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Newsletter

Term 2 Week 3

Friday 14th November 2025

Dear parents and carers,

This week I have been immensely grateful to our amazing team led by Mr Atkins (seen here participating in a TaskMaster event!), who have kept the school running smoothly in my absence. Due to a very busy week, I have been out quite a lot for a number of meetings (some more interesting than others...), but one of which was quite exciting and I must tell you about it. On Tuesday, I was invited to the Houses of Parliament to attend an APPG on 'Inclusion and Nurture in Education'. I was delighted to talk to MPs and other professionals, where we were championing an inclusive and nurturing education system that ensures our children feel happy and safe. I was so proud to share all that we have achieved here in our school - where we may be small, but we are definitely mighty! I shared anecdotes from children who have benefitted from our interventions, where one Year 6 child perfectly explained that they do not have to do 1:1 work with Mrs Smith anymore - because 'I no longer need it'. Pastoral interventions are timetabled to support when children need them, building strategies in the child so that the adult is no longer required to support - and this assessment of no longer being needed means it has served its purpose. I described the Nurture Hub and the Courtyard (not forgetting that so much support in here is led by the children themselves), explaining the respect that even our youngest children have for the space by using it productively with Mrs Wall nearby, but not necessarily under her watchful eye, as our children have shown that they know how to make the right choices and actions and do not need an adult to always be there to tell them how to do so. All playground staff also continue to use the jigsaw pieces to encourage resolution, but we have already noticed a reduction in incidents as children are being more adept at 'using our words'. Please do be assured though that adults are around, for some children pick up our expected behaviours quicker than others, as is to be expected as we all learn at different rates. There was so much to share - and I hope that the MPs present were listening so that they can be our voice the next time they step into the House of Commons and pass a comment about the direction for education to travel in. My calendar is less busy next week, so I look forward to seeing more of the children, and catching up with you on the gate! Now that is quite a lot about the grown ups - please read on to find out a bit more about what the children have been up to! Wishing you wonderful weekend,



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Wishing you wonderful weekend,

Mrs Elliott

★ Stars of the Week ★

In our Friday Celebration Assembly we have been celebrating children who have been showing kindness:

Lemurs	Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Freddie E	May W	Sofia E	Liza B	Ivy M	Yasmin C	Emmanuel N

Many thanks to **Joe F** 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.

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Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96%	97%	96%	96%	96%	97%	98%
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World Kindness Day



We hope you enjoyed the cakes yesterday - all donated by our kind and generous parents at the request of our Wellbeing Champions, to celebrate World Kindness Day. Many thanks to **Freya D**, **Skye H**, **Scarlett M** and **Sofia P** for supporting Mrs Smith to host this sale - which raised a fantastic £94 - all of which will be spent on the Courtyard. We have also been receiving emails all week about acts of kindness, which include volunteering at the Community Fridge, donating pre-loved toys to an animal hospital - and also more baking to give to family and friends! Please keep sending in your stories and photos of kind acts. We can't wait to read them and those sent by Monday 17th November will also earn a special kindness certificate!

Lemurs Fundraiser for Children in Need

The children had a lot of fun wearing something spotty today - which has already raised £100+, with more donations promised online/after school. Well done Lemurs for coming up with such a great idea!





Maths - TTRS Challenge - England Rocks!

Next week, Key Stage 2 children will have the opportunity to take part in the Times Tables Rockstars competition 'England Rocks'. This is a fun times table challenge against other schools in England where children answer as many questions as possible to score points for their class and school. The competition is open from 18th November until the 20th

November and whilst children will have the chance to play TTRockstars in school to score points, they can also play at home too! We took part in the competition last year and came in the top 75% of schools - which is a good effort for a small 1-form entry school but we are hoping we can score even higher this year!

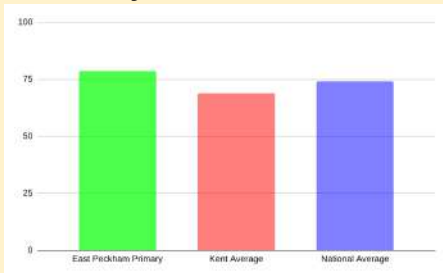
Although Key Stage 1 are unable to join the competition, they have still been enjoying Maths, where the Otters have been using part whole models and counters this week to find number bonds within 10. They have been working so hard - great team work!



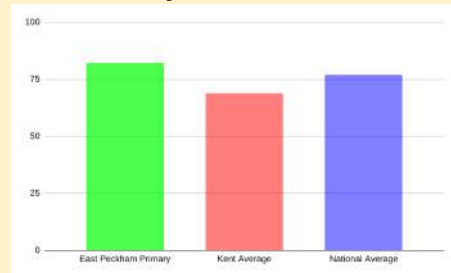
Statutory Assessment Results

The national averages for statutory assessments in 2024-25 have now been published, and as such we can share how fantastically well we have done against local and national outcomes. **Green** is our school, **red** is the Kent average, and **blue** is the national average - all of this information can also be found on our school website.

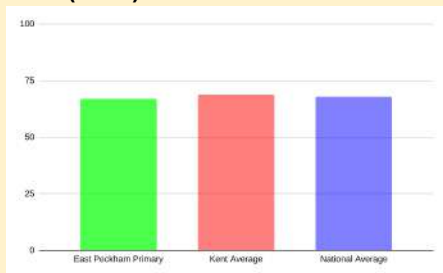
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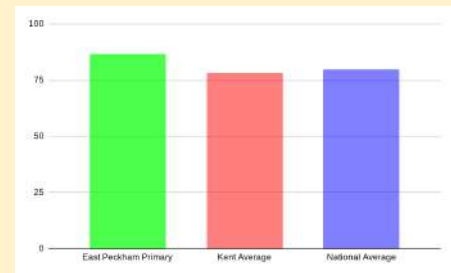
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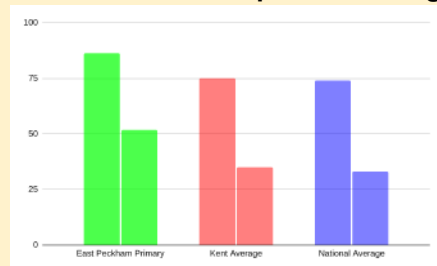
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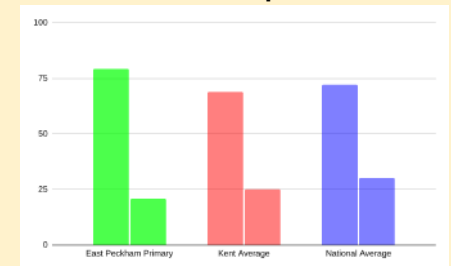
2025 Phonics Assessment - %age of children passing in Year 1:



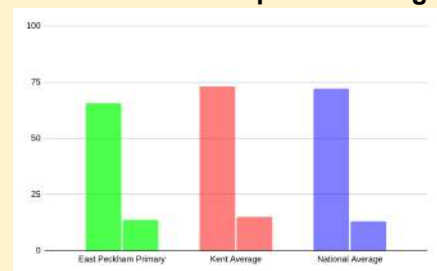
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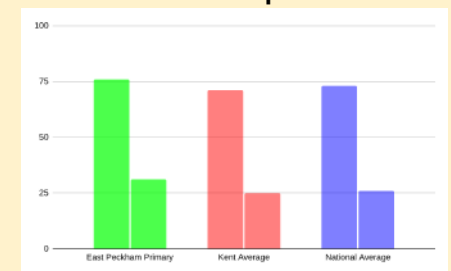
2025 End of Year 6 Assessment - %age of children achieving Age Related Expectations and Greater Depth in GPS:



2025 End of Year 6 Assessment - %age of children achieving Age Related Expectations and Greater Depth in Writing:



2025 End of Year 6 Assessment - %age of children achieving Age Related Expectations and Greater Depth in Maths:



Our School Improvement Plan for this year is linked to 'using our words' to help the children to be able to improve their speaking and listening skills, which in turn will improve their writing skills. New resources, such as our subscription to Spelling Shed >>>>>>>, will all be working to help our children achieve even greater outcomes, because while the children's progress from their starting points is good, we want their level of writing to be even higher as they head into secondary school.

Well done to all of our children for their amazing achievements - many of our youngest learners do not even realise they are being assessed due to the considerate and careful way that our staff administer the tests.



EAST PECKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL'S DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Academic Communication

Use our words to talk about what we're learning.
Helps us with schoolwork.

Year 6 Football @ Tonbridge Angels



Coach Lee has reported that the Year 6s were fantastic at the Tonbridge Angels football tournament. Everyone showed great fight and determination, and for some of the players it was their first experience of competitive football. Together they played with superb teamwork and there were moments of utter brilliance. Well done to **Kieran F, Phoebe G, Jamie K, Mark N, George R, Kyle T, Jason V** and **Sammy W**. There are certificates to be handed out - but they are being posted to the school first - we will let you know when they are to be presented in assembly.

Parking

Please can we remind parents to park courteously around the school at drop-off and collection. We have received a complaint requesting that we pass the message on to you all, reminding you that cars should not be parked on the school markings. Please be reminded that we are permitted to use the Jubilee Hall car park. Many thanks for doing all you can to keep our children safe on their walk to and from school.





The Eco Ambassadors have been doing a great job reminding their teachers to switch off their whiteboard screens and lights when we leave the classroom. Not only is it good for the environment, but it saves the school money too (our School Business Manager, Miss Ray will be pleased!). Thank you so much for all your hard work and gentle reminders!



Reminder: The Christmas Fair needs you!

We are busy organising the Christmas Fair for Saturday 13th December - but we need your help! While we have organised all of the activities and stalls we need some parents support for the tasks below:

Raffle Prizes: If you own/work for/know of a company that would like to donate a raffle prize then please contact the school office. We will happily promote the generosity in our newsletter, Christmas Fair publications and social media. Many thanks in advance. **Many thanks to [Prestige Guarding](#), [The Bush](#), [Blackbird and Thrush](#), [Bogey's Mini-Golf](#), and [Venture Photography](#) who have already donated some fabulous prizes!**

Hampers: We would love for each class to organise their own hamper for us to raffle off as prizes. If a few parents per class would be interested in pulling this together then we would be really grateful. Please email the office to let us know if you are able to help.

Covering Stalls: Although all of the stalls are prepared and resourced we need parent volunteers to run stalls. We will be allocating a stall per class, so please keep an eye on the class WhatsApp group to see if you can lend an hour or two (the whole event runs for only 3 hours).

Selling Raffle Tickets: Raffle tickets will be sent home nearer the time - please encourage sales to all of your friends, family and colleagues! We will let you know the prizes once confirmed (please see the hamper information above!).

Many thanks in advance - and don't forget to save the date!



Reminder: Christmas Arrangements

Please find below the arrangements for all of the Christmas events that will take place later in the term:

Friday 28th November - **Own Clothes Day**

- Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for an item for the Christmas Fair. We are looking for:
 - Bottles
 - Chocolate
- If your child has PE on that day, they do not need to bring in a change of clothes for PE instead the lesson will be adapted accordingly.
- Please make sure that all items of clothing are named.

Saturday 13th December - **Christmas Fair**

- Please join us at the Christmas Fair in the school hall from 12pm-3pm. There will be:
 - Raffle
 - Chocolate/Bottle Tombolas
 - Parent gift room
 - Snowman Alley
 - Teacher Fruit Machine
 - Lucky dips
 - Bake off - more details to follow...
 - Reindeer Hoopla
 - And most importantly, FATHER CHRISTMAS!
- We would be really grateful for any offers of help to cover stalls.
- See information above about help with the raffle.



Monday 15th December - **EYFS/KS1 Nativity - dress rehearsal in-school**

- There will be an in-school dress rehearsal for the other classes to watch. This performance is not for parents. Please can we ask that all children in Years R, 1 and 2 are in school on this day.
- As you are aware, holidays during term-time are never authorised, however if you are planning to not bring your child to school this week, please make sure that you let the school know. Nativity performances are inevitably short of a few children due to winter coughs and colds, but if we are aware of children being absent for holidays then it means we can arrange parts accordingly. Organising a performance for 90 children is challenging enough as it is for the EYFS/KS1 team, so please support us by ensuring we know who will be in attendance.

Tuesday 16th December - **EYFS/KS1 Nativity - younger siblings welcome**

- Parents and family members are invited to watch their children's nativity at **9:15am**.
- It will last for approximately 30-45 minutes.
- Younger siblings are welcome to attend this performance - however if they become restless please can we ask that you step outside so as to not disturb the children while performing.
- If you attend this performance, please can you not also attend the one tomorrow so that we have enough space to fit everyone in the school hall.
- Grandparents and/or extended family are welcome, but please be mindful of our limited hall space.
- You do not need to book places in advance.

Wednesday 17th December - **EYFS/KS1 Nativity - adults only**

- Parents and family members are invited to watch their children's nativity at **2:00pm**.
- It will last for approximately 30-45 minutes.
- Children can be collected and taken home as soon as they are changed back into school uniform.
- Please do not attend this performance if you have already attended yesterday's performance so that we have enough space to fit everyone in the school hall.
- This is an adult-only performance, please do not bring any younger siblings.
- Grandparents and/or extended family are welcome, but please be mindful of our limited hall space.
- You do not need to book places in advance.

Thursday 18th December - **Christmas Dinner while wearing Christmas Jumpers**

- Children are welcome to come to school in a Christmas jumper today (with their own clothes on the bottom half).

- There is no payment required in exchange for wearing a Christmas jumper.
- Christmas dinner will be served today - please order via Arbor (the option on the app may not have changed, but the meal will definitely be Christmas dinner).



Reminder: Carol Singing at The Bush, Blackbird and Thrush

On Tuesday 2nd December the children have been invited to carol sing outside The Bush, Blackbird and Thrush at **6pm** (Bush Road, East Peckham, TN12 5LW). Please arrive from 5:45pm onwards, where we will assemble outside the pub to start singing at 6pm. Parking is limited, so we are likely to be directed to the field around the back - so you may wish to wear wellies and wrap up warm! Please remain with, and responsible for, your children throughout. This is now becoming an annual event and it is so lovely to be a part of - where the children were also treated to some hot chocolate and a sweet treat to keep them warm! Please be warned... there will be parent participation when we sing '12 Days of Christmas'... this is not optional!

Reminder: Attendance Prize for Term 2

We are very pleased to share that we have been gifted a £35 Family Ticket voucher to [Mulligan's Dino Golf](#) in Tonbridge and we will be offering this as an attendance prize, to award at the end of Term 2. 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 Tim at Mulligan's for his kind donation - please do support this local business if you fancy a fun day out in Tonbridge!

Reminder: Wreath Making Workshop - in partnership with JW Floristry



We are very pleased to share that with only 90 days until Christmas (!), [JW Floristry](#) are again supporting the school, by making a donation from every participant in this wreath making workshop. Details are on the flyer or contact Jo directly via jo@jwfloristry.com - and this always proves to be a popular event and it is open to the general public, so do sign up before all of the spaces go!

As with all events, please be courteous of our neighbours when parking and when leaving the site - we will also be opening the school car park for you to use, to ease congestion on the side roads, however please choose to walk if possible. There will not be a bar at this event, so please do bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Reminder: PE

Please find below the dates and times for PE:

	Term 2
	PE
Year R	Formal PE begins later in the year.
Year 1	Monday (indoor) and Tuesday (indoor)
Year 2	Monday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor)
Year 3	Wednesday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor)
Year 4	Wednesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)
Year 5	Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (indoor)
Year 6	Monday (indoor) and Tuesday (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
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

Year 1 and Year 2 will now be collected from Peckham Palace in the playground after the FOSIL session to avoid congestion at pick-up time. We will review this, but thank you for giving it a try.

Dates for your diary

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

Thursday 20th November	Debate at the Mayor's Office	School Captains and Heads of School Council
Thursday 20th November	Kent Test Information Meeting with Mrs Elliott - in person @2:45pm or online @5:00pm - please email the office to confirm attendance	Year 4 and Year 5 parents
Monday 24th November	Individual school photographs	Whole school
Monday 24th November	Year 4 v Hadlow (rescheduled)	Year 4 footballers
Thursday 27th November	Christmas Wreath Making Workshop -	All parents welcome

	please sign up via email to jo@jwfloristry.com	
Friday 28th November	Anti-Bullying Assembly and Workshops	Whole school
Friday 28th November	Own-clothes day - please bring in a bottle or chocolate donation for the Christmas Fair.	Whole school
Friday 28th November	Anti-bullying Workshop and Assemblies	Whole School
Tuesday 2nd December	Christmas Lights Turn On @ The Blackbird, Bush and Thrush	All invited - treats for the children afterwards!
Wednesday 3rd December	NCMP Screening	Year R & 6
Saturday 13th December	Christmas Fair	Whole school
Monday 15th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal in the afternoon - all children to be in school please.	Whole school
Tuesday 16th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity - siblings welcome - 9:15am	EYFS/KS1 parents
Wednesday 17th December	RockSteady concert - am	Parents welcome
Wednesday 17th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity - adults only - 2:00pm	EYFS/KS1 parents
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Dinner Day - children can wear Christmas jumpers too!	Whole school
Friday 19th December	End of Term 2	Whole school
Monday 5th January	Start of Term 3	Whole school
Friday 16th January	Winter Disco (more details to follow)	Whole school
Friday 6th February	Bingo! (more details to follow)	All parents welcome

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/>
01622 871268

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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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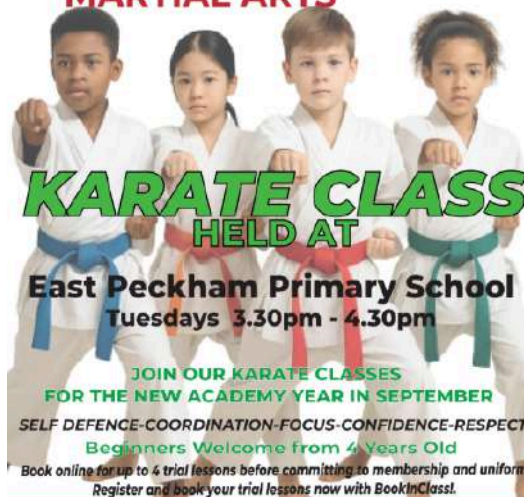


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