



East Peckham Primary School

To know more, do more, remember more

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 5

Friday 28th November 2025

Dear parents and carers,

As you know, feedback from the children is very important to us. After our lessons we ask the children to self-evaluate, explaining the impact that it has had on their learning. We use the 'BCC' system, where children circle one of the letters where:

- **B** = Building our Learning - which means we are at the early stages and still require some support to progress.
- **C** = Challenging our Thinking - which means we have understood and are working towards mastery of the content.
- **C** = Creating our Future - where children have enjoyed and achieved the lesson to the point that they are working in the discipline of the subject, such as a mathematician, artist or scientist.

Miss Braybrook was over the moon when one of her class self-evaluated, and created their own feedback - such high praise for one of her fantastic maths lessons! It was also lovely to see how much pride the Year 3 children took in reading the stories that they had written to the Year 2s - take a look at the photos below.

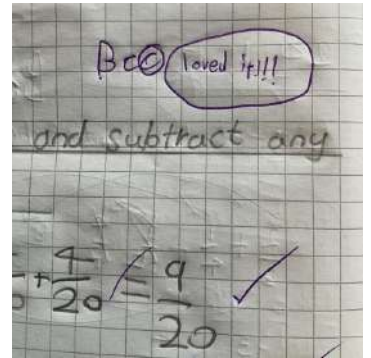
Many thanks for all of the contributions towards the bottle tombola and the chocolate tombola today - we will have some amazing prizes to be won at the fair on the 13th December. Also, the Christmas raffle contributions continue to be sent in, where we now

have the addition of a £100 voucher from [T&C Engineering and Maintenance](#), a carvery meal for 4 at [Brookers Oast](#) and a 30-minute helicopter ride over Kent/East Sussex, with thanks to <https://www.a2bhelicharters.co.uk/> - wow! Raffle tickets will be coming home from today, so please do sell them to family and friends - and more are available in the school office if required. As always, there is no obligation to purchase, but we do appreciate it if you can as all funds go to the school.

I look forward to seeing those who can join me at The Bush, Blackbird and Thrush on Tuesday for Carol Singing - no need to notify in advance - please just wrap up warm and come along to join in with the singing,

before enjoying a treat that the team are happy to provide.

Wishing you wonderful weekend,



Mrs Elliott



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.

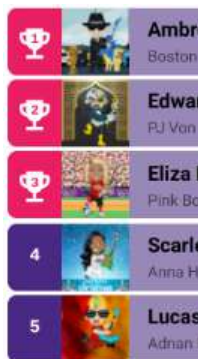
Lemurs	Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94%	99%	99%	94%	96%	100%	98%
😞	😊	😊	😞	😊	😊	😊

Year 6 Parliament Week

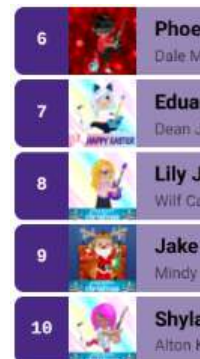
Please read a note from **Natalie B** and **Savanna W** - our Heads of School Council: Year 6 took part in UK Parliament Week during their class assembly on Wednesday. We learnt about democracy, how Parliament works and who represents us. We then formed our own 'political parties' and came up with one policy each that we felt would make people's lives better. These included; helping the homeless and elderly, doing more to protect sea life, putting more money into schools, hospitals and the emergency services, putting more staff into primary schools to help children, and making medicines free for all people at the pharmacy. We all voted democratically, using ballot papers and the party with the most votes was the Purple Party - they made a very convincing argument about protecting sea life. We are now really excited for our trip to the Houses of Parliament next month!



TTRS Competition



Last week our Key Stage 2 children took part in the 'England Rocks' times table competition. 4456 schools took part in this challenge and our children put in an incredible effort. There was a real buzz of excitement in the classrooms with children keen to know each day how well our school was doing (and whether they had managed to make their way a bit further up the school leaderboard!) The hard work and effort put in by the children definitely paid off as this year we managed to finish 1124 - putting us in the top 25% of schools taking part - which is not only a fantastic achievement, but also a huge improvement on our participation last year. Well done to everyone - we are really proud of you! A special well done to our top 10 children (apologies that we have had to cut the



names slightly to avoid showing surnames in the newsletter) - we will be awarding them with certificates to celebrate in assembly next week - parents are very welcome .

Anti-Bullying Workshops

This week, the school invited in OpenView Education to put on a wonderful show for the children. OpenView Education is an associate member of Anti-Bullying Alliance where they visit and reach over 150,000 children of all ages a year. They have spent Friday with the children completing a performance and workshop showing children how they can be kind and caring with their words and actions to create a better place for all. The children loved Elsa, the performer from OpenView Education, who put on a spectacular show in the hall before moving on to immersive role-play workshops with children. They loved, they laughed and they learned a great many new things which we hope will support the children on their journey through East Peckham School and beyond.



Year 5 Football v Hadlow

It was an action-packed afternoon of Year 5 football on Monday against Hadlow Primary School, with two exciting matches showcasing great teamwork, determination, and plenty of goals. The first fixture ended 3–1 after a closely contested game. Both sides started confidently, creating good chances, but the eventual winners edged ahead with a well-constructed opening goal. An equaliser early in the second half set up a competitive spell of play, but a powerful strike restored the lead before a late counter attacking goal secured the 3–1 win for East Peckham. The second match provided even more goals, finishing 5–2 - another East Peckham win! A quick start saw two early strikes set the tone, though the opposition battled back with a well-worked goal before half-time. The second half delivered end-to-end action, with two further goals extending the advantage. A determined effort from the trailing side brought the score to 4–2, but a final late finish rounded off the game at 5–2. Across both matches, players showed excellent sportsmanship, teamwork, and enthusiasm, making it a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon of football for everyone involved (match report by Mrs Askew). Congratulations to **Ambrose A, Sidney G, Tommy H, Jack L, Zachary P, Eddie R, Mila S, Natty S, Jake S, Marshall T, Harry W, Tommy W, Josh W** and **Thomas W**.



Year 6 Football v Mereworth



The team did extremely well and should be proud of themselves. Some of the team had never played a match before and we did not have any subs, so they had to be on top form for the entire match. After going a goal down in the 1st minute they didn't let their heads drop and all rallied together. They got stronger and stronger and worked their socks off. Phoebe took a free kick deep in her own half and scored a rocket to equalise. The team battled on with strong tackles and good passing. Unfortunately the cost of not having any subs took its toll and the team started to tire, ending in a loss due to a few late goals - but it does not take away from the fantastic effort that they all displayed. Sammy has only just started

playing competitively and looked a natural where he went on to win the player of the match medal. Congratulations to **Kieran F, Phoebe G, Jamie K, Mark N, George R, Kyle T** and **Sammy W**. Many, many thanks to **Mr King** for being the coach - and for writing the match report!

Using Our Words

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:

Joe F (Y6) - We learnt a cool method in maths to add and subtract fractions which made it easy.

Ambrose (Y5) - In English we are reading *The Explorer* and I am enjoying it.

Laura L (Y4) - We learnt how to say 'I am able to...' in French and then add things like dance, sing and play. *Je sais danser!*

Rosa T (Y2) - In Science, we have been learning about how many teeth we have and what they do.

Harriet S (Y1) - In Geography we are learning about what is different and not different between Arctic and Antarctica.

**EAST PECKHAM
PRIMARY SCHOOL'S
DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

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

The graphic features a cartoon boy with a book character and an arrow pointing to the text.

Thank you SpecSavers!



Many thanks to SpecSavers for their donation of Hi-Viz jackets to the school. Our Eco Ambassadors wore these when picking up litter! We are hoping to host a litter pick in the local community soon - keep an eye on future newsletters for more details - and please do offer to help if you are available to.



Eco News



WE NEED YOU! One of our Eco Ambassadors has been taking her responsibilities very seriously, where she created her very own poster to promote our pre-loved Christmas jumper appeal! The Eco Warriors then took the poster around the school to actively promote our upcoming event. Thank you so much for your dedication to our Eco mission.

Sadly, our Eco appeal has not been too successful so far. We are really appealing to everyone to check their cupboards for any Christmas jumpers that you would be happy to donate to our appeal. We would be so grateful.



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.

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. The parents helpers so far are:

- Year R - Lemurs - Robine Dunlop
- Year 1 - Otters - Vanessa Hook
- Year 2 - Meerkats - Rachael Moore
- Year 3 - Rhinos - Louise Reynolds
- Year 4 - Penguins - Chloe Kerton
- Year 5 - Lions - Sally Swift
- Year 6 - *** no offer of help yet ***

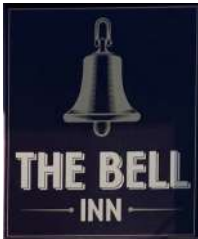
Covering Stalls: Although all of the stalls are prepared and resourced we need parent volunteers to run stalls. We will be allocating a stall per class, so please keep an eye on the class WhatsApp group to see if you can lend an hour or two (the whole event runs for only 3 hours).

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!



Many thanks to our Raffle donators:



West Kent Shooting School



Reminder: Christmas Arrangements

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

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: 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)

Dates for your diary

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

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@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk

Contact us

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

<https://www.east-peckham.kent.sch.uk/>
01622 871268

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 5UH
BOOK HERE
£5 per session (termly booking)

SAMA SOUTHEAST MARTIAL ARTS
KARATE CLASS
HELD AT
East Peckham Primary School
Tuesdays 3.30pm - 4.30pm
JOIN OUR KARATE CLASSES FOR THE NEW ACADEMY YEAR IN SEPTEMBER
SELF-DEFENCE - COORDINATION - FOCUS - CONFIDENCE - RESPECT
Beginners Welcome from 5 Years Old
Book online before it is too late! Book online before it is too late! Book online before it is too late!
Regular sessions every week starting from 8th September
Limited Space available class needs to be pre-booked!
SAMASOUTHEAST.CO.UK / SAMAKARATE.COM
0333 444 5100

MULLIGANS
ROARING FAMILY FUN
PUTT YOUR WAY THROUGH PREHISTORIC LANDSCAPE & MEET SOME DINOSAUR FRIENDS ALONG THE WAY!
THE PERFECT PLACE TO ENJOY SOME QUALITY TIME WITH THE FAMILY AND GET SOME FRESH AIR!
T: 01732 969223 | W: MRMULLIGAN.COM/TONBRIDGE
AL CAMDON LANE, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 1PP

UEPF LICENSED COACHING
AGES 4-13
MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER 9AM - 3PM
&
TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER
£25 PER BOY / £10 PER GIRL
CHRISTMAS SUPER CUP
HUGH CHRISTIE SCHOOL
SPORTS HALL
TONBRIDGE
KENT
TN11 4PU
CALL LEE ON 07837 996183