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Newsletter

Term 3 Week 1

Friday 9th January 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful winter break - it has been great to see the children returning to school refreshed and ready for Term 3. There has already been a lot of activity, including a workshop for our youngest classes - so please read through to the end of the newsletter to find out more, and to also add events from our 'Dates for your Diary' section to your new 2026 calendars!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Elliott



★ Stars of the Week ★

In our Friday Celebration Assembly we have been celebrating children who have been taking time to understand each other:

Lemurs	Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Ada P	Saskia P	Allana R	Penelope C	Rose R	Ryan K	Kyle T

Many thanks to **Kyle T** 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%	97%	96%	96%	95%	95%
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PTA AGM - Wednesday 14th January @ 7pm

The PTA AGM meeting will be taking place next week on Wednesday 14th January at 7pm in The Village Wine Bar. You may attend virtually if you are unable to do so in person (link will be shared via email). Please join to find out about the amazing events and fundraising that has taken place, as well as what is coming up in 2026. We are so grateful to our phenomenal PTA - they make a huge difference to your children's school experience. Every parent is a member of the PTA, and your involvement can be as little or as much as you make it - but please do get involved!



Soft Landings - Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th January



We hope the children enjoyed the soft landings this week. Opening a little earlier meant that the children had time to enjoy a small breakfast while catching up with friends. There was a lot of chatter about the holidays, and the children were then prepared and ready to start learning. We are now returning to normal opening times, so please be reminded that the gate **opens at 8:30am** and **closes at 8:40am** - having stood outside for 30 minutes in minus temperatures for our soft landings this week, please can I politely request that I get to close the gate promptly from now on! 🤖

ZooLab for Lemurs and Otters

Reception and Year 1 had a fantastic start to Term 3 with a visit from Zoolab! The children were so calm and gentle with the animals, it was lovely to see. They learnt that millipedes have more than one brain, and snails have thousands of teeth! This visit has really helped to kick start their learning of animal life cycles, classification and caring for living things.



Winter Disco

The sign-up for next week's Winter Disco is now open on Arbor - details below:

- Years R, 1 and 2 will have their disco at 2:15-3:15.
 - Please make a £2 payment to attend the disco via Arbor. Payment also provides consent.
 - We will keep children in school until the disco begins - so please send children in with their disco clothes to change into in the afternoon.
 - During the disco the children will be given a drink and a snack.
 - Please collect from the normal school gate.
 - Any children in Years R, 1 and 2 who are not going to the disco can be collected as normal.
- Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have their disco at 3:30-4:30.
 - Please make a £2 payment to attend the disco via Arbor. Payment also provides consent.
 - Please can children leave school as normal at 2:00, then return to the office/car park side of the school to enter.
 - During the disco the children will be given a drink and a snack.
 - Please collect from the normal school gate.
 - If you are giving permission for Year 5 and 6 children to walk home alone, please email the school directly.



We would really appreciate some parent help for this event - if you are able to lend a hand then please email the office on office@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk

Year 6 History

This week Dolphins Class has started their history learning with a little piece of drama. This term we are studying the story of the Trojan Horse. And what better way to learn, than to act out the dramatic events - complete with our own Trojan Horse!



Report Feedback

Many thanks to everyone who provided feedback about the report format - we are so pleased to hear that you feel we communicate well, which agrees with our benchmarking against how other schools report to parents too. We will now make a few amends ahead of the next reports in the summer. One piece of feedback was that parents felt reporting on attendance was unnecessary - unfortunately schools do have a statutory duty under Section 537A of the Education Act 1996 and the Education Regulations 2013 to share attendance data with parents including planning regular communications to inform parents about their child's absence patterns. Many thanks for your understanding.

Attendance Prize for Term 3

We are very pleased to share that we have been gifted a £10 and a £5 multi-purpose retail voucher from Verian, a company who we have supported with educational research. We will be offering these as 2 attendance prizes, to award at the end of Term 3. 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!



Emotional Wellbeing Parent Workshops

The NHS Emotional Wellbeing Team will be running two parent workshops here in school over the next two terms:

- Me and My Child: Understanding Resilience - Tuesday 20th January, 09:30am - 11:00am
 - Supporting Your Child with Worries and Fears - Monday 16th March, 09:30am - 11:00am
- To find out more and secure your place, please email office@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk, FAO Mrs Smith.

The image shows two posters for parent workshops. The left poster is for East Peckham Primary School, titled "Me and My Child: Understanding Resilience", scheduled for Tuesday 20th January from 9:30am to 11am. The right poster is for East Peckham School, titled "Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears", scheduled for Monday 16th March from 9:30am to 11am. Both posters feature the NHS logo, the Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams logo, and contact information for booking. The posters are decorated with a honeycomb pattern and small icons of a smiley face and a hand holding a heart.

East Peckham Primary School Workshop

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

Me and My Child: Understanding Resilience
Tuesday 20th January 9.30am - 11am

Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers to reflect and generate ideas of how you can be a positive role model of resilience for your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding resilience and its importance in your child's development. It will help you to consider factors which can help to build your child's resilience in the context of caring relationships.

To book your place, please email: office@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk

If you require materials in another language or have any other access needs then please email: EWTanESTenquiries@neft.nhs.uk

We look forward to meeting you.

East Peckham School Parent Workshop

Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears
Monday 16th March 9.30am - 11am

Are your child's worries and fears starting to impact their day to day life? Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your children so they can manage their concerns and enjoy themselves more?

You are invited to a workshop which focuses on understanding what anxiety is, the symptoms you may notice in your child and some techniques to help manage this anxiety.

To book your place, please email: office@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk

If you require materials in another language or have any other access needs then please email: EWTanESTenquiries@neft.nhs.uk

Using Our Words

What have you been learning about this week?

Zachary G (Year R) - I have been learning about creatures. They have different things to people, like having wings and we don't have wings. My favourite creature was the corn snake and I held it.

Nellie S and Clara R (Year 1) - In Science we have been learning about flowers and how they grow. When they get bigger, the stem gets stronger and it needs water, the soil and the sun to survive.

Flo N and Mia SN (Year 4) - We have been multiplying by 10 and 100, practising our multiplying skills with place value charts and counters.



Eco News

Our Eco Warriors are very excited to continue our Eco journey this term. **Eliza LH** and **Dottie P** have already been asking when our next meeting will be! Our next projects include our Walk and Wheels on Wednesday initiative, promoting a more environmentally friendly way to get to school of walking, cycling and scooting (but not car wheels!), as well as a community litter pick on Friday 20th March. More details to follow. Our next Eco meeting will be held next week where we will be thinking about how to spend the money raised by our Eco Xmas jumper stall at the Christmas Fair. So lots to be getting on with!

Reminder: Clubs for Term 3 and Term 4

All clubs are available for you to sign up for via Arbor. If you are unable to sign up for a club then it means that it is full - so please email the office to be added to a waiting list. **Unless indicated, clubs led by members of staff run starting week beginning 12/01 and end in the week beginning 23/03.** For clubs that you sign up for by booking directly with the organiser, please follow their guidance for when they will run. **The clubs highlighted are now full.**

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Years R-2 - Film Club with Mrs Sutcliffe • Years 2-6 - East Peckham TaskMaster with Mr Atkins and Mrs Duffield • <u>External</u> - Year R-2 - Multi-Sports - please book directly via the QR code on the flyer at the end of the newsletter. If numbers are low this may not go ahead.
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phonics Club @ 8.10am with Mrs Sinden (invite only) • Years 1-2 cooking club with Mrs Stenning* (further information at the bottom) • Years 3-6 - Drawing club with Mrs Bawden
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>External</u> - Year 4-6 - Football Club with Lee - please book directly via lccoaching18@gmail.com
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Years R-3 - Mindfulness Singing and Colouring with Mrs Gardiner • Years 3-6 - Creative Play Club with Mrs Richardson • <u>External</u> - Year 3-6 - Multi-Sports - please book directly via the QR code on the flyer at the end of the newsletter. If numbers are low this may not go ahead. • Year 6 (invite only) - Podcast Club with Mrs Duffield
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>External</u> - Year R-3 - Football Club with Lee - please book directly via lccoaching18@gmail.com

*Cooking club has a cost of £3 per child for resources, the term will be split into 2x 5-week groups. Please take note of which dates you sign up for.

Reminder: PE for Term 3

Please wear PE kit on these days - please be reminded that trainers need to be appropriate for sport, and that hoodies and zip-up tops are not permitted for health and safety reasons. Any questions then please speak to Mrs Askew, PE lead.

Term 3 PE	
Year R	Formal PE begins later in the year.
Year 1	Monday (indoor) and Tuesday (indoor)
Year 2	Monday (outdoor) and Friday (outdoor)
Year 3	Wednesday (indoor) and Thursday (indoor)
Year 4	Wednesday (indoor) and Thursday (indoor)
Year 5	Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (indoor)t
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
19th January 2026	Year 3 / Year 5	Year 1	Year R
26th January 2026	Year 4 / Year 6	Year 2	Year R
2nd February 2026	Year 3 / Year 5	Year 1	Year R
9th February 2026	Year 4 / Year 6	Year 2	Year R
End of Term 3 - Start of Term 4			
23rd February 2026	Year 3 / Year 5	Year 1	Year R
2nd March 2026	Year 4 / Year 6	Year 2	Year R
9th March 2026	Year 3 / Year 5	Year 1	Year R
16th March 2026	Year 4 / Year 6	Year 2	Year R
23rd March 2026	Year 3 / Year 5	Year 1	Year R
30th March 2026	Year 4 / Year 6	Year 2	Year R

Dates for your diary

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

Wednesday 14th January	PTA AGM at The Wine Bar - 7pm-8pm	All parents welcome
Friday 16th January	Winter Disco	Whole school
Tuesday 20th January	Christian group visit to lead assembly	Whole school
Friday 6th February	Bingo! (more details to follow)	All parents welcome
Friday 13th February	End of term bake sale - would a parent/class please volunteer to lead.	Whole school
Friday 13th February	End of Term 3	Whole school
Monday 23rd February	Start of Term 4	Whole school
Monday 23rd February	Young Voices at the O2	Choir
23rd-26th February	Book Fair 3.30-4.15pm	Whole school
Monday 2nd March	Book Week	Whole school
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day	Whole school
Tuesday 10th March	The Art of Brilliance Wellbeing Workshops	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
Friday 13th March	Mother's Day Event - details tbc	Whole school
Friday 20th March	Year 5 Assembly	Year 5 parents welcome
Friday 20th March	Eco Warriors Litter Pick	Eco Warriors and Eco Ambassadors
Wednesday 25th March	EPS Awards	EPS Award winners
Thursday 26th March	East Peckham's Got Talent	Whole school welcome
Friday 27th March	Y 1/2 Fundraiser for KSS Air Ambulance	Whole school
Wednesday 1st April	Parent Consultations	Whole school
Thursday 2nd April	End of Term 4 - please note Friday is a Bank Holiday when school will be closed	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@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk

Contact us

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

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NEW East Peckham Men's Shed
Start-up Meeting

Date:
Wednesday
28 January
1-3pm

Venue:
Jubilee Hall,
Pipoin Road,
East Peckham
TN12 5BT

We are pleased to launch a new men's shed with community funding - and you're invited to our first coffee afternoon!

Men's Sheds bring people together to make, repair and repurpose while supporting local neighbourhood projects.

Whether you have skills to share or simply want to learn, we'd love to see you. No tools needed - we just want to meet people interested in getting involved!

Find out more...
E: active.communities@tmactive.co.uk
W: menssheds.org.uk

UK MEN'S SHEDS | EAST PECKHAM | active communities | Tonbridge & Malling Leisure Trust | TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL



Online Parent Workshops

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Understanding your Child's Behaviour

19/01/2026 10:30 -12:30pm

[Understanding Your Child's Behaviour | Meeting Join | Microsoft Teams](#)



Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears

02/02/2026 10:30 -12:30pm

[Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears | Meeting Join | Microsoft Teams](#)



Autism and Sleep

09/03/2026 12:30 - 13:30pm

[Autism and Sleep | Meeting Join | Microsoft Teams](#)



Understanding Neurodiversity

24/03/2026 10:30 -12:30pm

[Understanding Neurodiversity | Meeting Join | Microsoft Teams](#)