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Newsletter

Term 6 Week 5

Friday 4th July 2025

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a scorcher this week! Despite the overwhelming heat, we hope that the children have enjoyed themselves. We have had extra time in the swimming pool - with each class having a fun session on the days when the



thermometer went above 30°, in the afternoons some of our classes in the hottest classrooms were taught in the hall, the older children enjoyed the 'Now, Press, Play' headsets while our younger learners had story-time in the shade of the trees - and best of all, there was an ice pole treat on Wednesday afternoon when the weather was a little humid! We are so lucky to have the dedicated staff and resources to make off-timetable activities like this possible. I also want to say many thanks to our parents for being so flexible with the additional requests for PE kits and swimming kits - but we are sure you



appreciate why we have had to make these changes. Next week will return to normal with more reasonable temperatures, as we head into the final weeks of term - which are busy ones for the staff and children in school - so keep reading the newsletters! Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Elliott

★ Stars of the Week ★

In our Friday Celebration Assembly we have been celebrating children who are fulfilling their potential:

Lemurs	Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Arthur R	Bella R Ronnie M	Harley M	Elias B Bear M	Mila S	Evie M	Sienna C

Many thanks to **Ella D** 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
98%	96%	95%	93%	93%	90%	96%
😊	😊	😞	😞	😞	😞	😊

Summer Fair

We hope that everyone who joined us for the Summer Fair on Saturday had an amazing time. We had such great feedback about the day, and the Egg Chuck was a great success, congratulations to our winners who took the trophy home >>>>>> We will definitely be bringing this back next year! We genuinely cannot run these events without the help of our parents and friends who turn up to set up in advance (including on the night before) and then run stalls throughout the day. Many thanks to **James Burton, George Collins, Hannah Collins, Karen Cowell, Lily Duffield, Helen Godden-Wood, Stephen Mackie, Tom Milburn, Rachael Moore, Ben Pearce, Fiona Pearce, Jo Ray, Karen Ray, Sean Ray, Louise Reynolds, Dave Stennard, Lorna Swift, Luke Swift, Sally Swift, Steph Tester, Tiffany Waterman** - and the team from Scalliwags (we hope we haven't forgotten anyone!).



We are also grateful for our staff who added another day to their working week to attend; **Mrs Askew, Mr Atkins (and his son), Mrs Elliott (and her husband and son), Mrs Richardson (and her son), Miss Simpson (and her daughter), Mrs Smith, Mrs Stenning (and her son), Mrs Wall (and her husband, 2 daughters and a family friend!)**.

Lastly, but by no means least, a huge thank you to **Mrs Duffield** and **Miss Ray**, who once again masterminded the entire event - giving up hours of their time planning and organising, seeking out donations, and creating yet another fantastic EPS fundraiser. We are looking forward to the next one - and if you would like to be involved in organising, then please do get in touch!



Please find below the raffle numbers that were drawn. If you are a winner, please bring your ticket to the school office to claim your prize.

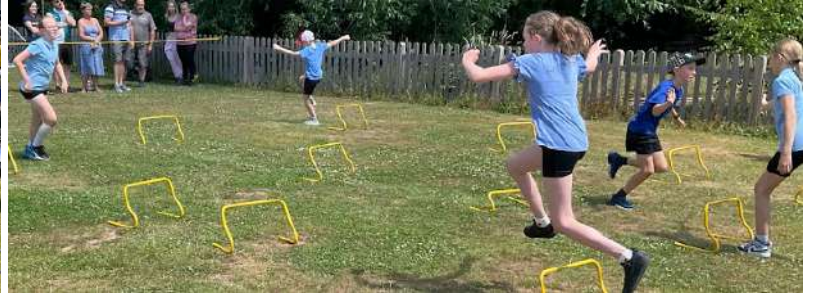
Air Fryer	Claimed
Crazy Golf for a team of 8 people, courtesy of Bogeys	598 - Yellow
Wine Tasting Flight, courtesy of Yotes Court Vineyard	Claimed
£50 Freedom Coffee Voucher	Claimed
£30 Amazon Voucher, courtesy of Muddy Paws Dog Walking	382 - Yellow
Drusillas Voucher	630 - Yellow
East Peckham Kebab and Pizza Voucher	199 - Green
Hair Care Gift Bag, courtesy of Headlocks	198 - Green
Beauty Gift Bag, courtesy of Blossoming Nails and Beauty	566 - Yellow
Food Hamper, courtesy of Air Clean	Claimed
Baked Goods Hamper, courtesy of Plaxtol Bakery	Claimed
Beauty Gift Bag, donated by friends of the school	Claimed
Signed Rick Stein Cook Book, donated by Mrs Duffield	Claimed
Jo Malone Gift Bag, donated by Mrs Duffield	703 - Yellow
Children's Gift and Air Up Bottle, donated by the Shalaby-Noad and Piscina families.	Claimed
Football Prize	Claimed
Admission prize	135 - Pink

Sports Day



Many thanks for joining us for Sports Day - the children were fabulous competitors, despite the heat! Well done to the **Green** house, who had the highest total following the event, which also included points scored at the inter-house events across the year, and won the Sports Day trophy. Lastly, thank you to the Sports Captains who did a fabulous job of looking after and constantly encouraging their houses.







Geography Projects

We have had a number of keen geographers in Year 2 and Year 3 this term. Year 2 were fascinated to learn about the importance of the oceans in our world. They learned about the negative impact of plastic in our

oceans and were motivated to create their own posters to spread the word about how to reduce plastic pollution. You can take a look at some of their work below.



Also, as part of their unit 'How and why is my local area changing?', Year 3 went for a walk around the village with our very knowledgeable and enthusiastic local historian David Seal. Rhinos looked at photographs from long ago and compared them to what they could see now such as the pharmacy, fish and chips shop and Chinese takeaway. They found out how The Pound got it's name, how many pubs were in the village back in the early 1900s and what the Nurses Cottage is. The class then had the opportunity to look at some old maps of the area to compare how much has changed.



Smart Phone Free Childhood

Children's use of smart technology is a growing concern, and something that schools have limited resources to regulate when interaction takes place in the home. Here at East Peckham, despite regular online safety and expected behaviour lessons, we still regularly have to deal with issues caused by communications made out-of-school-hours that spill into school - we are also still asked to deal with issues that happen out of school, which really is beyond what should be expected of school staff. As such, next year the Senior Leadership Team are working with local schools to investigate more about the Smart Phone Free Childhood initiative.



At the moment, we already have a group of parents who are involved, and have requested that we share the information below:

Smartphone Free Childhood isn't about banning tech or turning back time – it's about giving children more of what really matters: time, connection, and freedom to be kids. We help families delay smartphones and social media together – building community, sharing support, and changing the conversation. Step by step. Brick (phone) by brick (phone). Because real change doesn't come from the top down. It starts with all of us, working together. United for childhood. If parents would like to know more they can find all about the parent led movement here: <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/?ref=dispatch.the-citizens.com>

The parents have also organised their own parents WhatsApp Group which they would encourage you to join, and it can be accessed here: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/E2ugk12V3LU60ak3PysnBy>

Reminder: Resilience Workshop

The NHS Emotional Wellbeing Team is hosting a parent workshop around understanding resilience and its importance in your child's development. The workshop will be in school on Thursday 10th July, 9:00am - 10:30am. To book your place, please email office@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk - more information can be found in the poster at the end of the newsletter. They will also be coming into school to meet with our Year 6 children on Tuesday 1st July to do some work on transition to secondary school, so that our children are ready and prepared for the next step in their education.



Reminder: Tesco Stronger Starts Grant

We are back in Tesco again from the first week of July! If you shop at Tesco, please remember to collect your blue token and keep them safe for now, then in July please put it in our fundraising box as we are hoping to improve our swimming provision (the fundraiser is called SOS - Save Our Swimming pool). The stores that are involved in the scheme are: Pembury, Paddock Wood, Southborough and both stores in Tunbridge Wells. Please spread the word as the more tokens we receive, the greater the value of the grant!



Reminder: Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is back from the 5th July 2025. Visit your local library or go online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk. Over the next few weeks the children will be visiting our local library again, so keep an eye on book bags for forms to complete to sign up for a library card - if you do not have one already. Many thanks to Mrs Portass for organising - and if you have any questions then please do catch her at the end of the day at the Year 4 door to ask.

THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge

Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love of reading**
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- **95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.



Before the end of the term the children are visiting the library to get their Summer Reading Challenge started - many thanks to the staff and volunteers at East Peckham Library for making this possible.



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
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 7th July	Library visit	Year 1, 2 and 5
Tuesday 8th July	Dolphin's London day trip	Year 6
Thursday 10th July	Understanding Resilience Parent Workshop (hosted by the NHS Emotional Wellbeing Team)	All welcome - please sign up by emailing the office.
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@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk

Contact us

Headteacher - **Mrs Kate Elliott**
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Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams
Medway Emotional Support Teams

East Peckham Primary School Workshop

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

Me and My Child: Understanding Resilience

Thursday 10th July 9am - 10.30am

Would you like to come and **meet with other parents and carers** to **reflect and generate ideas of how you can be a positive role model of resilience for your child?**

You are invited to a **workshop about understanding resilience and its importance in your child's development.** It will help you to consider **factors which can help to build your child's' resilience in the context of caring relationships.**

To book your place, please email:
office@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk

If you require materials in another language or have any other access needs then please email:

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We look forward to meeting you.



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