

Eastern Green Junior School

12th September 2025 – Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We're delighted to share that the second week back at EGJS has been a fantastic one! The children have settled beautifully into their new classes, and it's been wonderful to see so many happy faces, eager learners, and positive energy across the school.

PE Kits – Daily Reminder

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school **every day**. While PE lessons are scheduled for two hours each week, kits should be kept in lockers for the half term to avoid any last-minute forgetfulness. Occasionally, poor weather or unforeseen changes may mean a timetable shift, and having kits on hand ensures children can still participate fully.

Although we do hold a small supply of spare uniform, it's not enough to meet demand—so having their own kit is essential.

Homework – Online Access **Only**

Homework will be going out this week via our online platforms. Due to increasing financial pressures and tighter school budgets, we are no longer able to offer paper alternatives except in **exceptional circumstances (for example, a medical need such as visual impairment.)**

As outlined in the information from Miss Colbourne below, we expect all children to access and complete their homework online. This approach not only supports digital literacy but also helps prepare pupils for the expectations of secondary school where they will be expected to complete homework online. If you are experiencing difficulties accessing the platforms, please do get in touch, however we regret we cannot offer paper alternatives moving forward. Thank you for your understanding.

Coats – Be Weather Ready

While we're still enjoying the last of the summer sunshine, the British weather is famously unpredictable! We aim to get children outside for fresh air and play as often as possible - even if it's a little chilly or damp. Please ensure your child brings a **proper coat** to school each day. A school fleece alone is not sufficient protection against wind and rain.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us make EGJS a safe, happy, and thriving environment for all our children.

Year 6 Reminder – Morning Punctuality Matters

Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers,

As you know, Year 6 is a pivotal time in your child's education, and every moment counts as we prepare them for the challenges ahead including their SATs.

We kindly ask that you make full use of our **soft start to the school day**, aiming to have children arrive between **8:45 and 8:50am**. Morning work is carefully planned to reinforce key skills and build confidence, and those few extra minutes each day really do make a difference.

Children arriving right on the bell at 9:00am are potentially missing out on **over an hour of valuable learning time each week**—time that’s specifically designed to support their progress and readiness.

We appreciate your support in helping Year 6 get the very best start to each day. Let’s keep them on track and thriving!

Safeguarding Reminder

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please speak directly to a member of our safeguarding team. This includes:

- Myself, Mr Higginson, Mrs Albans, Miss Colborne, Mrs Pritchard



We are here to ensure every child feels safe, supported, and happy at school.

Warm regards,

Ms Brown Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 15th September - Flu immunisations

Wednesday 17th September - Year 5 Bikeability - don't forget your helmets or you will not be able to participate

Friday 19th September - Genes for Jeans day - wear denim to school - money raised to go to Genes for Jeans charity

Wednesday 24th September - Year 5 Bikeability - don't forget your helmets or you will not be able to participate

More dates coming soon!



Homework at Eastern Green Junior School

At EGJS, we believe that homework is an important part of your child's learning journey. It helps to develop independence and good learning behaviours, whilst reinforcing key learning that has taken place in school. **Our online homework is set every Friday and will begin next week (Friday 12th September).** Below is an outline of our expectations.

Maths

All children will begin by accessing Times Tables Rockstars for their homework. Throughout the term, there will be a mixture of Mathletics and Times Tables homework set. Maths homework will be set from a Friday afternoon at 3.30pm and must be completed by the following Thursday evening.

Spelling

Each week pupils will be set spellings on Spelling Shed, an online scheme. Weekly spellings set will mirror those practised in school that week. Pupils should complete at least 3 spelling tasks each week; this will be monitored by their class teacher to ensure completion. After 3 tasks, other areas of the online platform are unlocked for children to explore. Spellings are set every Friday at 3.30pm and must be completed by the following Thursday evening.

Children will need access to technology for their maths and spelling homework. Their login details will be sent home by the end of week 2 (Friday 12th September). We will only provide paper copies in exceptional circumstances, and this cannot be offered on a weekly basis.

Reading

Children should read 5 times throughout the week, for a minimum of 10 minutes in each session. This must be recorded in their reading diary and should be signed by an adult at home. We encourage page numbers to be recorded too to enable teachers to support reading fluency and speed. Diaries are checked weekly by staff and we ask that these are sent into school every day.

House points are awarded for all completed homework. Children will use a breaktime in school to complete missed learning if not completed at home. If you have any queries, please get in contact with your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your support with this!

Miss Colbourne

Assistant Headteacher and Curriculum and Learning Lead



In Celebration Assembly each week, two pupils from each class are chosen to receive a Headteacher’s Award and a Values Award. These awards are for pupils who consistently demonstrate our school values, or demonstrate to the teacher something exceptional that week that deserves recognition.

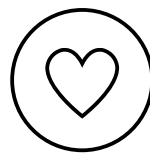
This week’s Headteacher Award and Values Award Winners are:

Year 3	3C – Miss Clarke		3J – Miss Judge	
	Rocco	Sophie M	Morgan	Max
Year 4	4C – Miss Coventry		4BC – Miss Colbourne & Miss Bradbury	
	Jasmine	Daisy	Maisie-May	Curtis
Year 5	5C – Mr Cledwyn		5LA – Mrs Lawless & Mrs Albans	
	Oli P	Poppy L	Harriet	Freddie RH
Year 6	6PS – Mrs Pearson-Dodd & Mrs Skippins		6M – Miss Moore	
	Amelia	Millie D	Poppy D	Leo

o Kind Hearts Award 🍷

Each week the children and staff are invited to nominate a ‘Kind Hearts’ winner – these are children who consistently show our school values and whose actions are infused with kindness, empathy and love in all of their interactions – there is a nomination folder where our school community are encouraged to recommend someone who has been kind in some way to their friends and school family.

This week’s Kind Hearts Winners are Poppy and Evie in Year 6 who took the time to tidy Miss Brown’s office for her 😊



🍏 Lunchtime Award 🍏

Each week the midday team are invited to nominate a ‘Lunchtime Award’ winner – these are children who consistently show our school values and behave beautifully at lunchtime, both in the school dining hall and out on the playground.

Our **Lunchtime Award Winner** this week is **Rocco in Year 3** - We are so proud of you! You have been spotted showing beautiful manners and respectful behaviours at all times at lunchtime! 😊



We are always looking for new and interesting texts for our pupils to read in school. We are also updating our library and reading scheme with new books to ensure children have a wide range of up-to-date texts to choose from. If you have any books at home that you no longer read, please consider donating these to school. Miss Colbourne and the librarians would be very grateful for any donations received.



School Trips!

As we plan exciting educational trips for our students, I want to take a moment to discuss the importance of 'voluntary' contributions for these experiences from you, the parents.

While we refer to these contributions as 'voluntary', it is essential to understand that our school's budget does not allow us to fund these trips independently. Without the generous support of our parent community, we find ourselves unable to provide these enriching opportunities for our children. These trips are designed to enhance our students' learning, foster teamwork, and create lasting memories. They play a crucial role in the children's educational journey, and we truly believe that every child should have the chance to participate.

We kindly ask for your support in making these trips possible. Without your financial support, trips and visits simply **will not be able to go ahead**. If we ask for contributions for trips and visits, please understand that without those contributions these events cannot go ahead.

Thank you so much in advance. 😊

Miss Laura Johnson School Business Manager

School Uniform

A few important reminders to help keep our school running smoothly:

Footwear

Please ensure that all children wear **plain black shoes** to school. Shoes should have **no white soles or coloured markings**.

Keeping Warm

Children are welcome to wear **branded school fleeces** alongside their school jumpers if they are feeling cold. However, **non-school hoodies or fleeces are not permitted**. As the weather turns, **please make sure your child brings a coat to school every day**.

Lost Property

We currently have an **enormous amount of lost property**, including bags full of **unnamed school jumpers, ties, PE kits**, and more.

To help us return items to their rightful owners, **please ensure every piece of your child's uniform is clearly labelled with their name**.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a tidy and respectful school environment.