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Newsletter

Term 2 Week 4

Friday 21st November 2025

Dear parents and carers,

This week the School Captains (**Scarlett M** and **Lottie W**) helped me to carry out a questionnaire across Years 2-6. It was really useful to hear the pupils' voice about what they feel is successful at our school, and also what they feel we can still improve on - as you know, we love to continue getting better and better! Key messages included making sure we keep our school tidy (so we will be doing a lot of work about looking after our school - as I am afraid that the children's suggestion of having cleaners during the day is not practical and it is good for the children to be responsible for tidying up after themselves!), and also to make sure that we continue to refresh our playground offer to keep us safe from bumps and falls - for which Mr Atkins has a plan which we hope to share with you in the coming weeks. There were many, many positives in the feedback, including just how much the children enjoy being here and appreciate all of the things that we do. Our School Captains and our Heads of School Council (**Natalie B** and **Savanna W**) were also using their voices at the Mayor's Debate on Thursday, where they spoke on behalf of the School Council representatives in all classes on debates linked to Grammar Schools, uniform and term-time holidays. Well done to the children who spoke so eloquently - and you can find the outcome to the votes below!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of the parents, families and friends of the school who have stepped forward to donate prizes to the Christmas Fair - we have been truly humbled! Please read details below about what can be won, and who they have been generously donated by.

Wishing you wonderful weekend,



Mrs Elliott

★ Stars of the Week ★

In our Friday Celebration Assembly we have been celebrating children who have been showing pride in their achievements:

Lemurs	Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Harry S	Zack S	Bella P	Joey T	Jude K	Zachary P	George R

Many thanks to **Luciana 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
97%	97%	95%	98%	96%	99%	98%
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EYFS Nursery Rhyme Singing

Last Friday our amazing Lemurs celebrated World Nursery Rhyme Week and invited their parents into school to see them confidently perform nursery rhymes. They had spent time learning all of the words by heart and the actions too - can you guess which rhymes they were singing?! Many thanks to Mrs Richardson and Miss Tait for putting this event on.



Mayor's Debate



Please find below the titles of the debate, as well as the *outcomes*:

- Should we have Grammar Schools?
 - Yes - 68%, No - 32%
- Should all primary school children wear uniform?
 - Yes - 68%%, No - 32%%
- Should parents be allowed to take their children on holiday during term time?
 - Yes - 52%, No - 48%

While it was great to hear the children's views on these debates, the decisions still sit with central Government, as such please can we continue to request that holidays are not taken during term-time! Many thanks to the Mayor's office for giving the children this opportunity.



Raffle Prizes

Please click on the images below to open a link to find out more:

£100 M&S Voucher from



Meal Voucher from

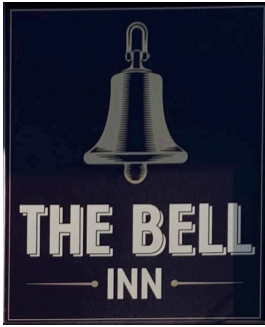
Bush, Blackbird & Thrush

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Voucher (tbc) from



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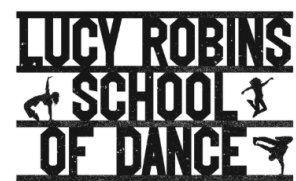
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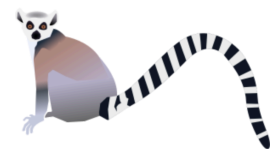
6 week dance class voucher from



Wellness voucher from



Voucher (tbd) from



★ Lemurs Class ★ Hamper -
Many thanks to Mrs Dunlop for
organising



★ **Meerkats Class** ★ **Hamper** -
Many thanks to Mrs Moore for
organising



★ **Rhinos Class** ★ **Hamper** -
Many thanks to Mrs Reynolds for
organising



★ **Penguin Class** ★ **Hamper** -
Many thank to Mrs Kerton for
organising

We have not been contacted by a parent from Otters, Lions or Dolphins yet - please let us know who is leading the hamper so that we can thank you in the newsletter!

We will also be having a non-uniform day on Friday 28th November (**a week today**) in exchange for a donation of a bottle or chocolate for the Christmas Fair - many thanks in advance!

Using Our Words - Interviews for the Podcast

This week, Mrs Duffield and the podcasting team have been interviewing children about what they have been learning in school. They will be editing the contributions and releasing the podcast soon. There were so many children eager to share their experiences that we will endeavour to share an item in regular newsletters from different children where they can explain what they have been learning in specific subjects each week. This week we have heard from the children below:

Summer, Poppy, Jasper and Fred (YR) - *talking about The Three Little Pigs and why they love Forest School*

George and Elliott (Y1) - *explaining that Antarctica is a desert!*

Ronnie, Rosa, Flo and Marnie (Y2) - *talking all about their Science experiment which involves building a chair out of cardboard*

Joey, Thomas, Gianna and Murphy (Y3) - *beautifully describing their English writing*

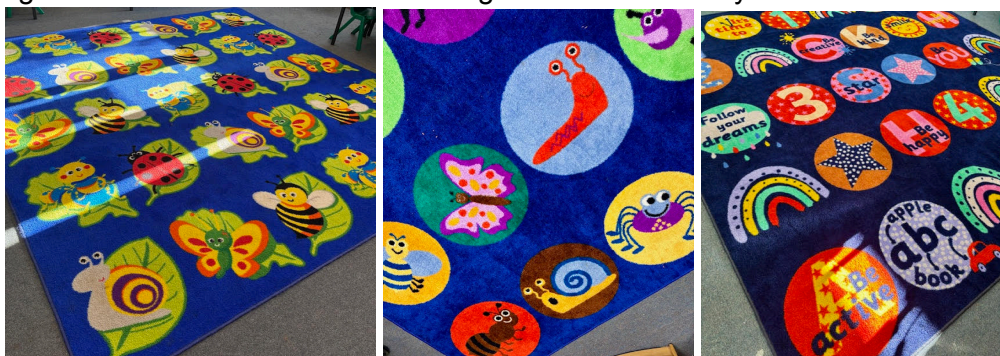
Flo, Oscar and Jemima (Y4) - *chatting about their 7 times tables in Maths*

Juniper, Marshall and Isabelle (Y5) - *explaining their explosive art lessons and how mountains are formed in Geography*



Muddy shoes!

A plea from the teachers in Lemurs, Otters and Meerkats - please can children be discouraged from walking through the mud on their way to school. These classes start the day by sitting on the carpet, and they are currently wiping the sides of their muddy shoes on their clothes as they cross their legs (and it is also dirtying our brand new sitting carpets - see them below!). Please can we encourage keeping to the path, or changing their shoes before their cross the gate to school. Many thanks!



School Photographs - MONDAY

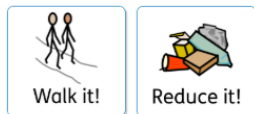
The re-scheduled individual photographs will be taking place on Monday 24th November (good health permitting!) - so please send children into school wearing smart school uniform. As shared before, if they have PE then please just ensure they have PE uniform from the waist down (as this will not be seen in the photograph!). Alternatively, they can change their outfit if that would make them more comfortable.

End of Day Collection

As we are sure you appreciate, schools are very busy places. When we get messages throughout the day about changes to collection arrangements we will always do our best to get the message to the relevant staff in the classroom as soon as possible. However, at times admin staff are committed to remaining in the office due to incidents such as dealing with unwell children, and likewise staff in the classroom do not sit at a computer ready to receive online messages from the office - they are understandably mobile while teaching your children. As such, at collection if a member of staff is unsure if a child should be going home with a different adult (even if this is an adult that they have gone home with before), our policy is to always hold on to the child until we have checked that this information is correct. While we appreciate that there may be an inconvenience in having to wait for us to dismiss the rest of the class and then for you to have to wait while the staff member verifies the collection arrangements, this is always a better option than sending a child home with the wrong person. **As such, unfortunately I must state that abuse to staff at collection, or in communication with the office will not be tolerated.** To facilitate a smoother pick up, if you have any adult who regularly collects your child then please add them to the safe collection list on Arbor. Similarly, please try to make collection arrangements as soon as possible, as sometimes changes of plan are being communicated to the office at the very end of the day. Many thanks for your understanding, but I must state that **the safety of the children is our priority.**

Eco News

We will...



This week the Eco Warriors and their Ambassadors held their second meeting. During this meeting Mrs Sutcliffe announced that Spec Savers had donated 20 Hi Viz jackets for the Eco Warriors to use when they are litter picking the school grounds. The Eco Warriors immediately got to work and we took some photographs of their hard work. We are so proud of their fantastic efforts to make a difference in our school.

Also, as a part of gaining our Green Flag award the children talked about creating an Eco Code for our school. After a lot of discussion we decided upon 'Bin it, Save it!, Grow it! , Walk it!, Reduce it!' Have a look at our new posters! These will be put up around the school to remind everyone of our responsibility to protect the environment.

Reminder: 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.



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. [See above for a fantastic update!](#)

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. [See above for a fantastic update!](#)

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).

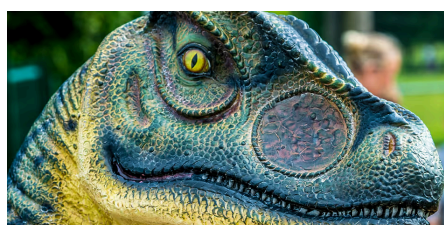


Reminder: Carol Singing at The Bush, Blackbird and Thrush

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

The logo for Mulligan's, featuring the word "MULLIGANS." in a white, stylized, hand-drawn font on a black rectangular background.

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: 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
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 24th November	Individual school photographs	Whole school
Monday 24th November	Year 5 v Hadlow (rescheduled)	Year 5 footballers
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 - no Celebration Assembly as the hall will be in use	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**

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