

Eastern Green Junior School

19th September 2025 – Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another wonderful week of learning, laughter, and community spirit here at Eastern Green Junior School! Today, our children proudly took part in **Jeans for Genes Day**, helping to raise awareness and funds for children living with genetic conditions. This important charity supports individuals and families affected by genetic disorders, funding vital research and providing practical support. Thank you to everyone who donated and joined in—your kindness makes a real difference.

Year 3 have settled in beautifully and are already showing that they are more than ready for life in junior school. Miss Clarke and Miss Judge are thoroughly enjoying getting to know their new classes! **Year 4** are adjusting well to their new class mixes. It's been heartwarming to see new friendships blossoming and children embracing the opportunity to get to know new classmates. Many have shared how exciting it's been to connect with familiar faces from next door in a whole new way. **Year 5** are absolutely loving their **Bikeability sessions!** The instructors have praised them for their excellent behaviour, focus, and positive attitude. Well done, Year 5; you're making us proud! **Year 6** are rising to the challenge of being the oldest in the school. Those who have taken on responsibilities are already shining, showing maturity, leadership, and a real sense of pride in their roles.

Times Tables – A Vital Foundation

A quick reminder about the importance of **times tables practice**. We're aware of some technical issues with Times Tables Rockstars; thank you for your patience. Mrs Lawless, our Maths Lead, is working hard to resolve this with the TTRS technicians.

*In the meantime, the most important thing is that children **commit their times tables to memory**. Knowing them fluently is essential for success in many areas of maths, including division, fractions, problem-solving, and more. Children who are confident with their times tables are more likely to feel secure and capable in maths overall.*

Thank You for Supporting Homework & Reading

We'd also like to thank you for your continued support with homework, especially **daily reading**. Research shows that children who read regularly at home:

- Perform better across all subjects
- Develop stronger vocabulary and comprehension
- Are more confident and independent learners

Did you know? Children who read for just **20 minutes a day** are exposed to **1.8 million words a year**—and are likely to score in the **top 10%** of standardised tests!

Please keep up the great work - your support at home makes a huge difference. Thank you for being such a vital part of our school community. We look forward to another exciting week ahead!

Warm regards,

Ms Brown Headteacher

Diary Dates

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

Monday 29th September - Girl's Rugby tournament - Mrs Pearson-Dodd will be in touch for those participating - please do check your emails 😊

Wednesday 1st October - Year 5 Bikeability - don't forget your helmets or you will not be able to participate

Tag Rugby tournament - Mrs Pearson-Dodd will be in touch for those participating - please do check your emails 😊

More dates coming soon!



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.

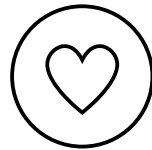
This week's Headteacher Award and Values Award Winners are:

Year 3	3C – Miss Clarke		3J – Miss Judge	
	Edie	Lachlan	Skye	Jacob
Year 4	4C – Miss Coventry		4BC – Miss Colbourne & Miss Bradbury	
	Isla	Lauren	Zachary	Leo
Year 5	5C – Mr Cledwyn		5LA – Mrs Lawless & Mrs Albans	
	Emily	Teddy	Spencer	Florence
Year 6	6PS – Mrs Pearson-Dodd & Mrs Skippins		6M – Miss Moore	
	Meha	James	Elizabeth	William

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.

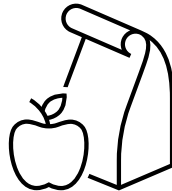
This week's Kind Hearts Winner is Elwood Lewis Year 6 who was nominated by Mrs Warrington and Mrs Harrison for his lovely supportive behaviour this week



🍷 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 **Harvey Tidman** - 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.