



East Peckham Primary School

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Newsletter

Pre-Term

Friday 29th August 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Please find below a lot of information that you may find useful ahead of the start of term. Please can we also ask that you notify us if any of your personal information has changed over the holiday so that we can update our records - you can do this by emailing the office on office@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk or you can change certain items yourself on Arbor. Please can we also ask that all medications that need to be in school are in-date and labelled, and brought to the office so that the paperwork can be filled out accordingly. Please be aware that all medication was sent home at the end of the school year, so **we have no medication in school for the children**. We look forward to welcoming the children back at **8:30am on Tuesday 2nd September**.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Elliott

Staffing and Meet the Teacher Meetings

Please find below details of the staffing arrangements for this academic year. If you need to contact a member of staff for any reason, please catch them at the end of the school day or email the office at office@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk

Class / Year	Teacher	Support Staff	Targeted Support	School-wide
Dolphin / 6	Mr Atkins (M-T) Miss Braybrook (W-F)	Mrs Duffield (HLTA)	SEND Mrs Wall (HLTA) Pastoral Mrs Smith	SLT Mrs Elliott (Headteacher) Mr Atkins (DHT / DSL) Miss Ray (School Business Manager) Miss Worrall (SENDCo) Admin Miss Macleod Premises Mrs Wheddon
Lion / 5	Mrs Stenning	Mrs Siggs		
Penguin / 4	Mrs Hassell (M-T) Mrs Askew (W-F)	Mrs Portass		
Rhino / 3	Mrs Bawden	Mrs Gibson		
Meerkat / 2	Mrs Sinden (M-T) Mrs Gardiner(W-F)	Miss Simpson		
Otter / 1	Mrs Sutcliffe	Mrs Fleming		
Lemur / R	Mrs Richardson	Miss Tait		

Please also find below details of the Meet the Teacher events - please do join us at 3:00pm or 5:00pm - no need to book, please just arrive at the children's entrance (from the field).

Tuesday 9th September 2025	Year 2 and Year 5
Wednesday 10th September 2025	Year 1 and Year 4
Thursday 11th September 2025	Year 3 and Year 6

There will not be a Meet the Teacher for Reception class as individual meetings will be taking place with Mrs Richardson next week.

Clubs for Terms 1 and 2 up

Clubs for Term 1 and 2 will be available to book on Arbor from **6pm this evening**. Unless indicated, clubs led by members of staff run starting week beginning 08/09 and end in the week beginning 01/12 (they will not be running until the end of the term due to the Christmas events in the final weeks). They will also not take place in the first week after half term (week beginning 28/10). For clubs that you sign up for by booking directly with the organiser, please follow their guidance for when they will run. If you have any questions then please do email the office.

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Years 1-2 - Film Club with Mrs Sutcliffe (Possibly for Year R, but please speak to Mrs Richardson beforehand to confirm if suitable). • Year 4-6 - Singing Club with Mrs Richardson • Year 3-6 - East Peckham TaskMaster with Mr Atkins and Mrs Duffield • <u>External</u> - Year R-2 - Multi-Sports - please book directly via the QR code on the flyer at the end of the newsletter.
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phonics Club @ 8.10am with Mrs Sinden (invite only) • Year 1-3 - Arts and Crafts with Mrs Stenning • Year 3-6 - Drawing with Mrs Bawden • Year 6 (invite only) - Podcast Club with Mrs Duffield • <u>External</u> - Karate - please book directly via info@samasoutheast.co.uk
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>External</u> - Year 4-6 - Football Club with Lee - please book directly via lccoaching18@gmail.com
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Years 1-3 - Mindfulness Singing and Colouring with Mrs Gardiner • Years 3-4 (with Year 5 invite only) - Maths Club with Mrs Askew • <u>External</u> - Year 3-6 - Multi-Sports - please book directly via the QR code on the flyer at the end of the newsletter.
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>External</u> - Year R-3 - Football Club with Lee - please book directly via lccoaching18@gmail.com

PE

Please find below the dates and times for PE:

	Term 1 - PE
Year R	Formal PE begins later in the year.
Year 1	Monday and Tuesday
Year 2	Monday and Thursday
Year 3	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 4	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 6	Monday and Wednesday

FOSIL - FOrest School Inspired Learning

Please make sure that your child brings in their complete outdoor learning clothing for the dates below. More information about the correct clothing required can be found on the [school website](#).

Week beginning:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
22nd September 2025	Year 3 / Year 5 FOSIL	Year 1 FOSIL	Year R Forest School
29th September 2025	Year 4 / Year 6 FOSIL	Year 2 FOSIL	Year R Forest School
6th October 2025	Year 3 / Year 5 FOSIL	Year 1 FOSIL	Year R Forest School
13th October 2025	Year 4 / Year 6 FOSIL	Year 2 FOSIL	Year R Forest School
End of Term 1 - Start of Term 2			
3rd November 2025	Year 3 / Year 5 FOSIL	Year 1 FOSIL	Year R Forest School
10th November 2025	Year 4 / Year 6 FOSIL	Year 2 FOSIL	Year R Forest School
17th November 2025	Year 3 / Year 5 FOSIL	Year 1 FOSIL	Year R Forest School
24th November 2025	Year 4 / Year 6 FOSIL	Year 2 FOSIL	Year R Forest School

Uniform and Presentation

Details about school uniform can be found below. We continue to work with the supplier Monkhouse - and we are aware that they have now discontinued the yellow/gold polo shirt, so **there will be a period of transition as we move towards white polo shirts**. Please be reminded that uniform does not need to be branded.

Please can we also highlight the need for children to be smart and well presented when coming to school. Children are not to have elaborate hair decorations. Hair which is longer than shoulder length must be tied back, using neutral colour hair ties, or modest hairbands of school colours (yellow and green). Nail varnish is not permitted and if worn to school any varnish will be removed with acetone-free remover, which is kept in the school office. Many thanks for your support in helping the children to develop pride in their appearance and in their school.

Winter Uniform October-April	Summer Uniform April-October
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grey trousers, shorts, pinafore or skirt ● White polo shirt for Years 1-6 * ● Yellow polo shirt for Year R ● Dark green jumper or cardigan * ● No summer dresses please ● Hairbands in neutral or green only ● Grey, white or black socks / tights ● Flat black shoes - these may be trainers, so long as they are completely black (not to include any colour, including on the logo). Boots are not permitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● As the Winter Uniform, but also including green summer dresses

PE Kit		Swimming Kit
Indoor	Outdoor	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grey or black shorts - cycling shorts are acceptable ● White crewneck t-shirt (not a polo shirt) ● Light grey sweatshirt * - hoodies or tops with zips are not permitted ● No leggings or jogging bottoms - they may be worn over the items, but removed for the lesson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grey or black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms ● White crewneck t-shirt (not a polo shirt) ● Light grey sweatshirt * - hoodies or tops with zips are not permitted ● White, grey or black socks ● Trainers (which must be with a suitable grip for sport - not fashion trainers or plimsolls) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Boys - swimming trunks or briefs - loose or baggy shorts are not permitted ● Girls - one piece swimming costume - bikinis are not permitted ● We advise against rash vests - please speak to the SENCO if you feel they are necessary ● Flip flops - that the children can put on themselves ● Towel - that the children can put on themselves ● All children are required to wear silicon/plastic swimming hats as it prevents damage to filters in the pool - please speak to the SENCO if you feel an alternative is necessary ● Goggles are optional

- Please note that the yellow tops are no longer a part of our uniform, except for Year R for this academic year. There will be an overlap while the yellow tops are phased out, but please buy any new polo shirts in white only.
- All shirts will now be white, but the polo shirt is for uniform, and the crewneck t-shirt is for PE:



- Summer dresses are now to be green only, although yellow dresses may be worn until the end of the Summer Uniform season in October 2025.
- Items marked with a * are available with the school logo, although items may be purchased with or without the 'East Peckham' logo. If without the logo, they must not include any other logo/printing/message.
- Please can footwear be smart and appropriate for school. Shoes or trainers with parts that light up are not permitted. Boots are not permitted.

Attendance - Changes to the Law since September 2024

As you have previously been made aware, there are Government regulations around attendance which came into force as statutory guidance on 19th August 2024, so changes have affected us since September 2024. We need to bring to your attention the National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence, including unauthorised holiday absence, where further information on how the new rules may affect you can be found by visiting [Working together to improve school attendance – GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance).

Please note that these are Government regulations which the school will act in accordance with. As such, and apologies that I have to draw your attention to this, but please may we kindly remind you that any discontent with these regulations should not be directed towards staff at school. Any aggression directed towards members of staff acting upon this will not be tolerated and will be dealt with in accordance with the Parent Code of Conduct.

Summer Reading Challenge

Please continue to encourage your children to visit the library and participate in the Summer Reading Challenge - we are currently ranked 3rd out of all schools across Tonbridge and Malling! Well done to the 5 children who have already read 6 books - wow!

THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge



Story Garden

Rank	School	2 Books Read	4 Books Read	6 Books Read	% of school medals
1st	Royal Rise Primary School		1	7	3.6%
2nd	Slade Primary School	15	10	12	3.1%
3rd	East Peckham Primary School	17	4	5	2.5%
4th	Mereworth Community Primary School	5		5	2.4%

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!



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	Start of Term 1	Whole school
Friday 5th September	1st Celebration Assembly	Parents welcome
Tuesday 9th September	Year 2 and Year 5 Meet the Teacher @3pm/5pm	Year 2 and Year 5 parents
Wednesday 10th September	Year 1 and Year 4 Meet the Teacher @3pm/5pm	Year 1 and Year 4 parents
Thursday 11th September	Year 3 and Year 6 Meet the Teacher @3pm/5pm	Year 3 and Year 6 parents
Tuesday 30th September	Open Morning	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

Contact us

Headteacher - **Mrs Kate Elliott**
Chair of Governors - **Mrs Katie Bennett**

<https://www.east-peckham.kent.sch.uk/>

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TONBRIDGE ANGELS AND EAST PECKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

MULTI SPORTS AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

KS1: MONDAYS 3:30 - 4:30

KS2: THURSDAYS 3:30 - 4:30

TERM 1 w/c 8th Sept - w/c 17th Oct (6 sessions)

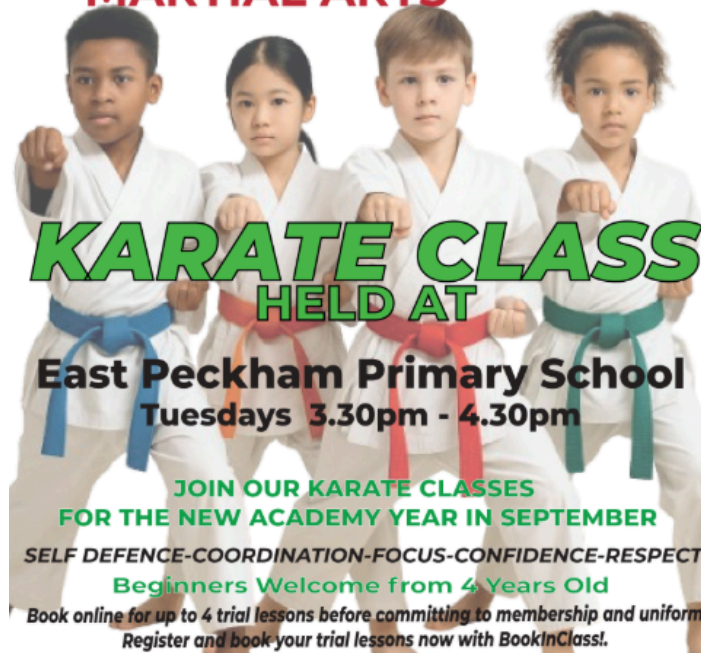
TERM 2 w/c 27th Oct - w/c 12th Dec (7 sessions)

at East Peckham Primary School
130 Pound Rd, East Peckham, Tonbridge TN12 5LH

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SAMA SOUTHEAST MARTIAL ARTS



East Peckham Primary School
Tuesdays 3.30pm - 4.30pm

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FOR THE NEW ACADEMY YEAR IN SEPTEMBER

SELF DEFENCE-COORDINATION-FOCUS-CONFIDENCE-RESPECT

Beginners Welcome from 4 Years Old

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