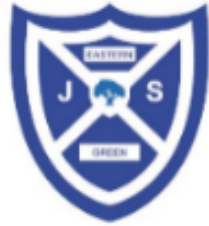


Eastern Green Junior School

14th November 2025 – Newsletter



Hot School Dinners – We Really Need Your HELP!

We're so sorry to have to keep repeating this message, but it is becoming a serious issue for our school. We are currently losing a *significant amount* of money every week to subsidise hot dinners, and without more uptake, this service is at risk. (Over £800 a month of school money must supplement this service.)

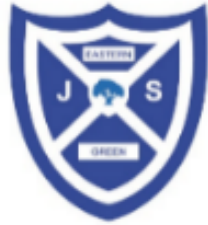
Our school meals are freshly prepared, balanced, and designed to give children the energy and nutrition they need to thrive throughout the day. They also provide a great opportunity for children to enjoy a variety of foods in a warm, social setting with their peers.

There's no need to pre-order—just choose a day that works for your child and let them enjoy a wholesome meal. Even one hot dinner a week makes a big difference and helps us keep the service running for everyone.

We completely understand that routines and preferences vary, but your support really matters. Without it, we may have to make difficult decisions about the future of our catering provision. We really need support with this; does your child ever have a hot dinner? Can you encourage them to do so – even occasionally when there is something on the menu that tickles their fancy!? We would be so grateful – this requires everyone's support. 😊

Thank you for helping us provide healthy, affordable meals for all our pupils.





Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the rain, we've had a lovely week with lots of highs to celebrate!

Thank you to everyone who supported our Bring and Buy Sale – it was a great success and the children really enjoyed taking part.

We are incredibly proud of the four young men who represented our school at the Panathlon this week. For those who may not know, Panathlon is a fantastic sporting event designed for children with diverse abilities, giving them the opportunity to compete in a range of inclusive sports. It promotes teamwork, confidence, and physical activity in a supportive environment. Their effort and enthusiasm were inspiring – well done to all involved – they came third and will be celebrated in Monday's assembly. We are so proud of them – thank you to Mrs Pearson (once again) for organising!

Today, we celebrated Children in Need, with everyone coming to school in their pyjamas! It was wonderful to see the children supporting such a great cause and having fun while raising awareness (and has been the most comfortable day ever!)

The children have been working very hard, but sadly the miserable weather has kept us indoors more than usual. Normally, we do the **Daily Mile**, which is a simple initiative where children run or walk for 15 minutes outside every day. The benefits are huge:

- **Improved physical health** – regular movement helps build fitness and stamina.
- **Better concentration and focus** – short bursts of exercise can boost attention in lessons.
- **Enhanced mental wellbeing** – fresh air and movement reduce stress and improve mood.

Please, if possible, encourage your child to get outside and enjoy some fresh air over the weekend even if it's still raining. It really makes a difference!

On that note, please can I remind you that as the weather turns colder and wetter, please ensure your child has a robust coat in school. We try to get outside whenever we can, even if it's just a light drizzle, so a good coat makes all the difference!

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

Ms Brown

Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 17th November - Year 6 Height and Weight Checks by the school nursing team

Year 6 SATS information evening -this event is **vital** - 3.40pm school hall

Tuesday 18th November - *Y3/4 girls football at the AT7 centre 3.45-5pm*

Wednesday 19th November - Year 4 have a visit from West Midlands Fire Service

Friday 21st November - Year 3 visit to The Herbert Art Gallery, Year 5 Coding workshop

Monday 1st December- *Y4 Dodgeball competition at the Alan Higgs centre*

Thursday 4th December - Whole School Dress Rehearsal for the Christmas Performance

Tuesday 9th December - 3.45 pm - Christmas After School Performance

Wednesday 10th December - 10am - Christmas piano concert - parents of children having piano/ keyboard lessons are invited to watch, Christmas Afternoon Performance and Christmas dinner day, **Please do encourage your child to have a Christmas dinner from the school kitchen - our Christmas dinners are festive and delicious and eating Christmas dinner together is a lovely experience!**

Friday 12th December - Rock Steady concert at 2pm - Parents of children accessing Rock Steady Music Lessons invited into school

Wednesday 17th - Thursday 18th December - Children invited to wear their Christmas jumpers to school on these two days **with their school uniform!**

Thursday 18th December - Christmas crafts day

Friday 19th December - Christmas toy / party day - **full non-uniform** - bring a board game or a non-electronic toy to play with your friends!



As we move into the colder months, all pupils should now be wearing **our full school uniform**. Please ensure that **summer uniform items such as polo shirts, summer dresses, and shorts are not worn until after the Easter break**. This is not the correct uniform and is only permitted when the weather requires it.

👦 **Boys Winter Uniform:**

- Grey trousers, White shirt, School tie, Grey socks, Grey sweater, Black shoes

👧 **Girls Winter Uniform:**

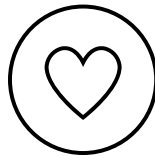
- Grey skirt, trousers, or pinafore dress, White blouse, School tie, Grey sweater or cardigan, Grey tights or white socks, Black, flat shoes



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	3J		3C	
	Olivia	Eliza	Lola	Elle
Year 4	4BC		4C	
	Izzy	Charlie W	Freya	Jack
Year 5	5LA		5C	
	Louie	Flynn	Jacob	Esme G
Year 6	6PS		6M	
	Isla	Sebastian	Alex	Chloe



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 Lorenzo in Year 6 who was nominated by Miss Moore for his kindness this week which he has shown on two occasions, showing his big heart and caring nature



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 Arron in Year 6 - We are so proud of you! You have been spotted showing beautiful manners and respectful behaviours at all times at lunchtime; the perfect House Captain!



REMINDER -

Year 4 Multiplication Check & The Importance of Times Tables

As part of the national curriculum, all Year 4 pupils will take the **Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)** – a short online assessment designed to ensure children can recall their times tables up to 12×12 quickly and accurately. This check is not just a test; it's a vital milestone in your child's mathematical journey.

Why Are Times Tables So Important?

Rapid recall of multiplication facts is **essential** for success in upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6). Many mathematical concepts rely heavily on knowing times tables fluently. Without this foundation, children can struggle to keep up with more complex ideas, as their working memory becomes overloaded trying to calculate basic facts.

Here are just a few areas where times tables are pivotal:

- **Fractions:** Simplifying, comparing, and finding equivalent fractions all require multiplication and division.
- **Percentages:** Calculating percentages of amounts (e.g. 25% of 240) depends on knowing multiplication facts.
- **Ratio and Proportion:** Understanding and solving problems involving scaling and sharing quantities.
- **Area and Perimeter:** Especially for rectangles and compound shapes.
- **Volume:** Calculating volume of cuboids (length \times width \times height).
- **Long Multiplication and Division:** These methods are built on solid times tables knowledge.
- **Algebra:** Solving equations and understanding patterns often involves multiplication.

Working Memory Matters

When children know their times tables by heart, they free up their working memory to focus on problem-solving and reasoning. If they don't, they may fall behind - not because they can't understand the concepts, but because they're slowed down by basic calculations.

How Can Parents Help?

Every child has access to **Times Tables Rock Stars**, a fun and engaging platform to practise multiplication facts. We strongly encourage parents to support their children in using this regularly.

- **By the end of Year 4**, children should know all their times tables up to 12×12 .
- If your child is still working on this, it's **crucial** to continue supporting them through **Year 5 and Year 6** as without them, they will struggle as mathematical concepts get harder when they make the transition to secondary school.