



# East Peckham Primary School

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## Newsletter

Term 3 Week 6

Friday 13th February 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Many thanks to everyone who joined us for the Bingo fundraiser last weekend - it was a great event raising over £400 for the school. A special thank you to the **Swift Family** for organising - and it also encouraged other parents to lead fundraisers, as I heard rumours of a quiz event being put together from the parents of Year 3...

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week, which began with an Online Safety workshop for Years 1-6 organised by **Mrs Bawden** as we continue to explore the links between screen use and children's mental health, followed by an assembly and in-class events organised by **Mrs Smith**. Please find out a little more below, and please talk to your children to see which parts of the week they enjoyed best, and which had the most positive impact. Supporting children's mental health is something we discuss regularly in school, but highlighting it specifically in 1 week also helps to raise the profile of such important parts of our children's development. Wishing you a



restful half term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 23rd February at 8:30am**,

*Mrs Elliott*

PS Don't forget to purchase a sweet treat at the end of the day - you can either donate with cash or click the button on Arbor named 'Cake Sale'

### 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. **Please note, the children always tell us about their holidays before they go or when they return, or their friends tell us while they are away, and there has been a lot of talk recently - please be honest about reasons for absence.**

Congratulations to **Axel L** who was selected first and won a £10 voucher, and to **Italia D** who was selected second and won a £5 voucher.

Lemurs	Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
99%	94%	91%	97%	93%	97%	95%
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# 'Caring' primary praised by Ofsted

A village primary school with "exceptionally well" behaved pupils has been praised by Ofsted.

Inspectors visited East Peckham Primary School in Pound Road on December 9, describing its environment as "caring and supportive".

The school, which has 198 pupils, is one of the first in the country to undergo the inspection under the new Ofsted system.

Introduced last autumn, it replaces the four old single-word judgements – outstanding, good, requires improvement and inadequate – for a school's overall grading and provides a more detailed breakdown. Instead it rates a school's performance in seven areas, each under five rankings – exceptional, strong standard, expected standard, needs attention, urgent improvement.

The new framework is said to give families a broader and more transparent picture of a school's performance by highlighting areas of strength and pinpointing improvements more clearly.

The school received a "strong standard" in the attendance and behaviour and inclusion categories, and an "expected standard" in the achievement,



East Peckham Primary School pupils celebrating the report

curriculum and teaching, early years, leadership and governance and personal development and wellbeing categories.

Inspectors found the school to be meeting safeguarding standards and delivering a strong quality of education for its pupils.

The report, published this month, highlights a number of areas judged to be at a "strong standard", including attendance, behaviour and inclusion, with inspectors describing a calm, respectful environment where pupils thrive.

They added that leaders'

"relentless focus on reducing pupil absence" has resulted in attendance remaining above the national average.

The report states that pupils behave "exceptionally well" and show courtesy to both peers and adults.

The report states that parents highly recommend the school and recognise the "positive difference" leaders make.

Head teacher Kate Elliott said: "This report confirms exactly what we already knew about what an amazing school we are.

"We are incredibly proud of our children and staff."

## Children's Mental Health Week



This week we have been celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year was centered around belonging and is called 'This is My Place'. On Tuesday the Y6 Wellbeing Champions supported Mrs Smith in introducing the initiative to the school in assembly. In the classrooms children have been undertaking activities involving a lot of drawing of themselves and things that are important to them.



## Safer Internet Workshops

This week Year 1-6 took part in a lively Safer Internet Day workshop where they became digital superheroes, joining Super Mario on a fun-filled mission to explore the online world safely. Through games, role-play and rap, the children learned how to spot scams and pop-ups, protect their personal information, and practise the 'Zip it, Block it, Flag it' routine while reflecting on how online interactions can make them feel. The older children had content adjusted to be more age appropriate (but still fun!). Despite being told by Mr Atkins in class through our robust PSHE and Computing curriculum, some children still got a shock when they were told the minimum age allowed to use WhatsApp is 13+ years of age. Despite this shock, the children learned some key strategies and knowledge to support them moving forward. There were a number of key messages shared for all - please do discuss this at home with your children, and enjoy the photographs below:





## Book Week Arrangements

Please see below a reminder of the email that was sent last week regarding arrangements for Book Week 2026:

In-School Events	
Monday 2nd - Thursday 5th March	<b>Story Carousel</b> - <b>No parent action required</b> - but do please speak to your child to find out what took place! Photographs and details will also be shared in the Book Week newsletter that will follow.
Monday 2nd - Friday 6th March	<b>DEAR time (Drop Everything And Read)</b> - <b>No parent action required</b> - but do please speak to your child to find out what took place! Photographs and details will also be shared in the Book Week newsletter that will follow.
Tuesday 3rd March	KS1 Drama Workshops - <b>No parent action required</b> - but do please speak to your child to find out what took place! Photographs and details will also be shared in the Book Week newsletter that will follow.

Wednesday 4th March	Bedtime Stories in PJs (after school) - <a href="#">Details for parent action below</a>
	<p><b>Bedtime Stories</b></p> <p>Come back into school and join us in pyjamas for a cosy bedtime story in your classroom from 4.15-5.00pm on <b>Wednesday 4th March</b>. Your teachers will be ready and waiting with a wonderful story, hot chocolate and marshmallows - how exciting! Donation: £2 per child at 4.15pm at the main gate.</p>
Thursday 5th March (World Book Day)	Dress Up Day & KS2 Booky & Footy Quiz - <a href="#">Details for parent action below</a>
	<p><b>Dress Up Day</b></p> <p>Dress up as a book character on <b>Thursday 5th March</b>! Prepare to show off your marvellous costumes in our hall parade and enjoy seeing members of your school community completely transformed! Remember, there is no obligation to dress up or purchase a costume, just look around at home to see what you can use to become one of your favourite characters! Remember to bring the book your character is from with you if you can to share it with everyone!</p>
Friday 6th March	Book Buddies - <a href="#">No parent action required</a> - but do please speak to your child to find out what took place! Photographs and details will also be shared in the Book Week newsletter that will follow.
Thursday 12th March	KS2 Author Visit (Guy Bass) - <a href="#">books can be pre-ordered on Arbor if you would like to purchase one to be signed on the day</a> . Photographs and details will also be shared in the newsletter at the end of the week.

### At Home Activities (optional but encouraged!)



#### Get Caught Reading!

This is your chance to be as creative as possible! Find somewhere strange or unusual to 'get caught reading' and take a photo! **Email in your entry on or before Wednesday 4th March** to [office@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk](mailto:office@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk) and the winners will be announced in assembly on Friday 6th March.



#### The Big Book Challenge!

Back for another year, the Big Book Challenge is asking children to produce or create something to do with their favourite book. This could be in the form of a book cover, a book review, a bookmark or just be as creative as you wish! **All entries must be received by Wednesday 4th March** and the winners will be announced in assembly on Friday 6th March.

## Year 2 Toy Project



Many thanks to those who have joined Year 2 to talk about their childhood toys - the children found it very informative! Our thanks go to **Marnie B's** grandad, **Rosa T's** mum and aunt - who shared games like Mastermind and Chinese Checkers - some of the games were over 70 years old! The children



loved playing some of the games together and we had so many questions at the end. Marnie filmed herself asking her Grandad some questions about toys from when he was younger. He says that things were very different back then and he played with toy soldiers, and that schools were very different in those days too.

## Inter-House Football

Our annual inter-house football event took place on Thursday where every class took part to accrue points for their house team. All of the children played fantastically, but we were particularly impressed by the sportsmanship and skills of:

- Lemurs - **Zach G** for great control skills and **Willow G** for having the confidence to try something new
- Otters - **Elliot S** for perseverance and **Nellie** for determination
- Meerkats - **Myles B** for demonstrating great skill and **Teddy H** for persistence and dedication.
- Rhinos - **Lydia M** for being a good cheerleader and supporting her classmates, and **Kobi D** for his persistence and not giving up.
- Penguins - **Italia D** for overcoming the challenge and **Mia S** for trying her best.
- Lions - **Penelope M** for great ball skills and **Edward S** for his abundance of enthusiasm.
- Dolphins - **Mark N** for fantastic control of the ball and **Sammy W** for determination and accuracy.



Many, many thanks to our Sports Captains, **Kieran F**, **Isla W**, **Phoebe G** and **Jack H** who led and supported their house members in Key stage 1. Congratulations to all of the teams, and the scores were:

- 1st place = **Red**
- 2nd place = **Green**
- 3rd place = **Yellow**
- 4th place = **Blue**



## Year 6 Workshop with Street Artist, Graham Upton



## Year 1 and Year 2 Fundraiser for the Air Ambulance

We are pleased to inform you that Year 1 and 2 will be raising money for the Air Ambulance Charity by taking part in a **sponsored Dance-a-thon**. The Air Ambulance Charity provides lifesaving emergency care to people in urgent need, and we are proud to support the vital work they do. All money raised through sponsorship will be donated to both the school as well as to the Air Ambulance Charity. The Dance-a-thon will take place in school on **Friday 27th March 2026**, and pupils will spend time dancing to a variety of music within a specified amount of time. This fun and energetic event is a great way for the children to get active while supporting an extremely important charity. Children will be sponsored to dance non-stop with their class for at least 45 minutes - with over 200 children on roll, and including teachers dancing too, that will be **10,000 minutes of dancing!** The idea will be that the entire school will collectively dance all morning, in the hall, with overlapping allocated slots to ensure the 10,000 minute target is met. Although it is an energetic activity, they can do this in their school uniform, so no advanced preparation is required - apart from getting sponsorship! We kindly ask for your support in helping your child to collect sponsorship money, every little helps. We would ask for all sponsorship money to be sent into school in a named envelope by Wednesday 1st April please. A letter, to include the sponsorship form, will come home after half term.

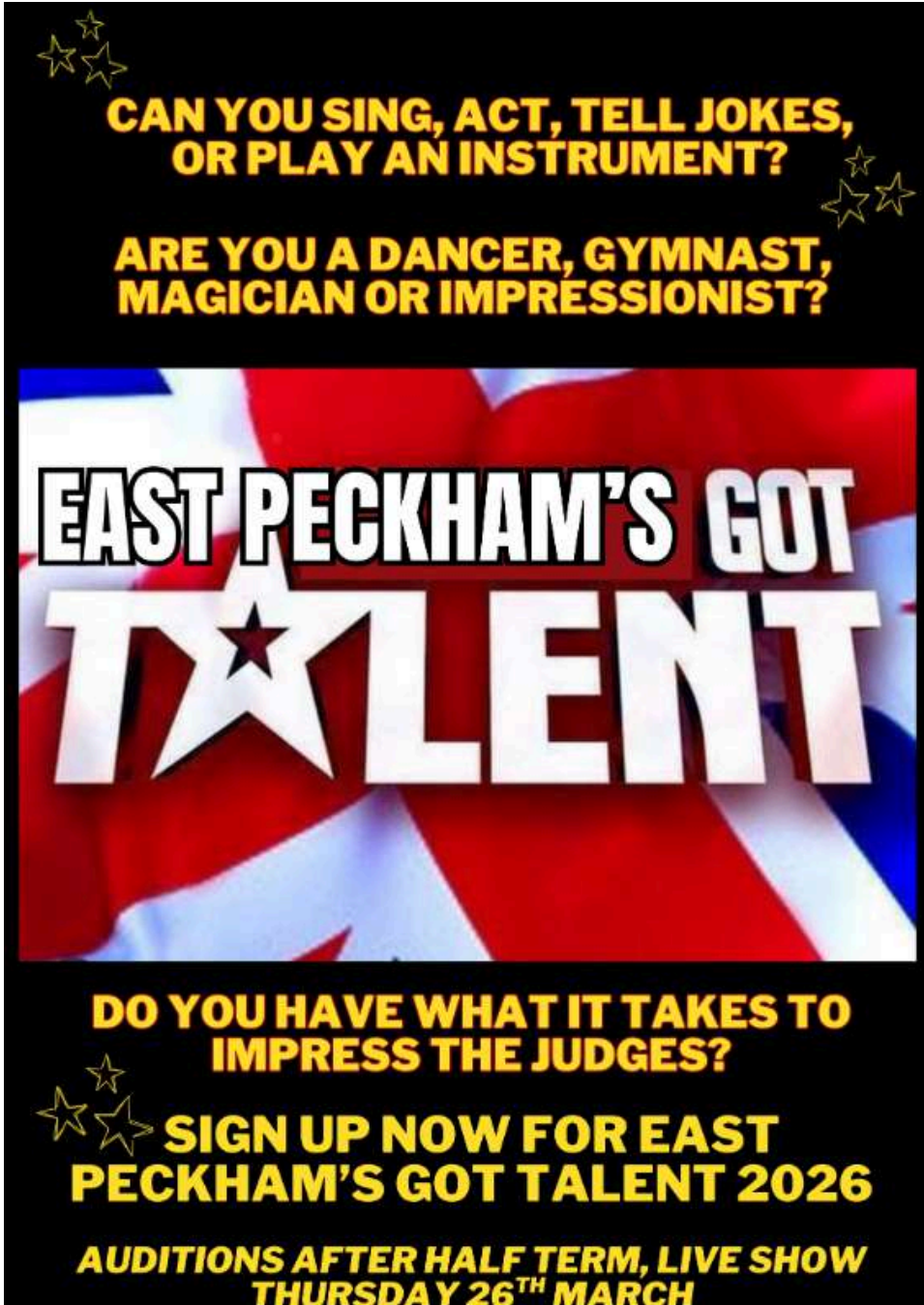


## Eco News

Just a reminder that our Walk on Wednesday campaign will begin the first Wednesday back after half term. We have some special stickers for those children who walk, scoot or park a little further away and walk. We hope lots of children can join in! As well as this, we have our upcoming community litter pick on Friday 20th March!

## Reminder: East Peckham's Got Talent

Change of plan - please complete this Google Form if your child would like to participate: <https://forms.gle/W1eYH4fdSdKjKT146> . 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 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

The poster features a black background with yellow and white text. At the top, there are three yellow stars. The central part of the poster shows a close-up of a red, white, and blue striped flag with a large white star in the center. The text is arranged in a vertical flow, with the main title 'EAST PECKHAM'S GOT TALENT' being the most prominent.

## Reminder: 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 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!

### 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



## Reminder: 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!

**KL**  
KENT LIFE

## 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 4

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 4. 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@eastpeckhampprimary.org.uk](mailto:office@eastpeckhampprimary.org.uk), FAO Mrs Smith.

## Reminder: PE for Term 4

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 4 PE
Year R	Formal PE begins later in the year.
Year 1	Monday (indoor) and Tuesday (indoor)
Year 2	Monday (indoor) and Friday (indoor)
Year 3	Wednesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)
Year 4	Wednesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)
Year 5	Tuesday (outdoor) and Thursday (outdoor)
Year 6	Monday (outdoor) 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
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 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 Breakfast	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

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Capuchara Kingdom  
KAREN THOMPSON

The Scarecrows' Wedding  
JILL SOMMERVILLE

TOM GATES  
PESKY PETS  
PARTIES  
GUY FOLEY

**GO ALL IN.**  
National Year of Reading 2020

DATE: 23-26<sup>th</sup> Feb TIME: 3.30 - 4.15pm  
LOCATION: Hall

Scan to pay securely online!

