

# Eastern Green Junior School



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## RESPECT • READY • SAFE

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Parents and Carers,

One more week to go! We are excited to be inviting you into school next week for our Christmas Concerts; the children have been practising their songs and we are sure that their singing will be just what you need to get in the festive spirit. We start with our 6pm concert on Tuesday evening and ask that you support us by having your children **back in school at 5.45pm for a 6pm start**. The children can come dressed festively. Our second concert is a matinee at 2pm on Wednesday afternoon. Parents to arrive from 1.40pm. Please do let the office know if your child is unable to attend on Tuesday evening. This week, we went to St Andrew's Church, where Reverend Joyce welcomed us warmly and talked to the children about the meaning of Christmas for Christians. The children were excited to visit, and their beautiful voices filled the Church. Coming up next week, we have our Christmas Dinner Day on Wednesday, and are welcoming Rage Arts into school for a performance of 'The Amazing Flower Challenge' on Thursday afternoon. It is so important to us at Eastern Green Junior School that we provide children with lots of opportunities to grow and learn and develop their cultural capital.

At EGJS, we strive to ensure that alongside excellent opportunities for academic success, our children also have a range of exciting opportunities to grow as learners who are excited to make sense of their world. We strive to provide our pupils with a host of exciting experiences that will help them grow. Our school calendar is full of such opportunities, and we will keep them coming! Next week, you will receive a half-termly Year group newsletters so that you can see what your children have been up to!

It is these moments - the trips, visits, visitors, and other such opportunities - that cumulate to create a rich tapestry of experience for our children, something we pride ourselves on! Today, was Christmas craft day and this was another wonderful opportunity for our children to learn about resilience, perseverance, determination, and lots of other important personal attributes. Creating our Christmas Concert has also given the children many pertinent learning moments that enrich their knowledge, add to their worldly experience, and contribute to their curiosity about the world around them. We are excited for what the new year will bring!

Kindest regards,

Mrs Nealon - Headteacher



**Does anyone have a rowing machine that they no longer use and would be happy to gift to EGJS? We would be so grateful! 😊**

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## Calendar: Autumn TWO

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - Dress Rehearsal for our Christmas Singing Concert - *bring your Christmas jumper!*

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - 6 pm - Christmas singing concert - ticketed event - details coming soon!

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** - 2 pm - Christmas singing concert - ticketed event - details coming soon!

**Christmas School Dinner Day** - our new chef promises this is not a Hot Dinner to be missed!

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Christmas Jumper Days - Get the wear out of your Christmas jumper before it is too small! 😊**



**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** - Christmas Performance for children to watch at 2pm - The Amazing Flower Challenge an Italian Folk Story.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** - Half Termly Star Assembly - Parents invited (invite only.) 9.05am

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

**Christmas Holiday**

***Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January - First Day back after Christmas break***

### Christmas Jumpers:

You will see that we have planned in multiple opportunities for the children to wear a festive / winter / Christmas jumper over the next few weeks. The idea behind this is so that the children can get plenty of wear out of them before they grow out of them!

*Christmas jumper days are:*

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** for our first Christmas concert dress rehearsal (you can come in your jumper with your school uniform! or bring it for the dress rehearsal.) *Christmas headgear / festive sparkles allowed too if you choose to!*

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** for our final Christmas concert dress rehearsal (you can come in your jumper with your school uniform! or bring it for the dress rehearsal.) *Christmas headgear / festive sparkles allowed too if you choose to!*

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.** Come in your Christmas jumper with your school uniform!



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**Thank you so much to our families who have kindly provided us with some donations of books to help bolster our reading corners! If you have any that you can offer, please keep them coming. This is something we are keen to work on in our classrooms this year to enthuse our children with a love of reading! In January, each class will be engaging in a Sponsored Event to raise money to upgrade our classroom book corners, to ensure that they are full of the latest and best publications to encourage a lifelong love of reading!**

**Please keep your eyes open in January for our sponsorship forms which will be coming out so that each child can work to raise money to bolster our classroom Reading Corners! Meanwhile...**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED BOOKS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION, PLEASE BRING THEM IN FOR OUR CLASS READING CORNERS!**



As you know, we are continuing the process of extending and improving the selection of books we have in school to ensure all children can access and enjoy a wide variety of texts and authors throughout their time at EGJS school. Last year, we began the process of updating our school library with newer copies of well-loved books and purchasing new, modern texts covering a range of themes and topics. We have made inroads, but our library is still quite sparse - filling a library as you can imagine is a mammoth task and to complete it, we are asking once again for the invaluable help of our Eastern Green community. We know from times past that our school community recognise the importance of reading and your support has been invaluable. Thank you. We are asking this Christmas, for anybody who is able and willing, if they would be able to make donations of children's books to our school. There are two ways that this can be done:

- Donations of children's books which are in good condition as stated above.
- You can purchase a new book for the school through our Amazon 'Wish List'. Each item bought will be sent directly to us and can be read by children straight away.

We have listed a large selection of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and picture books. Please use the link below if you can make a book donation.



**Look at all these new books from our Amazon Wishlist!**

**Thank you so much to all our families who have sent in books so far! We are so grateful! 😊**

We will be so very grateful. [www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1MEFOVHTEOLFI?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1MEFOVHTEOLFI?ref_=wl_share)

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This year, we are participating once again in 'Active Advent.' These are fitness related fun activities to count down to Christmas! Saturday and Sunday activities are 'Rudolph Run' and 'Throwing Snowballs.' If you join in at home, please do send in some pictures or videos to: [pe@easterngreen.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:pe@easterngreen.coventry.sch.uk).



**16th**  
**It's a Cracker**  
**What's in the Stocking?**

**What you need:** Ten items, a blanket and someone to help.

**How to play:**

- Place ten items out on the floor.
- The person playing has one minute to look at all of the items before the person helping covers them up with the blanket.
- The player then guesses 'what is in the stocking' by guessing one of the items that they have seen.
- In between each guess, they must complete ten star jumps.

Can you remember all of the items?

#ActiveAdvent



**17th**  
**It's a Cracker**  
**Snowball Race**

**What you need:** 2+ players, 1 straw and 5 scrunched up balls of paper per player, a start marker and an end marker.

**How to play:** Players begin 3m from the end marker. Using their straw they must blow their snowball (scrunched paper) to the end marker. Once there, they complete 5 x of an agreed exercise before running back to move the next snowball.

The first player with all five snowballs at the end marker wins the game.

Exercises could include:

- star jumps
- burpees
- spotty dogs
- touch your toes and jump



**23rd**  
**It's a Cracker**  
**Winter Dress Up**

**What you need:**  
A stopwatch, a pair of gloves, a jacket, a scarf, a hat, a start marker.

**How to play:**  
Ask someone to time you. Pile the items 5m away from a start marker. Run to collect 1 item of clothing and put it on. Run back to your start marker and complete 5 x star jumps, then collect another item. Keep playing until you are wearing all of the items. Stop the clock and see how long it took you. Play the game again throughout the day and see if you can improve on your score.



**24th**  
**It's a Cracker**  
**Cracker Snap**

**What you need:** 2+ players, 1 x marker per player, 1 x pack of cards.

**How to play:** Aim of the game is to obtain all of the cards. Players place a marker 3m behind them. Split the pack evenly between the players. Without looking at the cards, they take it in turns to place them face up on a pile in the middle. Each player must squat before playing a card. If a card matches the one laid before it players must sprint around their marker and race to put their hand on the pile saying "Cracker Snap!". The first player to do this wins the cards in the pile and the game continues.

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## PLACES TO SEE SANTA



**The Old Hall Hotel | Keresley**  
**9th, 10th, 16th, 17th, 22nd & 23rd December**  
The Old Hall Hotel are hosting Santa and his elves once again this Christmas! The Santa's Grotto is a decorated log cabin with its own Christmas tree and festive fireplace. Tell Santa what's on your wish list, receive a certificate and a gift from Santa.

**Coventry Round Table Santa | A Street Near You!**  
**3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th December**

Every December members of Coventry Round Table No.23 take Santa on a journey around the streets of Coventry.



**St Mary's Guildhall | Coventry City Centre**  
**Various dates up to 23rd December**  
Head to St Mary's Guildhall over the festive season for special Christmas events you'll never forget! Join Father Christmas for a story in the great hall, gingerbread decorating in the medieval kitchen, plus children's crafts at this gorgeous historic venue.

**Earlsdon Methodist Christmas Craft Fair | Earlsdon**  
**Sunday 10th December**

Pick up some gifts, enjoy the live music and refreshments and Santa will be making an appearance!



**Ash End Children's Farm | Near Tamworth**  
**9th, 10th, 16th, 17th, 22nd, 23rd & 24th December**  
Ash End Children's Farm offer a welcoming, farm-based experience and a friendly team of staff borrowed from the North Pole. Your family will have one-to-one time with Santa during their visit which also includes all the farm activities.



**Magical Sleight Ride VR | West Orchards Shopping Centre**  
**Various dates up to 24th December**  
This fantastic Santa experience will fill you with festive cheer! Seating up to 8 people, this virtual reality experience offers a perfect family attraction during the festive period! After the ride, the children will chat with Santa for a few minutes and each child will receive a small chocolate gift.

**And there's more!**  
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**The Barn at Berryfields | Meriden**  
**9th, 10th, 15th - 23rd December**  
The Barn at Berryfields Father Christmas Experience includes watching a show by Santa's elves, decorating gingerbread, feeding reindeer, plus some 1-2-1 time with Father Christmas and receiving a gift. Eco-Skating and Festive Street Food is also available!

**Herbert Art Gallery & Museum | Coventry City Centre**  
**Tuesday 19th December 2023**

Santa Claus will be taking time out from his busy schedule to visit Herbert Art Gallery & Museum and sing-along to some of Christmas nursery rhymes. Perfect for ages 0 - 4.



**Little Lane Play Village Coventry | Coundon**  
**11th, 12th, 13th, 18th, 19th, 20th & 24th December**  
Little Lane will be hosting a super special festive 'Afternoon Tea with Santa' for you and your little ones. Tickets include a 60 min play session, fun, games and a Christmas story from a cheeky elf and Mrs Claus. Then both grown ups and little ones will enjoy a delicious afternoon tea, before meeting Santa and receiving a gift!



**Wethele Manor | Leamington Spa**  
**17th, 18th, 19th, 22nd & 24th December**  
There is so much to see and do at Wethele Manor this Christmas. Don't miss the Enchanted Light Trail, Stories with Santa and Breakfast with Santa! You can buy your Christmas Tree there too!

**Santa Spectacular | 48th Coventry Sea Scouts**  
**Sunday 17th December**  
This Santa Spectacular includes a gift and a photo for each child, plus refreshments and festive activities.



**Vintage Sleight Ride | Coventry Transport Museum**  
**Various dates up to 23rd December 2023**  
Take a ride on an enchanting vintage sleigh, pulled by two trusty reindeer. Meet Santa, tell him your Christmas wishes, and collect a special gift. A magical feast of festive activities await across the museum, as admission is included in the ticket price!

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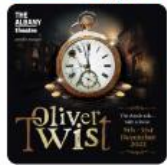
## WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER



**Coventry Big Wheel & Christmas Market | Broadgate**  
**Open every day until 7th January 2024**  
Broadgate is set to be home to a glistening big wheel this winter, with breathtaking views over the city. During your visit don't miss the Coventry Christmas Market - stalls include mulled wine, flame-grilled BBQ, toasted marshmallows, Yorkshire pudding wraps, chocolate kisses and more.

**Jingle Jubilee Christmas Fair | Radford**  
**Saturday 16th December**

Pop along to the Jubilee Crescent Community Centre for lots of stalls and a festive atmosphere. Free entry!



**Oliver Twist | The Albany Theatre**  
**9th - 31st December**  
From the team that created The Albany's stunning A Christmas Carol comes a new version of the story of Dickens' most famous creation - Oliver Twist. All the major characters - Oliver, Fagin, Bill Sikes, Mr Bumble, Nancy and the Artful Dodger are brought to life by a multi-talented ensemble. **£2 off tickets with code CRO2.**



**Luminate Coombe | Coombe Abbey Park**  
**Open until Friday 2nd January 2024**  
Immerse yourself in the mesmerising mile long trail at Coombe Abbey Park, with fabulous light play and ambient music. A timeless experience to be enjoyed by all, young and old alike.

**Alderbrook LIFE Centre | Stoke Aldermoor**  
**Saturday 16th December**  
There's lots of festive fun at the Alderbrook LIFE Christmas Party, including a visit from Father Christmas!



**BFLF NYE (Eve) Family Rave | Coventry Cathedral**  
**Saturday 30th December**  
Big Fish Little Fish is back in Coventry to celebrate New Years Eve (Eve)! This year's theme is 'animal fantastical' so expect to swing, slither, and sashay your way into 2024 under the magnificent stained-glass windows of Coventry Cathedral. Designed for families with younger children (8 and under) but all ages welcome.

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## AMAZING SHOWS FOR KIDS



There are some amazing shows coming up at our local theatres - so grab your diary and get planning!

**Puss in Boots Pantomime | Albany Theatre**  
**Saturday 6th - Sunday 14th January 2024**  
Head to The Albany Theatre in the New Year for the purr-fect family community pantomime! The fur-midable hero is Puss in Boots, a swashbuckling crusader with a difference. Suitable for all ages. **Get £2 off tickets with code CRPIB2**



**Shrek the Musical | Belgrade Theatre**  
**Tuesday 30th January - Sunday 4th February 2024**  
Based on the Oscar winning DreamWorks film, Shrek the Musical is a fun filled and hilarious musical comedy with a cast of vibrant characters. A perfect night out for the young, and the young at heart! Perfect for ages 5+



**Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World**  
**7th - 11th February 2024 | Belgrade Theatre**  
Join the inquisitive heroine Jade as she breaks away from her class to take a peek behind the scenes at her local museum. Along her journey she is surprised to meet the incredible wonder women: Frida Kahlo, Rosa Parks, Amelia Earhart, Mary Seacole, Marie Curie, Emmeline Pankhurst to name just a few. An empowering pop musical suitable for ages 6+.



**The Boy at the Back of the Class | Belgrade Theatre**  
**Tuesday 14th - Saturday 19th May 2024**  
Balancing heart and humour, The Boy at the Back of the Class highlights the power of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense and reminds us that everyone needs a place to call home. Suitable for ages 7+.

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