



East Peckham Primary School

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Newsletter

Term 5 Week 4

Friday 16th May 2025

Dear parents and carers,

A huge congratulations to our Year 6s who finished their SATs assessments this week. They were so calm and composed that you would not have guessed that they were doing any tests at all! This may have been helped by the delicious continental breakfast that greeted them each day - many thanks Mrs D! Today we have also congratulated them for working so hard, by gifting them their Leavers Hoodies. These hoodies are funded by donations following the PTA's fundraising efforts - it is a gift we hope to continue to provide for every child as they get to the end of their journey here at East Peckham - and a



way to thank our parents for giving so generously towards our fundraising efforts over the years. As you are aware, our next event is the Summer Fair, and we are meeting this afternoon to look at preparations - I look forward to meeting with everyone who can join us at 1:00pm - please do join us if you can.

Mrs Elliott

★ Stars of the Week ★

In our Friday Celebration Assembly we have been celebrating children who have been taking responsibility for their actions:

Lemurs	Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Gabriela FN	Arlo E	Eva P	Lydia P	Ambrose A	Kyle T	Bella B

Many thanks to **Vickie P** 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
95%	89%	97%	89%	98%	98%	99%
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Own Clothes Day next Friday

In preparation for the Summer Fair, we will be having an 'Own Clothes Day' on the last day of this term. In exchange, please could we ask for an item for the Summer Fair. We are looking for:

- Bottles
- Chocolate
- If your child has PE on that day, they do not need to bring in a change of clothes, instead PE will be adapted accordingly (but trainers are advised).
- Please make sure that all items of clothing are named.

Thank you!

Father's Day Breakfast

Dear Dads and Grandads,

We would like to invite you into school to share breakfast with your children! On Friday 13th June, the school hall will be open from 7:30 until 8:45 for you to enjoy a hearty sausage or bacon sandwich together (veggie options are also available!), before the children go in to start their school day. So that we are aware of how much food to buy please could we ask you to sign up in advance on Arbor via the School Shop for how many sandwiches are needed for you and your child/ren. We will still be able to take payment on the door for those who forget to sign up on Arbor - and tea and coffee will be available for free. We do hope you can join us as it is always such a lovely event and really sets the children up for a good day. For those of you who have to leave early, the classrooms will be open a little earlier from 8:15 to receive the children, but please remain with your child/ren until then. Enjoy!



Rhinos to Sevenoaks

On Tuesday Rhinos went to Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve to learn about plants. The morning was spent consolidating their learning about the different parts of plants and their functions. The children impressed the tutors with their knowledge on plants and soil. We had time to explore the garden with all the colourful wildflowers and minibeasts; we were lucky enough to observe dragonflies drying their wings. In the afternoon, the children learned about seeds and how animals, insects, water and wind disperses them. The children pretended to be bees pollinating and animals eating and passing on seeds. All the children should have come home with some seeds to plant and hopefully grow their own wildflowers.



Swimming Returns!

We hope the Lemurs enjoyed their first swimming lessons - what a great, sunny week to start in - helped even more so but the delightful water temperature generated by our new heating system (many thanks for your fundraising support which has helped to pay for this!). We began learning about how to keep ourselves safe in the water, including getting in and out carefully. This was followed



by some little games so that we were comfortable being splashed and moving around the pool. Many thanks to the Sports Captains for helping with the lessons, where this week it was **Ella D** and **Sophie TS**, and next week **Leo SN** and **Oliver L** will be demonstrating for our youngest swimmers. All other classes also returned to swimming this week, where Mrs Askew was



looking out for who to select for our swimming squad in the gala at the start of Term 6 - she has reported that the standard is really high, so selection will be a challenge! Please could we ask that you send the children in with the correct kit as we noticed an absence of swimming hats (and please remember that the material ones are really poor at staying on the children's heads so become more of a hindrance than a help, which is why silicone/plastic hats are insisted on), and some children did not have flip-flops. Also, some of the swimming trunks were a little too big (or baggy board shorts had been sent in - these are not permitted for safety reasons), so please do check at home.



Inter-House Tennis

This term we have introduced a new inter-house activity of tennis. Every child in every class took part to accrue points for their house team, which they won through demonstrating basic skills in the younger years, through to shot technique in the older classes. All of the children played fantastically, but we were particularly impressed by the sportsmanship and skills of:

- Lemurs - **Nellie S** for her great balancing skills and **Phoebe S** for super listening.
- Otters - **Flo W** for her determination and **Logan M** for great sportsmanship by congratulating the opposing team.
- Meerkats - **Noah A** and **Eden A** for showing good sportsmanship, especially towards the other teams
- Rhinos - **Dottie P** for great confidence and team encouragement, and **Karter P** for excellent concentration and ball control
- Penguins - **Summer C** for concentration and ball control, and **Zachary P** for his confidence in sport
- Lions - **Natalie B** for great ball skills and **Scarlett M** for determination
- Dolphins - **Barney W** for fantastic calmness and control and **Felicity C** for teamwork and accuracy with the ball.

Congratulations to all of the teams, and the scores were:

1st place = **Yellow** 2nd place = **Green** 3rd place = **Blue** 4th place = **Red**



Y4 Football v Watringbury

A fantastic 3-1 win for the Year 4 team in their brand-new kits! The players looked sharp and played even better - well done to everyone involved. The whole team showed great sportsmanship and team spirit throughout the match. In the first half, there were several strikes that hit the post, keeping the game tense. However, once the second half began, the goals started flowing. A well-deserved win for a hardworking and determined team.



FOSIL in Year 1

During their Forest School Inspired Learning (FOSIL) session this week, Year 1 were enriching their scientific understanding by creating observational drawings of wild flowers. They used magnifying glasses to spot the tiny details on the petals and leaves. They did a great job!



Reminder: 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!



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: Another £30 raised from Chester R's portrait drawing - and Ivy is about to do a sponsored nature walk!



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



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
FOSIL / Forest School Week beginning:	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday
19th May 2025	Year 4 and Year 6	Year 2	Year R
HALF TERM			
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 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.

Friday 16th May	Summer Fair Planning Meeting @ 1:00pm	All parents welcome
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Tuesday 20th May	STEM workshop <i>(please give consent & 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 trip to Hastings <i>(please give consent & 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
Thursday 12th June	Lions trip to London Science Museum <i>(please give consent & payment by the 11th June)</i>	Year 5
Friday 13th June	Father's Day Breakfast - details tbc	Whole school
Monday 16th June	Meerkats Trip to Rye Harbour	Year 2
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: Sports Day	Whole school
Saturday 28th June	SUMMER FAIR	Whole school
Friday 4th July	Sports Day (back up)	Whole school
Tuesday 8th July	Dolphins trip to London <i>(please give consent & payment by the 1st July)</i>	Year 6
Monday 14th July -	Dolphin's Residential	Year 6

Wednesday 16th July		
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

Contact us

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