



East Peckham Primary School

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Newsletter

Term 2 Week 2

Friday 7th November 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Many thanks to Dolphin Class for leading such an informative yet sensitive assembly this morning. The children shared their research on the history and importance of Remembrance, before beautifully reciting *'In Flanders Fields'* and then personally remembering people who are special to them. It was so moving - we are very proud of you all. Parents, please do join us on Tuesday for a moment of reflection outside Holy Trinity Church just before 11am if you are able to.



Another big thank you goes to our PTA for putting on the spectacular Fireworks event on the weekend. It was so impressive, and organised fantastically by Louise Reynolds (Chair) and Sam Wheeler (Secretary), supported by parent and staff volunteers who helpfully put on their hi-viz jackets to ensure the event could go ahead. The event raised an impressive £2,300+ for the school - a much needed donation which we are intending to put towards improving the bike/scooter storage area - which will support the Eco Warriors' campaign encouraging walking to school.



We are now beginning to organise our Christmas events for the end of Term 2 - and for our new parents please be aware that there are many! So please read all of the newsletter for more information, and keep checking every week in case any changes need to be made. We have added several dates to the 'Dates for your Diary' section, but you will notice that the disco will not be this term, instead we will be having a Winter Disco on Friday 16th January, which has been kindly organised by the Swift family. They are also in the process of organising our next Bingo event, which is pencilled in for Friday 6th February - more information about these events will be shared nearer the time, but save the date for now! If you would also like to host a fundraiser, then please do get in touch.

Wishing you wonderful weekend,

Mrs Elliott

PS Don't forget that there is a Kindness Bake Sale after school on Thursday, and to wear something spotty for the Lemurs Fundraiser for Children in Need on Friday.

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
99%	96%	99%	97%	96%	100%	98%
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Year 6 Remembrance Assembly



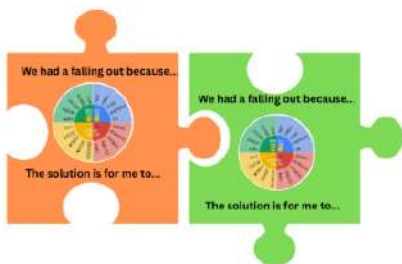
School Improvement and Nurture Principles

This year, our School Improvement Plan centres around the theme 'To Use Our Words'. This focus encourages pupils to recognise the power of communication - to express themselves confidently, understand their emotions, and make a positive difference in our community >>>>

As a Nurture UK school, we are also focusing this term on the nurture principle of 'Feeling Safe'. We began the term by discussing with the children what makes them feel safe in school. They shared many thoughtful ideas and told us they feel happy and secure here. However, the children did identify that most challenges unsurprisingly happen during playtimes, so we've been exploring how the playground differs from the classroom - it's louder, faster, and more energetic - and the children wouldn't want it any other way! We're encouraging pupils to 'use their words' to solve small problems, such as talking to friends if they feel left out, explaining if they have been hurt, or politely asking someone to respect their space.

We want children to develop the confidence and skills to manage playtime positively while knowing adults are always available to help.

To celebrate success, we've introduced *Positive Puzzle Pieces* for pupils who show great communication and kindness. Please talk to your child about how this is going - it is a lifelong skill that will help them both in school and beyond.

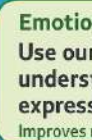


EAST PECKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL'S DEVELOPMENT PLAN



Academic Communication

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



Emotional Literacy

Use our words to understand and express how we feel.
Improves mental health.



Responsible Citizenship

Use our words to be kind and responsible members of our community.
Encourages helping others.

Water bottles and coats

Please can we ask that children are sent in with a fresh water bottle everyday. Since returning for Term 2 we have become aware of many children not having bottles. We do have spare cups in the office for children to borrow, however on a few days this past week we have run out as they have all been handed out. Also, some children have not let us know that they do not have bottles and have therefore gone without water - apologies for this but we are sure you appreciate that we do our best to support when children let us know that they have not brought their water bottle, but we do not check for them.

Similarly, please can children bring coats with them to school - it is better to have a coat and not need it than to not have a coat at all.

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.

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!



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 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 9:15am.
- It will last for approximately 30-45 minutes.
- 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).



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!

Geography Workshops

On Thursday, geography workshops took place for Years 4 and 5. A really fun and creative way to learn about earthquakes, volcanoes and other natural geography events.



Eco News

Meat free Mondays have been a huge success - and have supported our eco campaign!



My favourite on Meat Free Monday is Mac and Cheese - it is delicious!

- Oscar R

I think the meat free pasta is so delicious and you don't need meat!

- Alf R

I love Meat Free Monday because it is really healthy for you and makes you strong!

- Phoebe S

Reminder: World Kindness Day - Thursday 13th November

Thursday 13th November is World Kindness Day. We will be celebrating in school with activities throughout the week, and as well as that our Wellbeing Champions (**Freya D, Skye H, Scarlett M, Sofia P**) have organised a kindness bake sale on the Thursday at the end of school - if the weather is agreeable they will be on sale by the school gates. We would appreciate anyone who can kindly contribute either baked or bought sweet treats on the day - including alternative options for children who are vegan or unable to eat dairy (and as always, no nuts please). All money made will go towards resources for the courtyard, which is our calming outdoor space used during playtimes. And keep an eye out, as there will also be a little challenge handed out with each treat, in the hope we can spread kindness beyond our school and into our local community!



Reminder: Lemurs Fundraiser for Children in Need - Friday 14th November



Lemurs Class have decided that their fundraiser will be in aid of Children in Need. For a £1 donation, children are invited to come to school still wearing their school uniform, but to embellish it with a spotty item. This might be a spotty hair clip, swapping out your polo shirt for a spotty t-shirt or replacing your grey trousers for some spotty leggings. Don't worry if you don't have anything spotty, we will have some spotty stickers in school to hand out too! Please can we ask that children still remain in their school uniform to some extent though - this isn't a complete own clothes day (we have one of those organised for Friday 28th November - keep an eye on upcoming newsletters!). Donations can be made in cash on the gate, or via the 'donation' button in the School Shop on Arbor. All proceeds will be split between Children in Need and the school fund. Many thanks for your support - and well done Lemurs for such a fabulous idea!

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: New Starters 2026

Although we have only just started September 2025 we are already preparing for September 2026! Please find below our flyer for the open mornings and evenings, which has also been shared on FaceBook, so please do share with local groups if you are able. If you are an existing parent, please also sign up for a tour if you would like to have a tour as the school is likely to have changed since you first looked around! As you may be aware, siblings have a higher priority for admissions than other applicants, so if you are a parent with a child due to attend in September 2026 please email the office on office@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk and request a 'Registering Interest Form' so that we can ensure your child is prioritised as a sibling.



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Mornings from 9 until 12: Mon 7th July, Tues 30th Sept, Wed 15th Oct, Thur 27th Nov

Evenings from 5 until 8: Tues 14th Oct, Wed 26th Nov

For children due to start **Reception in September 2026**, to book an appointment for one of our Open Mornings or Evenings, please email us at office@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk or call us on 01622 871268.



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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: Behaviour Workshops for Parents



Following the success of our workshops with the Emotional Wellbeing Team, if of interest then please sign up for the meeting on Understanding ADHD in Children, on Thursday 13th November, 09:30am - 11:30am, via email office@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk marking the email for the attention of Mrs Smith, Pastoral Lead.

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
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

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.

Monday 10th November	Individual school photographs - please wear smart school uniform	Whole school
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Monday 10th November	Football match away v Hadlow.	Year 4 and 5 Footballers
Tuesday 11th November	Remembrance Service outside Holy Trinity Church	All welcome
Thursday 13th November	Year 6 football tournament	Year 6 Footballers
Thursday 13th November	World Kindness Day - cakes on sale after school	Whole school
Thursday 13th November	Understanding ADHD in Children Workshop @ 09:30am-11:30am. Please email to confirm attendance.	All parents welcome
Friday 14th November	World Nursery Rhyme Week Performance @1.45pm	Reception parents
Friday 14th November	Children in Need Fundraiser (<i>Wear something spotty with your school uniform for a recommended £1 donation</i>) - led by Year R	Whole school
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
Thursday 27th November	Christmas Wreath Making Workshop - please sign up via email to jo@jwfloristry.com	All parents welcome
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!
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	EYFS/KS1 parents
Wednesday 17th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity - adults only	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@eastpeckhamprimary.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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EAST PECKHAM PRIMARY'S
Christmas 2025
WREATH EVENING
THURSDAY 27th NOVEMBER
19:00 - 21:00
IN THE SCHOOL HALL
OFFICE ENTRANCE, CHURCH ROAD, TN12 5LH
£38.00 PER PERSON
£3 PER PERSON WILL BE DONATED TO THE SCHOOL
BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS & NIBBLES
CONTACT JO TO BOOK : 07833447217 JO@JWFLORISTRY.COM

NHS North East London H&G Foundation Trust
East Peckham Primary School Parent Workshop
Understanding ADHD in Children
Thursday 13th November at 9.30am-11.30am
Aimed at parents of children in primary school
Do you have **questions about ADHD**? Maybe your child has received a **diagnosis**. Would you like to come and **meet with other parents and carers** and learn about ways to **support your child**?
You are invited to a **workshop about understanding symptoms of ADHD**. We also discuss **helpful strategies that you can use at home** to help support your child.
If you require materials in another language or have any other access needs then please email:
EWandESTenquiries@nel.nhs.uk
We look forward to meeting you.
www.nelft.nhs.uk

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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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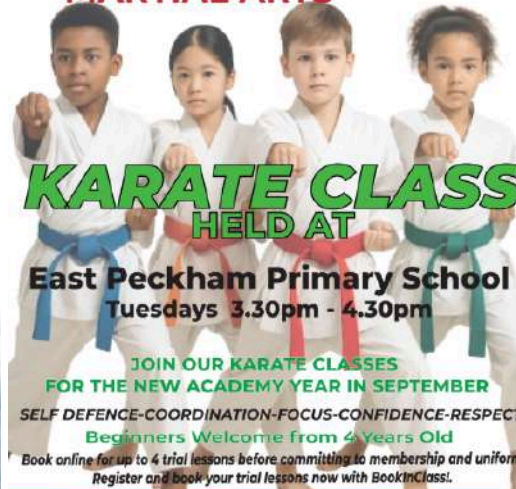


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