



# East Peckham Primary School

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## Newsletter

Term 6 Week 7

Friday 18th July 2025

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a week filled with lots of laughter, and a little bit of sadness as we say goodbye to our Year 6s. We are so proud of the amazing children that they have become and wish them the best of luck at their new schools. We hope that they continue to demonstrate the kind and caring behaviours that we have come to expect during their time here with us - and we will be tracking their progress to see what greatness is ahead. Several have siblings so we know that they will be back to visit, but we also hope that the families for whom their youngest has now left will also drop by to say hello. As such, we are saying a fond farewell to: the **Buet family**, the **Chapman family**, the **Cowell family**, the **Devenish family**, the **Doherty family**, the **Fenton family**, the **Harvey family**, the **Kidd family**, the **Moore family**, the **Orpin family**, the **Stapleton family**, the **Wetton family** and the **Wheeler family**.



For the rest of the families at East Peckham - we hope you have a safe and relaxing holiday. I will be in touch towards the end of the holiday regarding signing up for clubs, as well as details about menus and timetables, and any other information required to start the next school year.

We look forward to welcoming the children back at **8:30am on Tuesday 2nd September**. Have a wonderful summer!

*Mrs Elliott*

### Attendance for the Year

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
96%	96%	96%	95%	95%	96%	97%
😊	😊	😊	😞	😞	😊	😊

### Thank you!

Passing on a huge thank you from all of the staff for all of the gifts that they have been presented with at the end of the term. Gifts are absolutely never expected, so we really do appreciate your generosity.

## Year 6 KS2 Results

Well done to our Year 6 children who have achieved amazing scores in the recent SATs assessments. We are currently waiting for confirmation of local and national averages so that we can share a detailed comparison, but we are aware of the following test results:

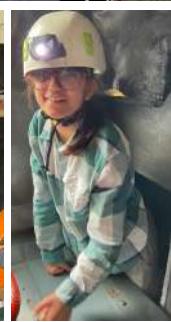
	% of children working at the <b>expected standard</b> and above	% of children working at the <b>greater depth standard</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>86.2%</b> (National Average: 75%)	<b>51.7%</b>
<b>Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling</b>	<b>79.3%</b> (National Average: 73%)	<b>20.7%</b>
<b>Maths</b>	<b>75.9%</b> (National Average: 74%)	<b>31.0%</b>

These are amazing results - especially the high level of reading ability - this is a testament to their hard work, and the absolute dedication from the staff here at East Peckham Primary. Well done everyone!

## Year 6 Residential

Another successful residential to Lower Grange Farm - please enjoy the photographs.





## 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

We have had an amazing 86 children sign up to the summer reading challenge already, and you still have time to take part - [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)! The summer reading challenge aims to keep children actively reading and enjoying books over the holidays, whilst they are away from school. To complete the challenge, children need to read at least 6 books between 5th July and 6th September, and will receive a medal and certificate once completed! To celebrate the success of those that complete the challenge, we have decided the class with the most children to take part and receive a certificate, will win an own clothes day for their class! We invite the children to bring in their certificates in the first two weeks of term and we will keep a note as to who, and which class they are in. If it is easier to send a photograph of your child's certificate then please feel free to send this through to the office. We look forward to hearing all about the books the children have enjoyed!

**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.



**THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge**  
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## Story Garden

### FREE CHILDREN'S EVENTS ALL SUMMER!

<b>Tonbridge Library</b> Thurs 24 July, 10.30am to 11.30am Free Animate Arts Paper Beehive Activity for 4 to 11 year olds. Booking essential.	<b>East Peckham</b> Thurs 7 August, 2.30pm to 4.30pm Paper Plate Garden Craft fun for 4 to 11 year olds. Drop-in session.	<b>Larkfield Library</b> Mon 18 August, 10.30am to 11.30am Creative writing session fun for 4 to 11 year olds. Booking essential.
<b>Tonbridge Library</b> Wed 30 July, 2.30pm to 3.30pm Hidden Glade creative writing workshop. For 4 to 11 year olds. Booking essential.	<b>Tonbridge Library</b> Mon 11 August, 10.30am – 11.15am Kip's road safety adventure for 4 to 8 year olds. Booking essential.	<b>Hadlow Library</b> Tues 26 August 2.30pm to 3.30pm Create a Story Garden paper craft fun for 4 to 11 year olds. Booking essential.
<b>Larkfield Library</b> Tues 5 August, 2.30pm to 3.30pm Hidden Glade creative writing workshop. For 4 to 11 year olds. Booking essential.	<b>Tonbridge Library</b> Every Saturday, 10.30am to 11.30am Summer themed paper craft sessions. For 4 to 11 year olds. Drop-in sessions.	<b>Borough Green Library</b> Thurs 28 August, 2.30pm to 3.30pm Hidden Glade creative writing workshop. For 4 to 11 year olds. Booking essential.

For more information and to book onto these activities scan the QR code, speak to your local library team, call us on 03000 41 31 31 or email [tonbridglibrary@kent.gov.uk](mailto:tonbridglibrary@kent.gov.uk)

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## Dates for your diary

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

Monday 1st September	INSET - School closed	Whole school
Tuesday 2nd September 2025	Start of Term 1	Whole school
Friday 17th October	End of Term 1	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

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