



# East Peckham Primary School

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## Newsletter

Term 3 Week 4

Friday 30th January 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Many thanks for your patience while the OFSTED report was being written; we are pleased to share that it has now been published (and a full copy will be emailed to you shortly - it should also be on the [OFSTED website](#) by the start of next week). We are delighted to share that our wonderful school has been inspected as being at the **Strong and Expected Standard in all areas on the OFSTED report card**. As the new framework explains: **The school is doing everything that it should be doing, at a high standard, to make sure your children are receiving everything they need and deserve. There are also significant areas of strength in Behaviour, Attendance and Inclusion which marks out excellent, consistent work that is making a real difference for children and learners. Safeguarding is also completely met.** Although it has not told us anything that we did not already know, we are pleased to have it confirmed in writing! We are all delighted with the report, and feel that this paragraph sums our school up perfectly:

***Pupils enjoy their learning. Classrooms are happy, focused and enterprising. Pupils show enthusiasm and pride in their work. They flourish with confidence and resilience. Children settle happily into early years where the school's curriculum begins well. Children swiftly adapt to routines and expectations, nurturing a true sense of belonging for all. As pupils move through to Year 6, they learn, grow and blossom in this happy, ambitious and successful school.***

We are delighted - and we hope you are too!

Mrs Elliott

### ★ Stars of the Week ★

In our Friday Celebration Assembly we have been celebrating children who have taken responsibility:

Lemurs	Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jasper B	Sophia P	Rowan O	Eli F	Freddie K	Violet M	Freya D

Many thanks to **Lottie W** 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
96%	99%	94%	95%	97%	97%	97%
😊	😊	😞	😞	😊	😊	😊

## Fundraisers - Bingo and End of Term Bake Sale

On Friday 6th February, from 7:00pm-9:00pm, we will be organising a night of bingo and other fun activities to raise money on behalf of the school - many thanks to the **Swift Family** for being our hosts. The event is aimed at adults, but children accompanying adults may join, so long as they are playing bingo too - please note that the ticket price is per person so that we know how many place settings to arrange so children will also need to have a ticket. There will be the option to purchase additional books and Bingo dabbers on the night. The bar, which will include light snacks, will also be available (please do not bring your own food and drink). Cash on the night is preferred, however we will also try to get the card machine working. This is also available to people in the village - where they can purchase their tickets from the School Office. Buy your tickets now on Arbor!

EAST PECKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

# BINGO Night

Gather your family and friends, and join us for a fun filled BINGO NIGHT. **Tickets £7 per person**, including a bingo book. Licensed bar and snacks.

**FRIDAY**      **07.00-9.00 PM**      **6TH FEBRUARY**

**TICKETS £7**

Available to buy from the School Office, Church Lane.

FRIENDS OF EAST PECKHAM PRIMARY

# CAKE Sale

**FRIDAY 13TH FEB AT 2PM**

£1

And please enjoy a Valentine-themed sweet treat on the last day of term - available by the gate! Many thanks to the PTA, especially **Ms Hook**, for organising. If you are able to donate a sweet treat to be included in the sale (home baked or shop bought), then please bring this to the school office on Thursday 12th/Friday 13th February. We would be grateful if any of the options could cater for specific diets, such as gluten free/dairy free/vegan - and please can all donations be nut-free. Thank you!

## Martial Arts Workshops

Following on from the demonstration in assembly last week by the [British Military Martial Arts](#), please enjoy some of the photographs taken at the workshops below.



Eco News



Next term the Eco Warriors will also be promoting our **Walk and Wheels on Wednesday** campaign. We are joining forces with Year 6 who will be using their art lessons to promote our event. The aim is to boost physical health, reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality around the school. How it Works: Every Wednesday the children are encouraged to walk, cycle, scoot, or use a "Park and Stride" (parking further away and walking the last bit). Every Wednesday, teachers will ask the children at register time who has taken part and their name will be put into a pot. This will continue every Wednesday during Term 4. At the end of term 4 if the classes have reached 100 names in the pot, the whole class will receive extra playtime. We appreciate that it is not always possible to walk due to time constraints but if you can take part then that would be fantastic!

## Reminder: How we Calculate Reading Certificates

Reading is central to our learning here at East Peckham, and presenting children with reading certificates has been a reward we have had at East Peckham for many years. We just wanted to remind everyone, as well as informing our new families, about how these work:



- Children must bring home their reading journals every day (or on set days in EYFS/KS1 as they use group reading books) - **parents, please sign and date after each read** so that we can keep track.
- A 'read' is classified as **10 minutes daily reading for years 1 and 2, 15 minutes daily reading for years 3 and 4; and 20 minutes daily reading for years 5 and 6** that takes place at home.
- If a child reads several times - that is great! However for manageability, **we only officially record 2 reads a day** (encouraging reading perhaps before and after school).
- We want to celebrate children reading at home and this is where the Reading Certificates come in. When a child reaches a milestone such as 50 or 100 reads, the class teaching assistant will count these up and complete a reading certificate. **The child will then receive a certificate in our Friday celebration assembly.** Please note; *we do not inform parents in advance by email of this (emails are only for Stars of the Week, which are a slightly higher accolade), but you should be able to see when a milestone has been reached as the class teaching assistant normally circles/stars/makes a comment in the reading journal.*
- Reading at home can be magazines, stories, poems and comics. We want children to enjoy reading and try reading new types of text, but should really be for as long as the times specified above.

## Reminder: 'Art of Brilliance' Workshop



Last month, I (Mrs Elliott) attended a conference alongside 200+ headteachers and saw a presentation from Hannah from [Art of Brilliance](#) - she was so inspiring that an audience filled with old, grumpy headteachers literally skipped out of the meeting afterwards! Her passion and teaching about wellbeing was infectious. She

shared practical ideas, with an understanding that change takes small steps, but how small steps lead to massive gains! As such, I am delighted that despite being highly sought after, she has agreed to come into school to share her passion, enthusiasm, and just genuine joy with our Key Stage 2 children. She will be visiting on Tuesday 10th march, where she will be working with Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and year 6 individually (unfortunately she does not do workshops for the younger children... yet!). We will be heavily subsidising her visit, but would be grateful if you could also **contribute £4 via Arbor** to her visit - I promise you it will be worth it.

## Reminder: 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!



## Reminder: Emotional Wellbeing Parent Workshops

The NHS Emotional Wellbeing Team will be running a parent workshop here in school:

- 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](mailto:office@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk), FAO Mrs Smith.

## 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.**

**There was very little interest in the Yoga Club for after school on Tuesday, so it is unlikely to go ahead. If you are interested then please sign up using the link below, otherwise we decline the offer of hosting: [https://portal.childreninspiredbyyoga.com/Classes/Course+Details/?course\\_id=6415](https://portal.childreninspiredbyyoga.com/Classes/Course+Details/?course_id=6415)**

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Years R-2 - Film Club with Mrs Sutcliffe</li> <li>• <b>Years 2-6 - East Peckham TaskMaster with Mr Atkins and Mrs Duffield</b></li> <li>• <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.</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phonics Club @ 8.10am with Mrs Sinden (invite only)</li> <li>• <b>Years 1-2 Cooking club with Mrs Stenning* (further information at the bottom)</b></li> <li>• <b>Years 3-6 - Drawing club with Mrs Bawden</b></li> <li>• <b><u>External</u> - Year R-2 - Yoga</b></li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>External</u> - Year 4-6 - Football Club with Lee - please book directly via <a href="mailto:lccoaching18@gmail.com">lccoaching18@gmail.com</a></li> </ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Years R-3 - Mindfulness Singing and Colouring with Mrs Gardiner</b></li> <li>• Years 3-6 - Creative Play Club with Mrs Richardson</li> <li>• <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.</li> <li>• Year 6 (invite only) - Podcast Club with Mrs Duffield</li> </ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>External</u> - Year R-3 - Football Club with Lee - please book directly via <a href="mailto:lccoaching18@gmail.com">lccoaching18@gmail.com</a></li> </ul>

\*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)
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
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.

Friday 6th February	Bingo! Details above.	All parents welcome
Monday 9th February	Safer Internet Day Workshop - donation to be made on Arbor.	Whole school
Monday 9th February	Year 4 Football v Wateringbury	Year 4 footballers
Thursday 12th February	Inter-house football (please can children wear PE kit, with Reception wearing normal clothing but with trainers if possible).	Whole school

Friday 13th February	End of term bake sale	Whole school
Friday 13th February	End of Term 3	Whole school
Monday 23rd February	Start of Term 4	Whole school
<b>Monday 23rd February</b>	<b>Year 6 Football v Sussex Road</b>	<b>Year 6 footballers</b>
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 - donation to be made on Arbor	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](mailto: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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NELFT NHS  
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**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](mailto:office@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk)  
If you require materials in another language or have any other access needs then please email: [EWTanESTenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk](mailto:EWTanESTenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk)



[www.nelft.nhs.uk](http://www.nelft.nhs.uk)

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North East London  
NHS Foundation Trust

### Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in Primary school



**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](#)