



East Peckham Primary School

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Newsletter

Term 3 Week 5

Friday 6th February 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for all of your kind comments about the OFSTED report that we shared last week. We are incredibly appreciative of the recognition that our school celebrates inclusivity and has high standards of behaviour for learning for our children. Comments such as *'Leaders have established a **calm, orderly and respectful environment** where pupils thrive... Pupils behave exceptionally well and show courtesy to peers and adults... A **supportive behaviour approach** is embedded across the school, enabling pupils to resolve conflicts independently or with peer mediator support... Pupils demonstrate excellent attitudes to learning, showing **resilience and respect**... Relationships between staff and pupils are **warm and nurturing**, creating a culture where **pupils feel safe, supported and cared for**... The school's inclusive practice is highly developed and prioritised... Leaders place pupils' needs at the centre of decision-making. The school welcomes all pupils and creates a **culture where every child belongs.**'* confirms what we already know we achieve here.



Many thanks for helping us to celebrate this in your positive parent feedback. This is a new inspection process, so schools are still becoming familiar with how it works, but we are pleased to see that we have been benchmarked in the top quartile of schools inspected so far.

This week, we have also been contacted by Kent Life Magazine to celebrate our success in their Mother's Day Activity. All schools in Kent were invited to submit poems about their mums, and 35 of our applications are being published which they inform us is the highest they have ever published across Kent! This is a testament to how high-quality our writing is at East Peckham - with thanks to our English Leads, **Mrs Sinden** and **Mrs Richardson**. We will find out whose poems have been published soon, and information about how to purchase a copy can be found below in the Mother's Day section. You will also find out more information about how to sign up to join us for our Mother's Day event on Friday 13th March.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Bingo this evening!

Mrs Elliott

★ Stars of the Week ★

In our Friday Celebration Assembly we have been celebrating children who have made someone else's day better:

Lemurs	Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Edison W	Stirling A-C	Matteo P	Montague H	Laura L	Andreea I	Jamie K

Many thanks to **Kieran F** for joining me to present assembly today.

Please note: We will not be having a Star of the Week celebration next Friday in assembly, but we will still hand out reading certificates, birthday stickers and the termly attendance prize.

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%	95%	96%	91%	97%	98%	95%
😊	😞	😊	😊	😊	😊	😞

Mother's Day Event - Friday 13th March 2026

Dear Mums and Grannies,

Last year we had requests for a Mother's Day Breakfast - and we are pleased to share that this is what we will be doing for 2026. We do still very much enjoy our afternoon Mother's Day events, but it is always nice to have a variety across the years. As such, we would like to invite you into school to share breakfast with your children! On Friday 13th March, the school hall will be open from 7:30 until 8:45 for you to enjoy a Mother's Day Breakfast box (dietary requests are catered for - please add a 'note' on your order on Arbor), before the children go in to start their school day. So that we are aware of how much food to buy please could we ask you to sign up in advance on

MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2026

Breakfast Box for Mum
(or nan, or auntie or stepmum or
sister or any female loved one)

Croissant with Jam and Butter
Chocolate Dipped Strawberries

£3 Per Box
50p for extra pastries for the kids

Arbor via the School Shop. There will also be the option to purchase croissants for your accompanying children too. Unfortunately, we will not be able to take payment on the door as the boxes will be prepared in advance - but tea and coffee will be available for free. Many thanks to Emma's Kitchen for supporting us with the catering. We do hope you can join us as we have learnt from the Father's Day breakfasts that it really sets the children up for a good day. For those of you who have to leave early, the classrooms will be open a little earlier from 8:15 to receive the children, but please remain with your child/ren until then. Enjoy!

Mother's Day Poems

We are proud to share that after entering the Kent Life Mother's Day competition, 35 of our children's poems are to be published, which is higher than any other school across the County! We are waiting to hear which children's poems have been selected, and when we know we will have copies of the publication available to purchase from the school office for £3.50 (RRP £4.75). You can purchase via Arbor or cash from the school office. Well done to all of our published poets!

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RE Lessons - Visiting the Church



Otters and Lemurs went to explore the Church this morning. They learnt a lot about the different features of a church and some of its history too. Reverend Anthony told us that there is scaffolding around the church because they are repainting it. Sue Morrell also played the church organ for us, it was very loud! The children were respectful and asked fantastic questions, even though it was freezing cold in there!



East Peckham's Got Talent

Please email the school office (office@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk) for the attention of Mrs Duffield, with your child's name, short description of their act and if they will be entering on their own or in a group. Auditions will take place early next term.

**CAN YOU SING, ACT, TELL JOKES,
OR PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?**

**ARE YOU A DANCER, GYMNAST,
MAGICIAN OR IMPRESSIONIST?**

**EAST PECKHAM'S GOT
★ TALENT**

**DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO
IMPRESS THE JUDGES?**

**SIGN UP NOW FOR EAST
PECKHAM'S GOT TALENT 2026**

**AUDITIONS AFTER HALF TERM, LIVE SHOW
THURSDAY 26TH MARCH**

Book Week - Book Fair

Details were shared with you yesterday by email about our highly anticipated Book Week arrangements. We will also have the Book Fair in school for the first week after half term - please see details below.



SCHOLASTIC TRAVELING BOOKS

Every book you buy earns **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

AND FIND YOUR NEXT FAVOURITE READ!

Books featured: *DOG MAN*, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, *MEGA EVOLUTION HANDBOOK*, *Charlotte's Web*, *DAY FIVE*, *The Scarecrow's Wedding*, *TOM GATES*, *PESKY PETS PARTIES*

GO ALL IN.

DATE: 23-26th Feb TIME: 3.30 - 4.15pm
LOCATION: Hall

Scan to pay securely online!



Using Our Words



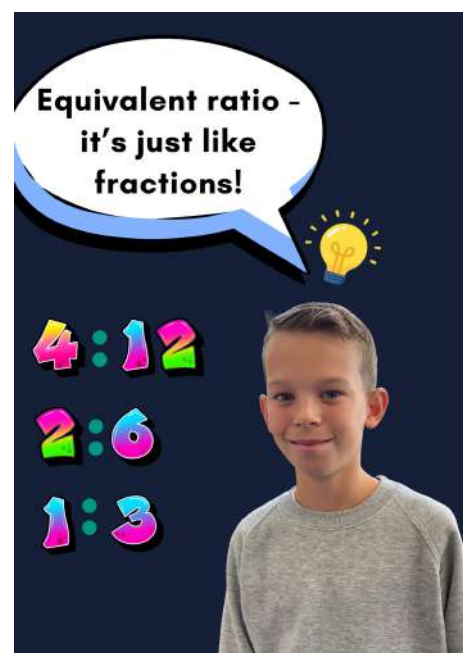
In Year 6, the team have been capturing quotes from the children when they share something insightful or notice a pattern without any direction. Please enjoy these 2 examples - 1 for Maths and 1 for RE.



EAST PECKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL'S DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Academic Communication

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



Equivalent ratio - it's just like fractions!

$4:12$
 $2:6$
 $1:3$

Eco News

As Eco Lead, Mrs Sutcliffe had the wonderful privilege to be asked to judge the Year 6 Eco Art competition this week. It was a very difficult decision to make as all of the entries were absolutely amazing. However, Mrs Sutcliffe had to pick one entry as a winner, and is very proud to announce that our winner is... **Natalie B!** Natalie's poster will be used to promote our Walk and Wheels on Wednesday campaign, but thank you to the whole of Year 6 for their amazing ideas and effort, it was very much appreciated.

Reminder: 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!

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!

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, FAO Mrs Smith.

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 - FOrrest 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
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
Monday 23rd February	Year 6 Football v Sussex Road	Year 6 footballers
Monday 23rd February	Young Voices at the O2 (transport cost to be paid via Arbor by 22nd Feb)	Choir
Monday 23rd - Thursday 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

Contact us

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