



East Peckham Primary School

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Newsletter

Term 1 Week 3

Friday 19th September 2025

Dear parents and carers,

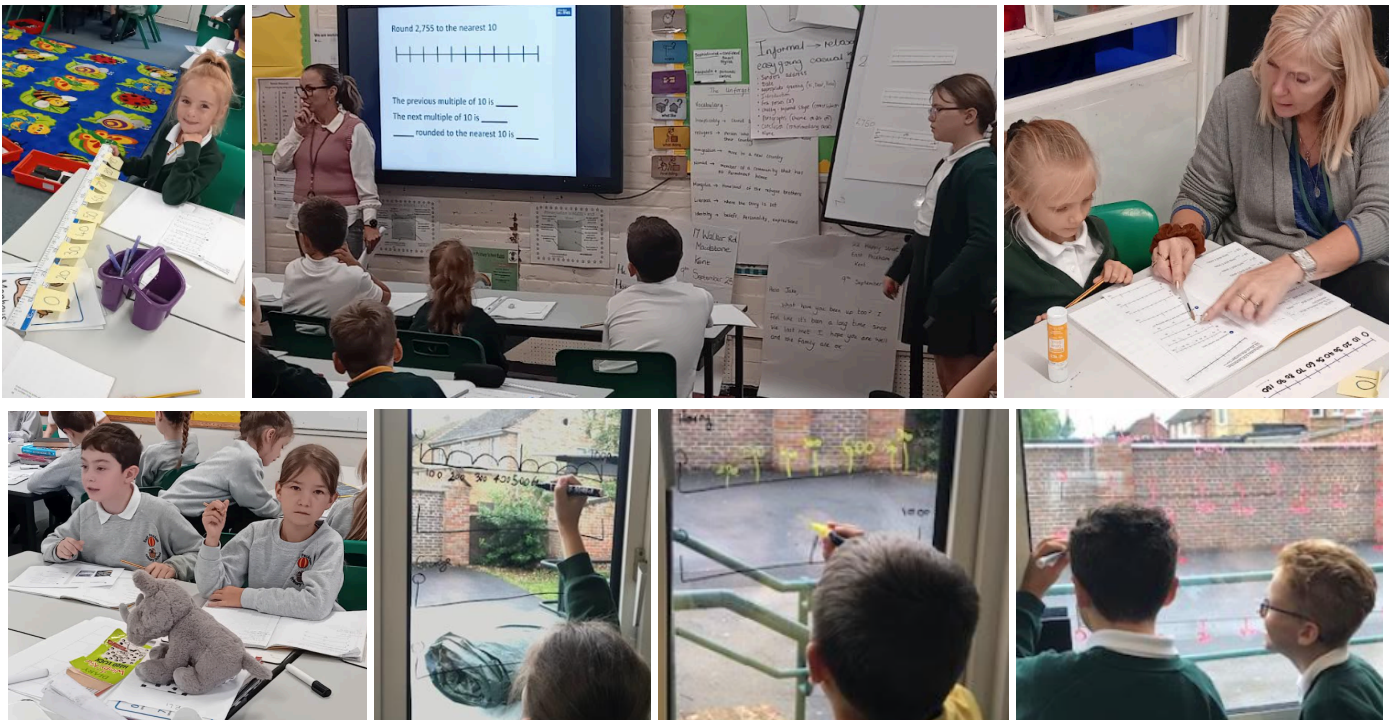
This week, our maths lead Miss Braybrook and I have been wandering the school observing all of the learning that has been taking place in maths. We saw such great engagement, with children using [Numicon](#) equipment to investigate practical maths and really understand concepts in Year 2, and in Year 4 we saw children solving puzzles involving numberlines - which they were drawing on the classroom windows (luckily using pens that are created for drawing on windows!). Maths is notorious for being a subject that is socially accepted as being 'boring' or 'too difficult' - at East Peckham we love maths and want our children to have a positive and enthusiastic relationship with the subject, for it is a fundamental tool for understanding and interacting with the world, enabling logical reasoning, problem-solving, and the development of crucial skills for various future careers. It also fosters mental discipline, analytical thinking, and the ability to predict and interpret - which links to so many other subjects that we learnt at school, such as Science and Design Technology. The participation in the classroom links in perfectly with last week's assembly where I talked to the children about our school improvement priority to 'Use our words...' to describe their learning, including what they have already learnt, why they are learning this and what it will help them to go on and solve. The children were incredibly eloquent, using mathematical vocabulary accurately and reflecting on areas that can be a challenge, as well as confidently expressing knowledge that they know they have. This is one of our improvement objectives that I have tasked our new School Captains with helping me evidence, and it looks like we will have no trouble in finding information to achieve this objective.

We
♥
Maths



Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Elliott



★ Stars of the Week ★

In our Friday Celebration Assembly we have been celebrating children who have shown good listening::

Lemurs	Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Fred M	Axel L	Ruby S	Skylar B	Bradley R	Natty S	Lottie W

Many thanks to **Freya 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%	97%	97%	98%	96%	95%	97%
😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😞	😊

Early Reading Meeting

On Tuesday 30th September, Mrs Richardson will be delivering an 'Early Reading Meeting' for Reception and Year 1 parents. She will be sharing all of the details of our Phonics Scheme ([Little Wandle](#)), and crucially how you can support your child with reading at home. If you are able to come along, please email the [office](#), stating if you can attend the 2:45pm-3:25pm meeting, or the 5:00pm-5:40pm meeting. Notes will also be sent out after the meeting. Please note that a lot of the content is similar to last year, so Year 1 parents are welcome to join for a refresher if they have already attended.

Toy Express Donations

Please find below a message from our Eco Warriors, **Luciana D** and **Eliza LH**:

*Thank you for all of your donations of pre-loved toys. In a world where over 318 million toys are thrown away, mostly to landfill, every year, many of which are made from plastic, it is important that we **reduce, reuse and recycle** whenever we can. Your donation makes a part of the solution. It is a small act with a big impact. Every toy you give is a step towards a cleaner planet. We are still collecting donations but the deadline is Thursday 25th September - so please bring any more pre-loved toys to the office, where your donations will be:*

- Reused by other children
- Donated to families and orphanages in need
- Or responsibly recycled with zero going to landfill.



Thank you for your support!

Library Reading Challenge



Well done to all of the children who completed the Library's Summer Reading Challenge. We handed out over 40 certificates in assembly last week, and also invited children to stand up if they had forgotten or were unable to bring their certificate in. As you are aware, Mrs Portass has been the driver behind engagement in the library service, and she has been keeping a list and can now share that the class with the highest number of certificates was Year 2 - and as a reward they have earned the prize of coming to school in their own clothes on Friday 26th September!

Behaviour Workshops for Parents

We have two upcoming parent workshops, led by the NHS Emotional Wellbeing Team. The first is Understanding Your Child's Behaviour, on Tuesday 14th October, 09:30am - 11:30am. The second is Understanding ADHD in Children, on Thursday 13th November, 09:30am - 11:30am. To sign up please email office@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk marking the email for the attention of Mrs Smith, Pastoral Lead.

Reminder: Harvest Assembly - Friday 3rd October

On Friday 3rd October we would like to invite our parents to our Harvest Assemblies, where every class will be doing a short activity to present, such as singing, a reading or sharing artwork. We will be hosting 2 assemblies so that we can hopefully have enough space to fit everyone into the hall! **The content of both assemblies will be the same**, with the exception of the Reception class only joining the 9:00am assembly. Therefore, to stagger parent attendance, please can we ask that if you have children in YR/1/2 that you attend the 9:00am assembly, and if you have children in Y3/4/5/6 that you only attend the 1:00pm assembly (and obviously if you have children in both, please choose which assembly to attend). Also, if you are unable to attend then please do not worry as we will share photographs in the newsletter that follows. Additionally, as is traditional in a Harvest Assembly, if you are able please could you send the children in with donations of food, preferably those with long shelf-lives, such as tins and packets. We will be waiting on the gate to collect donations as the children arrive.



Reminder: Year 6 Horse Racing Fundraiser



The Year 6 team have started the year with a very exciting fundraising idea - a horse race! We will be turning the playground into a race course and we will be joined by 3 spectacular thoroughbreds, who we have re-named Dashing Duffield, Blazing Braybrook and Ambling Atkins for the event. Slips have been sent home inviting you to donate £1 to bet (donate) on one of the horses for the event. You can also bet (donate) via Arbor. Once the race is finished, we will then select a winner at random from those who bet on (donated via) the winning horse - where there will be a spectacular horse-themed prize! You can always place more than 1 bet to increase your chances of winning - and you can bet on different

horses too! All proceeds from this event will be going to the school. The race itself will be taking place straight after school at 2:00pm on Friday 3rd October, so we would encourage everyone who is picking up to stay behind to watch - it promises to be fun! Apologies in advance if it causes a delay to end of day dismissal.

Please note: As with everything at EPS, we like to create a bit of fun for the children so things are not always as they seem, so please do not be alarmed about animal welfare in this case... but similarly, please do not speculate about the event with the children, including the Year 6s themselves - and I would recommend that you do join us from 1:55pm to get a good spot to watch!

Reminder: Attendance Prize for Term 1

We are very pleased to share that we have been gifted 2 complimentary tickets to [Extreme Robots](#) at Mote Park, Maidstone in October and we will be offering these as attendance prizes this term. The event takes place on the weekend of the 11th/12th October, so we will announce the winner on Friday 3rd October - keep this weekend free in case your child is the winner! If you cannot make it then please do pass on to someone else - it is too good an opportunity to waste! A reminder about how our attendance prizes work - every child who attends for a full week from Monday to Friday will have their name entered into the draw to win. If a child is off, they will still have a chance of re-entering the following week, but obviously the more full weeks of attendance mean more entries into the draw! Good luck - and many thanks to Extreme Robots for their kind donation - and if you want to buy tickets you can get 20% using the details on the flyer at the end of the newsletter.



Reminder: 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 (indoor) and Tuesday (indoor)
Year 2	Monday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor)
Year 3	Wednesday (outdoor) and Thursday (outdoor)
Year 4	Tuesday (outdoor) and Thursday (outdoor)
Year 5	Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)
Year 6	Monday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor)

Reminder: 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

Dates for your diary

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

Friday 26th September	Own clothes day for Year 2 only - Library Challenge winners	Year 2
Tuesday 30th September	Open Morning	Whole school
Tuesday 30th September	Mrs Richardson's Early Reading Presentation @ 2:45pm and 5:00pm	Year R and Year 1 parents
Friday 3rd October	Harvest Assembly - all children will be presenting the same content in both assemblies, except for Reception who will only be in the 9:00 assembly.	9:00 - Parents of children in YR, 1 and 2 1:00 - Parents of children in Y3, 4, 5 and 6
Friday 3rd October	Horse Racing Fundraiser @1:55 in the school field - led by Year 6	Whole school and parents welcome
Tuesday 14th October	Understanding Your Child's Behaviour Workshop @ 09:30am-11:30am. Please email to confirm attendance.	All parents welcome
Friday 17th October	End of Term 1	Whole school

Wednesday 29th October	Start of Term 2	Whole school
Thursday 6th November	Science and Geography Workshop in school - please make payment before 31st October via Arbor	Year 4 and Year 5
Friday 7th November	Remembrance Assembly - led by Year 6 - @9:00	Year 6 parents
Friday 7th November	Remembrance Service outside Holy Trinity Church	All welcome
Thursday 13th November	Understanding ADHD in Children Workshop @ 09:30am-11:30am. Please email to confirm attendance.	All parents welcome
Friday 14th November	Children in Need Fundraiser (<i>Wear something spotty with your school uniform</i>) - led by Year R	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**

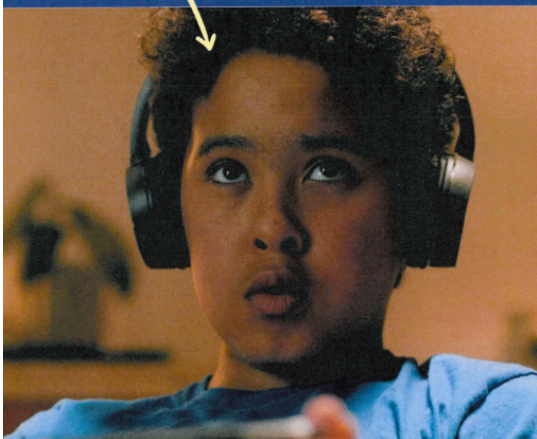
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&
THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER

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