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Newsletter

Term 4 Week 6

Thursday 2nd April 2026

Dear parents and carers,

As we come to the end of the Spring Term we have been reflecting on everything that we have achieved this year. The Spring Term is always a busy one, and this year it has not been any different, where we have had...

- Visitors, including Zoolab, safer internet, the dentist and street artist workshops.
- Projects, lots of History focussed ones as well as the whole-school writing project
- Trips, including village walks
- Football matches
- Inter-house events
- Discos
- PTA Bingo
- PTA Bank Sale
- Walk-to-school Wednesdays
- Mother's Day Breakfast
- KSS Air Ambulance Dance-a-thon
- Concerts, including Young Voices, RockSteady and drumming
- East Peckham's Got Talent
- World Book Day Week!
- Mental Health Week
- Little picking in the community
- Author workshops, with Guy Bass and Steve Clifford
- The whole-school writing project (about the flood that never was...)

In addition to all of this, following our OFSTED we have been featuring in newspaper, magazine and online articles, as well as having many educational visitors to the school to see our good practice, ahead of their own school inspections. We think it is now time for a well-earned break!

Don't forget that tomorrow is a Bank Holiday, so the school will be closed, and next week the Easter Holiday begins. So we look forward to welcoming the children back to Term 5 on **Monday 20th April** at **8:30am**,

Mrs Elliott

PS On behalf of all of our staff, many thanks for our Easter gifts!

Attendance for Term 3 and 4

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%	95%	95%	96%	95%	96%	96%

Congratulations to **Luana B** who was selected first for our Attendance Prize and won a £10 voucher, and to **Flora P** who was selected second and won a £5 voucher.

Author Visit

This week the children have had an amazing time following a visit from [Steve Clifford](#), who worked with all of the classes. His workshops consisted of inspiring the children to write for themselves by sharing wonderful, imaginative anecdotes and short stories, as well as tips for quality writing, and then revisiting to see how they have got on. Once again, we have seen some great writing as a result - we hope he comes back to visit again soon.



Air Ambulance Assembly and Update

Many thanks to everyone who has returned their sponsorship, we currently have a total of over £2,000! Please also enjoy the photographs below from when the KSS Fundraising team came in to explain to the children about the good work that they do.



TaskMaster



A message from Mr Atkins and Mrs Duffield - Thank you to all the children who have taken part in TaskMaster this term. We have moved baked beans between bowls with a toothpick, rolled eggs down the corridor, brought in smelly things, things with holes in them, built towers from

sellotape rolls and created something the Taskmaster can wear out of pasta - please enjoy the photograph of the TaskMaster wearing these creations! More fun next term!



PE/Swimming/Forest School/FOSIL Timetable for Terms 5 and 6

We appreciate that there are a lot of things to remember to bring in during the summer terms, as we will have PE, swimming and Forest School (Year R)/FOSIL (Years 1-6) so we are trying to find a way to help our parents prepare their children with bringing in the correct clothing/equipment. We have attempted to list the events each week in a calendar format, where if your child's class is not listed it means for them to wear school uniform as normal. This will also help us to communicate changes should they need to happen for any reason, and this will be listed in red, just like the 'Dates for your Diary' section. The days of the week that items are needed are mainly consistent, but due to short weeks or other events there may have to be small tweaks. PE is outdoor for all classes, unless stated in the table. We would appreciate your feedback on this. Details about what is required for each activity can be found below this section.

Monday 20th April	Tuesday 21st	Wednesday 22nd	Thursday 23rd	Friday 24th
Y1 - PE Y2 - PE Y3 - FOSIL Y5 - FOSIL Y6 - PE	Y1 - FOSIL Y5 - PE	YR - FSchool PE Y3 - PE Y4 - PE	Y3 - PE Y4 - PE Y5 - PE	Y2 - PE
Monday 27th April	Tuesday 28th	Wednesday 29th	Thursday 30th	Friday 1st May
Y1 - PE Y2 - PE Y4 - FOSIL Y6 - FOSIL	Y2 - FOSIL Y5 - PE	YR - FSchool PE Y3 - PE Y4 - PE	Y3 - PE Y4 - PE Y5 - PE	Y2 - PE
Monday 4th May	Tuesday 5th	Wednesday 6th	Thursday 7th	Friday 8th
	YR - Swim Y1 - Swim Y2 - Swim Y3 - Swim Y5 - Swim	YR - FSchool PE Y3 - PE Y4 - Swim Y6 - Swim	Y4 - PE Y5 - PE	Y2 - PE
Monday 11th May	Tuesday 12th	Wednesday 13th	Thursday 14th	Friday 15th
Y1 - PE Y3 - FOSIL Y5 - FOSIL Y6 - PE	YR - Swim Y1 - Swim FOSIL Y2 - Swim Y3 - Swim Y5 - Swim	YR - FSchool PE Y3 - PE Y4 - Swim Y6 - Swim	Y4 - PE Y5 - PE	Y2 - PE
Monday 18th May	Tuesday 19th	Wednesday 20th	Thursday 21st	Friday 22nd
Y1 - PE Y4 - FOSIL Y6 - FOSIL	YR - Swim Y1 - Swim Y2 - Swim FOSIL Y3 - Swim Y5 - Swim	YR - FSchool PE Y3 - PE Y4 - Swim Y6 - Swim	Y4 - PE Y5 - PE	Y2 - PE
Monday 25th	Tuesday 26th	Wednesday 27th	Thursday 28th	Friday 29th

Monday 1st June	Tuesday 2nd	Wednesday 3rd	Thursday 4th	Friday 5th
Y1 - PE Y6 - PE	YR - Swim Y1 - Swim Y2 - Swim Y3 - Swim Y5 - Swim	YR - FSchool PE Y3 - PE Y4 - Swim Y6 - Swim	Y4 - PE Y5 - PE	Y2 - PE
Monday 8th June	Tuesday 9th	Wednesday 10th	Thursday 11th	Friday 12th
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Monday 15th June	Tuesday 16th	Wednesday 17th	Thursday 18th	Friday 19th
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Monday 29th June	Tuesday 30th	Wednesday 1st July	Thursday 2nd	Friday 3rd
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Monday 6th	Tuesday 7th	Wednesday 8th	Thursday 9th	Friday 10th
Y1 - PE Y6 - FOSIL	YR - Swim Y1 - Swim Y2 - Swim Y3 - Swim Y5 - Swim	YR - FSchool PE Y3 - PE Y4 - Swim Y6 - Swim	Y4 - PE Y5 - PE	Y2 - PE
Monday 13th	Tuesday 14th	Wednesday 15th	Thursday 16th	Friday 17th
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PE/Swimming/Forest School/FOSIL Details

PE

On PE days children are to come to school in their PE kit, including trainers that are appropriate for exercise. Please follow this link <https://www.east-peckham.kent.sch.uk/school-uniform-policy/> for guidance on PE uniform. Please can we ask that you follow this guide as we are having some unusual, and inappropriate combinations appearing in school. Items should also be as plain as possible, and without images and words emblazoned across the front or down the leg - small brand names are fine. Also, children can wear leggings or joggers into school to remain warm in school but shorts are needed for indoor PE due to the nature of the activities taking place. The children need full range of motion of their body parts and when climbing apparatus, and unfortunately joggers and leggings can lead to slips from the apparatus and snagging on the apparatus. Please can we also ask that jumpers do not have hoods or zippers. Jewellery should be removed ahead of coming to school, or if unable to be removed they should be small, plain studs (please see the image here).



Swimming

Swimming will start as soon as we feel the weather is warm enough, and we are optimistic for the week beginning 4th May. Wherever possible we will try to stick to this timetable, however we will notify you as soon as possible should there be a change, for example due to inclement weather. **On Swimming days, please can children come to school wearing their PE kit**, as should swimming not be possible and we feel unable to reschedule it then a PE lesson may replace it. **Please can Lemurs come in with their swimming costumes underneath their PE kits**, as they will be swimming first thing on Tuesdays.

All lessons will be taught by Mrs Askew, and supported by additional staff, also Mrs Elliott is available as required. For their lesson, your child will need to bring in the following:

- Swimming trunks or one piece swimsuits - not board/surf shorts (baggy) for safety reasons.
- Swimming caps which must be worn in the pool - and these must be silicon, not material, unless discussed with Mrs Elliott, for material hats do not stay on the children's heads (and long hair must be tied back). **School swimming caps are available to be purchased from the school office.**
- Flip flops
- Towel
- **Please can all items be named, especially for the younger ones who find it very difficult to identify what belongs to them.**

For these lessons we do ask for a parental contribution of £30 to help to cover the cost of chemicals, general maintenance and energy costs. Contributions and/or consent can be made via Arbor (under the 'school clubs' section). If you require support to make payment, please ask to speak to either Mrs Elliott or Miss Ray and we will endeavour to help if we can. Swimming is an essential life skill, as well as being an excellent form of exercise; keeping both minds and body healthy, as such, **swimming is not optional and is compulsory as it is part of the National Curriculum**. Therefore, it is important that all children should have this opportunity to swim. If you have any questions please contact the school office or visit:

<https://www.east-peckham.kent.sch.uk/swimming-and-water-safety>

Forest School:

On Forest School (Year R) days, please can the **Lemurs come to school wearing their PE kit** and bring their puddle suits and long-sleeved tops with them. They will then just put their suits on over their PE kit which will enable them to spend as much of the session as possible at Forest School and reduce the amount of time spent changing/getting ready.

FOSIL

On FOSIL (Years 1-6) days children are to come to school in their normal school uniform/PE kit, and to bring with them a suitable outfit which may well come home muddy! **Waterproofs and wellies are essential**, without these we may not be able to allow children to participate. Children are also unlikely to change back into school uniform before being sent home at the end of the day. Even though the weather is hopefully getting warmer, please can we ask that children continue to bring in appropriate clothing, which includes long trousers to avoid being stung or injured by the outdoor learning space.

Upcoming PTA Events

CHALLENGE 2026

...TO RAISE £20.26 FOR EAST PECKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL THROUGH WHICHEVER METHOD YOU CHOOSE!

SPONSORED...
Swim, Run, Read, Silence, Litterpick, Skip

CHORES...
Wash the car, pick up leaves, Hoover the house

MAKE AND SELL...
Bake and sell cakes
Auction your artwork, poems or stories, grow and sell plants

HAND IN OR SUBMIT YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS BY FRIDAY 5TH JUNE 2026

Prizes for:
-Highest amount -Most creative - Most activities - Highest class total
Plus 10% of what your class raises goes to your class teacher to spend for the class!



QUIZ NIGHT!

Friday 5th June
7.30 - 10pm
Tickets £6 per person

When booking on Arbor please write your team name in the comments

Or write "no team" and we will allocate you into a team.

★ Max team size of 6 ★

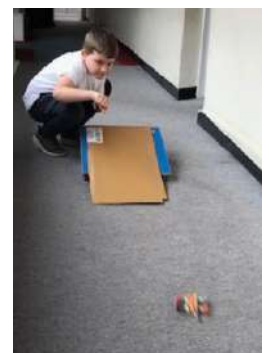
Drinks will be available at the bar!



Penguins DT Project



This term in DT, the Penguins class have been busy designing and creating their very own slingshot cars. Throughout the project, the children explored the design process—from initial ideas and planning to building and testing their finished models. As part of our learning, we also discussed the importance of sustainability, looking at different types of materials and considering how renewable energy can play a role in design and technology. The class showed great creativity and enthusiasm while thinking about how to make their projects both functional and environmentally friendly.



Football v Woodlands

The Year 5/6 team showed fantastic determination and resilience in a challenging match, putting in a strong performance despite facing a tough opposition. From the first whistle, the team worked hard and never gave up, showing great effort and a positive attitude throughout. They tried to play the game the right way, with some good passing moves and moments of teamwork that stood out even under pressure, but unfortunately they were not victorious this time. Well done to **Kieran F, Sidney G, Phoebe G, Jamie K, Mark N, George R, Marshall T, Kyle T** and **Sammy W**.

Dates for your diary

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

Thursday 2nd April	End of Term 4 - please note Friday is a Bank Holiday when school will be closed	Whole school
Monday 20th April	Term 5 Starts	Whole school
Thursday 23rd April	Otters School Trip	Year 1
Thursday 30th April	Rhinos School Trip	Year 3
Tuesday 5th May	Penguins School Trip	Year 4
Tuesday 5th May	Parent Workshop - Understanding Autism email office@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk to confirm attendance	All parents welcome
Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May	Primary School SATs - all children must be in school everyday.	Year 6
Friday 15th May	Penguin's Assembly	Year 4 parents
Friday 22nd May	End of Term 5	Whole school
Thursday 4th June	Meerkats School Trip	Year 2
Friday 5th June	PTA Quiz	All welcome
Monday 8th June	Lemurs School Trip	Reception
Friday 3rd July	Sports Day	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**

<https://www.east-peckham.kent.sch.uk/>

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Sun 05 Apr | Shires
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Enjoy a family meal
out and a spot of live
magic at the beautiful
Shires Inn and large
country garden. 🐰 🌸

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