



East Peckham Primary School

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Newsletter

Term 5 Week 5

Friday 23rd May 2025

Dear parents and carers,

It was lovely to see the children in their own clothes today - it is such a special treat that is always well received. Many thanks for your generosity with providing items for the fair in exchange. We are also on the lookout for raffle donations now, so please do let us know if you have any suggestions. This week there have been a number of enrichment activities taking place in school, including village walks, special visitors, music trials and interactive workshops - no 2 days have been the same! We find that including these opportunities really improves the children's engagement and ensures that they develop an even greater love of learning. Hopefully the photographs in the newsletter will give you a small glimpse of what we see while the children are actually doing the activity. We also managed to make sure that every class swam - despite the changing weather. We are so impressed with the confidence and skills that our Lemurs are showing, and we are in the process of selecting our gala team from the children in Years 5 and 6 - expect an email shortly!

Wishing you all a very restful week away from school next week and we look forward to returning for the **start of Term 6 on Monday 2nd June, at 8:30am.**

Mrs Elliott

PS Many thanks to [Mucky Paws](#) for donating our first prize to the Summer Fair Raffle! Please do get in touch if you would also like to donate, in exchange for advertising at the Fair.

★ Stars of the Week ★

In our Friday Celebration Assembly we have been celebrating children who have demonstrated any one (or more) of the British Values:

Lemurs	Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Kit CG	Logan M	Joey T	Oscar L	Thomas W	Phoebe G	Felicity C

Many thanks to **Sophie TS** 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.

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Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93%	96%	91%	90%	96%	97%	96%

Congratulations to **Thomas TS** (Year 1) who has won our attendance prize for this term. The prize consists of 4 free entry tickets to the Summer Fair, as well as 2 free tickets to use the Bouncy Castle! We are now looking out for a new prize for next term... watch this space!

Breakfast Club - Booking Required!

Breakfast Club has become increasingly popular which means most days we are full and unfortunately we are having parents turning up in the morning without booking a space which means they are turned away at the door in order to stay within our ratios. **To avoid disappointment, you must book space for your child at least 24 hours prior to the session you want via Arbor > Clubs.**

If, when booking on Arbor it shows a blank session, this means it is full for that day. You can try to book onto the later session or sadly you will not be able to attend that morning. All breakfast club queries can be directed to Mrs Wall via breakfastclub@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk (this is monitored regularly and every morning prior to the session starting).

We would also like to remind you that our Behavior Policy at Breakfast Club is the same as within school and unfortunately, consistent poor behaviour will mean your child cannot attend the club.

Healthy breakfast options include:

CHOICE OF CEREALS
Weetabix, Cornflakes, Rice Krispies, Shreddies

TOAST/MUFFIN/PANCAKE OPTIONS
with: Jam, Marmite, Honey, Cheese

DRINKS OPTIONS
Fruit Juice, Water, Milk

OTHER FOOD OPTIONS
Fresh seasonal fruit
Yoghurt

7:30-8:30 £5.50 Breakfast included	OR	8:10-8:30 £2.50 Breakfast NOT included
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Pre-booking MUST be done via ARBOR to secure a space

Any questions please speak to Mrs Wall via email breakfastclub@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk



British Values - Holiday Homework

For this holiday we have set the children a creative homework task, linked to British Values: **What are British Values that we learn about in school?**

- **Democracy** - This is when people come together to vote for who they would like to be in charge of the country. Everyone should have an equal say in this, regardless of age, gender or religion.
- **Individual Liberty** - There are certain things that should be beyond government control. This includes the freedom to choose our own likes and dislikes.
- **Rule of Law** - This means that all people are ruled by the same laws that keep us all safe and happy.
- **Mutual Respect** - This value promotes treating others with courtesy, understanding, and consideration, regardless of their background, beliefs, or differences.
- **Tolerance of Other Faiths and Beliefs** - This emphasizes the importance of accepting and respecting different religious and non-religious beliefs, encouraging a society where diverse perspectives are valued.

These are all very complicated ideas - so we want to know what they mean to the children. The task is for children to choose 1 value (or more if they want to!) and let us know where they might see this in their everyday life. We want the children to think about how they make choices, how they respectfully make your voice heard, when they need to follow rules (Year 3 should have a good understanding of this following their visitors this week) and how they interact with each other - and then share examples. They can present their work however they like - poem, picture, poster, painting, presentation...! Please can children bring their work back after the holiday as we would love to make a display based on their understanding of British Values. We cannot wait to see their creations!

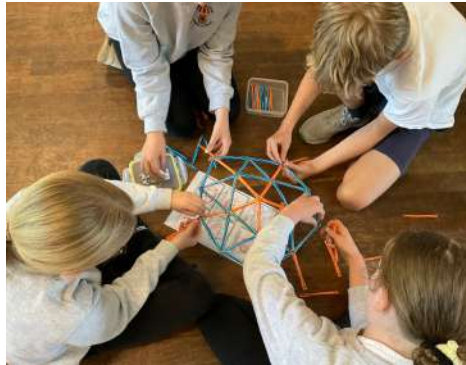


Year 5 and Year 6 STEM workshops

On Tuesday, Year 5 and Year 6 took part in a Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) workshop where they played with, experimented on and created a geodesic dome. The children worked in groups to build a miniature geodesic dome as a practice run before moving on to the main event - a 5 foot tall, 10 foot wide geodesic dome built by their very own hands. The children learned about structural integrity, which shapes are best for holding large weights and some key skills like teamwork and communication - such a great opportunity!

"I learned loads of new things and it was awesome fun" **Ella D**

"It was great fun and cool to build something so big" **Elijah S**



Please be aware that if we do not receive sufficient funds for workshops and trips, then they may have to be cancelled. If you need financial support, then please do let us know. These enrichment opportunities are so good for the children, but without adequate funding we will have to consider if they can continue.

Year 4 History Creations



This term, Penguin Class have been researching about the Iron Age in their History lessons. They have been finding out facts about Hillforts and learning about artefacts that have been discovered. The class then built their own roundhouse in class, helping them to further understand the key features.

Busy Otters!



This week Year 1 went on a science walk around the village. The children were observing and locating wild flowers and garden flowers, looking at the different places that they grow in. They kept a tally of how many they had seen on our journey and found some beautiful roses, foxgloves, daisies and dandelions. Back in the classroom they have been finishing their DT project, where they have enjoyed



creating their own fruit smoothies. They designed a recipe before practising their juicing and cutting skills. The results were delicious!



Year 3 Police Visit to Year 3

On Monday, we had a visit from PCSO Toni Matthew and PC Bobby Hills, who came in to talk to the children about Anti-Social Behaviour. The children listened intently to understand why we have rules and laws, and how they are there to keep us safe, so that we can enjoy ourselves without fear or worry. We also talked about representing our school or our community, and making sure that we were always presenting the best of ourselves. This linked really well with our work on British Values, helping the children to understand the Rule of Law (see above). The children learnt to speak to their parents if they were concerned about anything, and that the police service are always here to help us.



New Intervention: Sand Play

As part of our pastoral offer at EPS, we are introducing Sandplay, as an addition to Drawing and Talking, a therapeutic intervention we already offer. In order to get up and running, we need a collection of play figures for the children to use in sessions. If you have anything listed below and would be willing to donate, please could you drop it into the main office, for the attention of Mrs Smith. Anything you can give will go towards supporting our wellbeing provision in school and will be very much appreciated - thank you!

Animals: wild, forest, domesticated, prehistoric, fantasy, farm, birds, sea creatures

Half-human half-animals: centaurs, mermaids, etc

Monsters: large and small

Plants: trees, flowers, seaweed, cacti

Naturally occurring: rocks, shells, fossils, mountains, caves, volcanoes

Buildings: castles, houses, teepees, igloos, bridges

Barriers: screens, fences, signs

Vehicles: cars, police, emergency and rescue vehicles, trucks, boats

People: fantasy figures, families, action-oriented figures, fighting figures, spiritual

Miscellaneous: marbles, jewels, clay, feathers, home items and furniture, cloth, etc (no lego please)

Reminder: 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 (vegan/veggie option is vegan sausage sandwich), 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!



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: Although not essential, we do love seeing the posters that are being made for the sponsored events! You can see that Harvey T has set himself a challenge and will be constructing a tower taller than himself.

CHALLENGE 2025
...TO RAISE £20.25 THROUGH
WHICHEVER METHOD YOU
CHOOSE!

SPONSORED...

Swim, Run,
Read, Silence,
Litterpick, Skip

LEGO BUILDING CHALLENGE

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR HARVEY'S CHALLENGE

BUILD A LEGO TOWER TALLER THAN HIM!

DONATE VIA THE JUSTGIVING LINK ABOVE AND QUOTE 'HARVEY T'

TO SUPPORT NEW TECHNOLOGY, SWIMMING POOL ENHANCEMENTS AND PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS AT EAST PECKHAM SCHOOL

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. 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
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

Dates for your diary

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

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
Friday 6th June	School Photos - everyone in smart school	Whole school

	uniform please, with a green jumper. No PE kits today.	
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 23rd 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
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

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**