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Newsletter

Term 4 Week 1

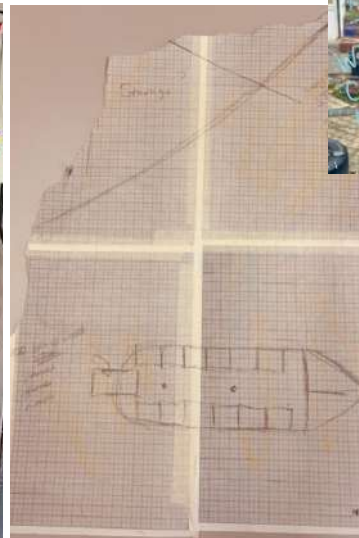
Friday 27th February 2026

Dear parents and carers,

A few strange things have been happening around school this week... We began the week with a flood in the school hall, which could fortunately be contained for lessons to continue in the hall by breaktime. On Tuesday, every classroom found a strange document in their classroom - looking like part of a blueprint - which the classes put together to see it was a design for a boat. On Wednesday, someone had drawn more of these designs on the windows in the corridors - something I was not happy about, and chose to rant about on Facebook to make the parents aware. My apologies, this is not an acceptable use of Social Media! Some children have also reported seeing a robot appearing around school, but no adults can confirm this.

All Staff
24 members • Private

Dear staff, when I arrived into work this morning I saw these pictures written across the windows around the school. Please can you share with your children and let them know that windows are not for writing on - and if they know who did it then to come and see me please. (It says 'Noa', so although similar to our Noahs, I know it isn't them). Many thanks, Mrs Elliott



Strange events like this always seem to appear in the week just before Book Week (details of which can be found further down the newsletter) - and while difficult to explain, they do lead to some fantastic writing taking place in the classroom - please do speak to your children to find out more...

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Elliott

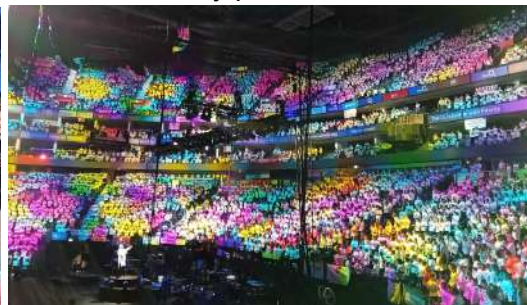
Attendance

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
96%	97%	97%	98%	98%	98%	97%
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Young Voices

Well done to the children who attended Young Voices on Monday evening - we hope you enjoyed the opportunity to perform at the O2! Many thanks to Miss Worrall, Mrs Richardson, Miss Tait and Mrs Smith, who had a very long day supporting the children throughout the travel, rehearsal and performance, which was very late into the evening, before handing them back to their parents - and thanks to the parents for coming along to watch too. We would also like to say a huge thank you to Miss Ray in the office, who works behind the scenes booking tickets and coaches, and organising t-shirts etc - to make the day possible.



Book Fair - Thank you!



Many thanks for spending so generously at the Book Fair. The commission totalled £1000 which means that we have been able to purchase several books for each class, which have now been added to our class reading areas as well as even more books for our Reading Champions to share into the library. Many thanks to Mrs Waterman for also providing a supply of book-related treats, especially the fabulous book marks, where donations received have gone to the school funds. Please take a look at the goods she creates here: [In A Minute Craft and Clothing Company](#)

Book Week Assembly on Friday 6th

On Friday 6th March, we will end Book Week with a celebration assembly led by our Reading Champions in which prizes will be awarded to the winners of our 'Get Caught Reading' and 'The Big Book Challenge' competitions, as well as a special Book Week star of the week which will be given to those who have shown a love of literacy throughout the week. Parents are very welcome to come along and join us at 9am! We will also hand out our reading certificates and birthday stickers as normal.



Mother's Day Poems - AVAILABLE NOW

We are proud to share that after entering the Kent Life Mother's Day competition, many of our children's poems were published, which is higher than any other school across the County! Congratulations to **Lacey B (Y3), Myles B (Y2), Summer C (Y5), Arlo E (Y2), Sofia E (Y2), Tommy H (Y5), Teddy H (Y2), Andreea I (Y5), Rose J (Y4), Phoebe J (Y4), Lilian K (Y1), Jude K (Y4), Noah L (Y1), Violet M (Y5), Ivy M (Y2), Eduard P (Y5), Bradley R (Y4), Allana R (Y2), Isabelle R (Y5), Felicity S (Y4), Ralph S (Y4), Frankie T (Y1), Elliott W (Y1), Italia W (Y4), Thomas W (Y5)**, as well as a **Joint Lemurs Class poem**. We 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!



Reminder: 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	Story Carousel - No parent action required - 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	DEAR time (Drop Everything And Read) - No parent action required - 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 - No parent action required - 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) - Details for parent action below
	<p>Bedtime Stories</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 Wednesday 4th March. 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 - Details for parent action below
	<p>Dress Up Day</p> <p>Dress up as a book character on Thursday 5th March! 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 - No parent action required - 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) - please bring your copy of one of his books to be signed on the day. 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 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.

Eco News



Well done to everyone who walked/cycled/scouted to school on Wednesday, supporting our Eco teams 'Walk and Wheels on Wednesdays' incentive. We understand that for some walking to school is not a possibility, but if you could park further away from the school and walk the last bit then that would still make a huge difference in improving our local environment. Many thanks to the Year 6s who applied their learning from Graham Upton's recent visit and collectively produced this street art piece which is on display outside the school gate - and is based on **Natalie B's** winning design.

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 next week.



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: '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@eastpeckhamprimary.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
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.

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
Wednesday 2nd April	Year R Hearing and Vision Screening	Year R
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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Chair of Governors - **Mrs Katie Bennett**

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