



East Peckham Primary School

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Newsletter

Term 6 Week 6

Friday 11th July 2025

Dear parents and carers,

I do love this time of year, as our days are busy with drama performances, drumming/RockSteady concerts, fun trips and finishing off projects that the children have worked so hard on. You can find out a little more below. Today your children will be bringing home their end-of-year reports - if you have any questions then please do speak to your child's class teacher. This includes the results of the KS2 statutory assessments for our Year 6 children, who have done incredibly well! I am just analysing the results, but will share details, including comparisons to local and national averages, as soon as the extra information is available.

Please be reminded that as it is the last week of term next week, there will not be a Forest School/FOSIL next week, nor is there any swimming for any classes (except for Year 6 - which the Year 6 team will have told the children about), and after-school clubs that are run by school staff will also not be running. We will also be having our last assembly on Friday morning, handing out the last of this year's Reading Certificates, and any birthday stickers for children up until the 31st August 2025 - parents are more than welcome to join if they are free.

Have a wonderful weekend - I know I will as I will be joining the Year 6s for their Leavers Party this evening!

Mrs Elliott

★ EPS Awards ★

Congratulations to our EPS award winners for this term - it is a great honour to be selected for this prize:

Lemurs	Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Zack S	Allana R	Thomas W	Esme W	Andreea I	Sofia P	Vickie P

The EPS Award is a special acknowledgement that is given out just 3 times a year, to 1 child in each class (and can be won more than once). The staff think very carefully about children who have demonstrated our 3 values of **Equality**, **Pride** and **Success**. This may be awarded to children who have shown this consistently during their time at school, or it could also be for a child who has overcome a challenge and really turned around their attitude to learning and being a member of our school community. At East Peckham Primary, we are always finding ways to celebrate our children, and at these events we invite all available family members to share in the child's success with a tea party with the staff.

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
96%	96%	96%	95%	95%	96%	96%
😊	😊	😊	😞	😞	😊	😊

Meeting our New Teachers

This week the children have had transition sessions with their new teachers and teaching assistants. We hope that the children enjoyed having a taste of next year - our new teachers (Mrs Bawden, Mrs Gardiner and Mrs Hassell) were very impressed with the children's behaviour and manners! We also welcomed our Reception 2025 class who had their first transition session - we cannot wait for them to join our East Peckham community.

Year 6 to London

Linked to their study of the book '*The London Eye Mystery*' - and also being a really nice trip to end their time at East Peckham Primary - the Year 6s took to London to explore the sights. Starting from Charing Cross, the children headed to Trafalgar Square then to Horse Guards Parade to see the guard change before stumping up the Mall to see if they could catch a glimpse of King Charles. Unsuccessful in spotting the monarch, they relaxed in St James' Park, before heading to Parliament Square to see Elizabeth Tower (not Big Ben!) and all of the other sights within view - not forgetting the London Eye which was the purpose of the trip! After crossing the Thames they then feasted on their packed lunches, supplemented with chips and ice lollies before heading back home. A great day, filled with lots of really interesting facts provided by Mr Atkins and Mrs Duffield - please do ask your children about the French flags, the Grand Old Duke of York, the metal strip on Nelson's Column - and the squirrel!





The Drama Club's Performance of 'A Twist in the Tale'

Congratulations to the children of our after-school drama club who performed '*A Twist in the Tale*', first to the whole school during the day, and then to their parents and extended family in the evening. You sang beautifully and amused us with your little comedy skits. Well done **Natalie B, Louie B, Bella B, Felicity C, Poppy D, Skye H, Eliza LH, Scarlett M, Shyla M, Violet M, Flo N, Isla N, Juniper O, Eduard P, Lydia P, Vickie P, Eddie R, Mia SN and Annabelle W.**



Year 1 and Year 2 visited the library



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.



Dates for your diary

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

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**

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**Summer
Soccer Schools**

**Thurs 24th / Friday 25th July
Wednesday 30th / Thursday 31st July**

9am - 3pm 4yrs - 13yrs

**To book please contact Lee on
07837996183**

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

**£22 Per day
£40 two days
£75 four days**