour, nor their kindness, or ability to help others. We do recognise that there is no test for many curriculum subjects in which they excel; no assessment of footballing skills, no opportunity to perform with their musical instrument of choice, no recognition of their ability to make links between periods of history, and no-one listening as they say 'au revoir' when they leave the school gate. All we hope is that they do their best, and we can ask no more of them than that.

**Good luck Year 6s** - and may everyone have a wonderful weekend,

*Mrs Elliott*

### ★ Stars of the Week ★

In our Friday Celebration Assembly we have been celebrating children who have captured a team spirit and worked together:

Lemurs	Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Harvey T</b>	<b>Rose J, Bella P, Arthur W</b>	<b>Geoffrey G, Monty H, Henry W, Jason-Perry B</b>	<b>Rose R, Mia SN</b>	<b>Jake S</b>	<b>Scarlett M</b>	<b>Rio C, Stanley G, Liam K, Leo SN, Lauren S, Cayenne TF</b>

Many thanks to **Felicity C** for joining me to present assembly today.

## 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
93%	99%	97%	90%	97%	100%	98%
☹️	😊	😊	☹️	😊	😊	😊

## Attendance Prize - Term 5

We are very pleased to share that we are offering 4 free entry tickets to the Summer Fair, as well as 2 free tickets to use the Bouncy Castle! Every child who attends - and has attended this term - from Monday to Friday will have their name entered into the draw to win. If a child is off, they will still have a chance of re-entering the following week, but obviously the more full weeks of attendance mean more entries into the draw! Good luck!



## VE Day 80th Celebration



Today we came in wearing the colours of the Union Jack to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. We will be having a whole school picnic later too.



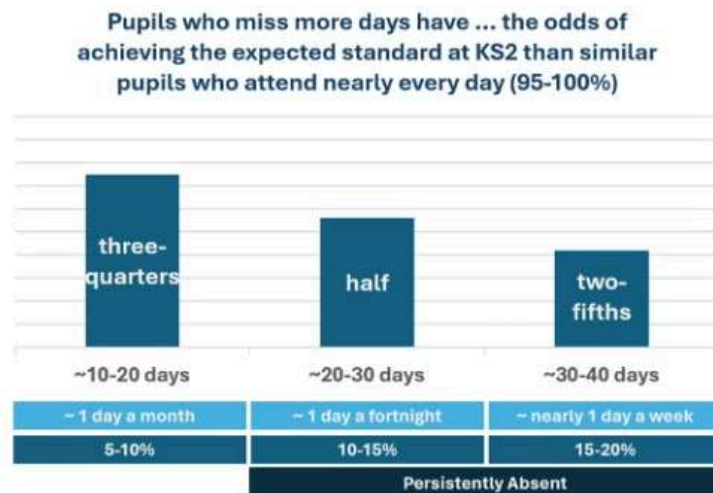
## Les Animaux

In their French lessons, Penguin Class has been learning about pets. The children are learning how to say I have a pet (*"J'ai une gecko et tortue"*). Today some of our children kindly showed their pet gecko to our class and pet tortoises.



## Term Time Holidays

Please be reminded that holidays during term-time will not be authorised. Please be aware that if absence is reported as illness, but we have concerns that it is a holiday then we must mark it as unauthorised. Should it then pass the threshold for a penalty notice; the expectation is for the parents to evidence that they were not on holiday, and not for the school to evidence that they were. School attendance is so important, with a clear link between being in school everyday and academic outcomes, as per the research shared by the DfE below:



Children who attend school 90-95% of the time have  **$\frac{3}{4}$  the odds** of reaching the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to similar pupils who attend **nearly every day**.

Pupils who miss the **equivalent of a day a fortnight** have almost **half the chance** to be up to standard in English and maths when they head off to secondary school compared to similar pupils attending nearly every day.

We will always do our best to support our families with attendance, but would appreciate your understanding and respect as we try to best meet the needs of the children, and to follow policy accordingly.

## Reminder: PTA Fundraiser - Challenge 2025

This week you will have received an email about the PTA's fundraising initiative - Challenge 2025! This is a fundraising initiative where we are asking pupils to raise £20.25 in any way they wish. This might be a sponsored walk, cycle, hop, skip, litter pick or silence, making and selling bakes, cakes or art, planting and selling seedlings, car washing or chores - the choice is theirs! The challenge is to raise £20.25, but obviously there is no maximum amount if they happen to raise even more! All funds raised will go towards enriching school life in a variety of ways. This will also include each class being given 10% of their total raised to spend on something they want or need for their class. To further incentivise the children, there will be rewards for:

- The most creative fundraising idea
- The highest individual total
- The most different activities completed

And the class that raises the most will get a reward too!

The challenge lasts for the whole month of May, after which we then ask for all monies to be returned either by cash to school, or by donation via our dedicated Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/epschallenge2025>, which can be shared widely with family, friends and the community. We have a whole school fundraising target of £2025 to try and raise! Please note all activities should be done under adult

supervision, and responsibility lies with the adults in regards to safety and appropriateness of the chosen activities. Siblings are welcome to complete the challenge either as individuals or as a family, and taking part is of course voluntary, but we hope pupils find this a great and fun opportunity to get involved in fundraising directly for their class and their school.

**UPDATE:** Many thanks to the children who have already started fundraising, we have seen photos of **Allana R** and **Marnie B's** bake sale, we have received donations online for **Sammy W's** pogo challenge, and please see details below for **Arlo E's** Penalty Shoot Out challenge!



### CHALLENGE 2025

...TO RAISE £20.25 THROUGH WHICHEVER METHOD YOU CHOOSE!

#### SPONSORED...

Swim, Run,  
Read, Silence,  
Litterpick, Skip



MAKE AND SELL...  
.Bake and sell cakes  
Auction your artwork,  
poems or stories, grow  
and sell plants



#### CHORES...

Wash the car,  
pick up leaves,  
hoover the  
house

**JOIN US FOR  
ARLO'S PENALTY SHOOT  
OUT!**

PLEASE COME & HELP ARLO TO RAISE MONEY FOR EAST PECKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL!

HE WILL BE HOLDING A SHOOT OUT AT THE BELOW TIME FOR ALL TO TAKE PART. IF YOU ARE FREE PLEASE COME AND FIND HIM AND SHOW HIM SOME SUPPORT. HE CANNOT WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

SMALL PRIZE FOR THE WINNERS 🏆

⚽ £1 DONATION FOR 3 SHOTS ⚽

**MAY 31 2.30PM- 4.00PM**

**EAST PECKHAM PLAYING FIELD  
TN12 5BS**

PLEASE POP THE DATE IN THE DIARY & SUPPORT A YEAR 1 PUPIL OF OUR VILLAGE SCHOOL  
NO AGE LIMIT - LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!

## Reminder: Summer Fair Preparation

Come and join us for our summer fair on **Saturday 28th June 2025 between 12:00pm and 3:00pm**. It will be lots of fun, filled with stalls for parents and children to interact with, including **Crockery Smash**, **Alcohol Tombola**, **Face Painting**, **Bouncy Castle** and lots more! There will also be food and drink available throughout the day, including **hot dogs**, **burgers**, **sweets** and **ice cream**!

Please spread the word and invite all of your friends and family. We will also be having a meeting about it on **Friday 16th May at 1:00pm** for anyone who is free to join. Also, if you would like to hang a poster for us, it could be in your house window or in your place of work, then please do use the one that will be coming home with your children today. If you would like more then please do ask at the school office.

### HELP:

#### Contributions

We would be really grateful for any contributions of:

- Alcohol bottles
- Chocolate gifts
- Crockery (which will be smashed)
- Old bookcases/shelving units (not to be returned - and we are happy to collect)

#### Support

**We can only run these events if we have people to help run the stalls.** If you can volunteer to run a stall from 12pm-3pm, then please notify the school office. If a group of parents work together then it would only be a short amount of time each to keep the stall open.

We would also appreciate some help from 12pm-2pm on Friday 27th to begin setting up some of the stalls - again, please notify the school office if you can help.

#### Gazebos

We are also looking for a few gazebos to borrow on the day (because it will, of course, be sunny!). If you are able to lend one to the school (ideally with help to put it up too) then please let the school office know.

#### Advertising

We are more than happy to receive support from businesses with links to the school - if you can offer any support, then please do contact the school.

### ACTIVITIES:

#### Egg Chuck

We are very excited to introduce a brand new event - the **East Peckham Egg Chuck!** Please sign up in advance if you want to join in to win the coveted Egg Chuck Trophy! Entry fee is just £2 a pair (please choose your partner wisely!) - and sign both of your names up on the list, which will be available after school or at the school office. *Please note; we need to be told in advance so that we can buy enough eggs.*

#### Raffle

We are also holding a raffle and tickets will be sent home after half term for you to purchase (or pass on to friends or relatives). We would also be grateful for any contributions towards the raffle - please email the office - many thanks in advance. Raffle tickets will also be sent home nearer the day.



**Reminder: Swimming / PE / FOSIL**

Year Group	Swimming Every week	PE Every week	FOSIL See dates below
R	Wednesday	Friday	Thursday
1	Tuesday	Monday	Tuesday
2	Tuesday	Monday	Tuesday
3	Tuesday	Monday	Monday
4	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday
5	Tuesday	Thursday	Monday
6	Tuesday	Wednesday	Monday

Wherever possible we will try to stick to this timetable, however we will notify you as soon as possible should there be a change. *We are aware of a swimming clash for Year 3 due to their school trip, so we will notify you of the alternative day nearer the time.*

**Swimming:** This continues to be taught by Mrs Askew and Mrs Elliott. For their lesson, your child will need to bring in the following:

- Swimming trunks or swimsuit - not board shorts or surf shorts for safety reasons, and only one piece swimming costumes please.
- Swimming caps which must be worn in the pool - and these must be silicon, not material, unless discussed with Mrs Elliott, for material hats do not stay on the children's heads (and long hair must be tied back).
- Flip flops
- Towel
- **Please can all items be named, especially for the younger ones who find it very difficult to identify what belongs to them.**

For these lessons we do ask for a parental contribution to help to cover the cost of chemicals, general maintenance and increased energy costs. Contributions and/or consent can be made via Arbor (under the 'school clubs' section). Without this consent, your child will not be able to swim. If you require support to make payment, please ask to speak to either myself or Miss Ray and we will endeavour to help if we can. Swimming is an essential life skill, as well as being an excellent form of exercise; keeping both minds and body healthy, as such it is not optional. Therefore, it is important that all children should have this opportunity to swim. If you have any questions regarding the swimming arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or see our school website for more information:

<https://www.east-peckham.kent.sch.uk/swimming-and-water-safety>

**PE:** On these days children are to come to school in their PE kit. Please note that their PE jumper should be light grey and either plain or with the school logo only, and must not have a hood or a zip for health and safety reasons. The PE uniform also includes trainers that are appropriate for exercise.

**FOSIL/Forest School:** On these days children are to come to school in their normal school uniform/PE kit, and to bring with them a suitable outfit which may well come home muddy! Even though the weather is hopefully getting warmer, please can we ask that children continue to bring in appropriate clothing, which includes long trousers to avoid being stung or injured by the outdoor learning space. Please find below the day that your child will be having a FOSIL lesson (Forest School for Reception). **Waterproofs and wellies are essential**, without these we may not be able to allow children to participate. Children are also unlikely to change back into school uniform before being sent home at the end of the day. We know changes in the timetable can be confusing, so if you have any questions then please do ask, and the office is more than happy to make calls home if something has been forgotten.

Week beginning:	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday
12th May 2025	Year 3 and Year 5	Year 1	Year R
19th May 2025	Year 4 and Year 6	Year 2	Year R
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2nd June 2025	Year 3 and Year 5	Year 1	Year R
9th June 2025	Year 4 and Year 6	Year 2	Year R
16th June 2025	Year 3 and Year 5	Year 1	Year R
23rd June 2025	Year 4 and Year 6	Year 2	Year R
30th June 2025	Year 3 and Year 5	Year 1	Year R
7th July 2025	Year 4 and Year 6	Year 2	Year R

### Reminder: PTA Lottery

Are you feeling lucky and would you like to join our school lottery? A chance of winning and helping to raise money for the school at the same time - find out more [here](#). Tickets are £1 a week and you can buy tickets ad hoc or you can buy on direct debit if you wanted to purchase tickets regularly. For every ticket sold, 40p goes straight to the school. Please visit the link or get in touch on [pta@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk](mailto:pta@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk) if you have any questions.



### Dates for your diary

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

Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May	KS2 SATs - all Year 6 children must be in school this week	Year 6
Thursday 15th May	Inter-house Tennis - please can all children come to school in PE kit.	Whole school
Friday 16th May	Summer Fair Planning Meeting	All parents welcome
Tuesday 13th May	Rhinos school trip ( <i>please give consent &amp; payment by the 6th May</i> )	Year 3
Tuesday 20th May	STEM workshop ( <i>please give consent &amp; payment by the 19th May</i> )	Year 5 & 6
Friday 23rd May	Own Clothes Day - in exchange for a bottle/chocolate donation to the Summer Fair	Whole school
Friday 23rd May	End of Term 5	Whole school

Monday 2nd June	Start of Term 6	Whole school
Monday 2nd June	Lemurs school trip to Hastings <i>(please give consent &amp; payment by the 19th May)</i>	Year R
Tuesday 3rd June	Christian Group in Assembly	Whole school
Wednesday 4th June	Tonbridge Primary Schools' Swimming Gala	Selected swimmers
Wednesday 4th June - Thursday 5th June	Multiplication Tables Check - all Year 4 children to be in school please	Year 4
Tuesday 10th June	Phonics Screening - all Year 1 children to be in school please	Year 1
Friday 13th June	Father's Day Breakfast - details tbc	Whole school
<b>Monday 16th June</b>	<b>Meerkats Trip</b>	<b>Year 2</b>
Monday 23th June	HEALTHY WEEK: Golf	Whole school
Tuesday 24th June	HEALTHY WEEK: Quidditch	Whole school
Wednesday 25th June	HEALTHY WEEK: Archery	Whole school
Thursday 26th June	HEALTHY WEEK: Curling	Whole school
Friday 27th June	HEALTHY WEEK: <b>Sports Day</b>	Whole school
Saturday 28th June	SUMMER FAIR	Whole school
Friday 4th July	Sports Day (back up)	Whole school
Monday 14th July - Wednesday 16th July	Dolphin's Residential	Year 6
Friday 18th July	End of Term 6	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@eastpeckhamprimry.org.uk](mailto:dsl@eastpeckhamprimry.org.uk)

### Contact us

Headteacher - **Mrs Kate Elliott**  
Chair of Governors - **Mrs Katie Bennett**

<https://www.east-peckham.kent.sch.uk/>

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# **HALF TERM Soccer School**



**Wednesday 28th May  
Thursday 29th May**



**9am - 3pm 4yrs - 13yrs**

**£22 per day**

**Hugh Christie School  
3G Pitch  
Tonbridge  
TN10 4PU**

**£40  
Two Days**