

# Eastern Green Junior School

28<sup>th</sup> November 2025 – Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

The school is feeling wonderfully festive, and the children have been working hard honing their singing skills for our very own Top of the Pops Christmas! The excitement is building, and we can't wait to share their amazing performances with you.

## **Christmas Performance – Tuesday 9th December**

We hope that all children will stay for the early evening concert which is due to start at 3.45pm, even if parents do not have a ticket for this performance. Pickup will be at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Children will remain in school through the afternoon, so please send a generous packed lunch and an afternoon snack to keep them going 😊

If you do not have tickets to watch the performance, please collect your child at 5:00 p.m.

## **Christmas Jumper Days**

We've had a few questions about when Christmas jumpers can be worn, so here's the full schedule as sent out again by the Office:

Tuesday 9th December – Bring a Christmas jumper to school to wear for the after-school performance

Wednesday 10th December – Wear Christmas jumper **with school uniform** all day

Wednesday 17th December – Wear Christmas jumper **with school uniform** all day

Thursday 18th December – Wear Christmas jumper **with school uniform** all day

Friday 19th December – Full non-uniform day

We hope this clears up any confusion and adds to the festive cheer!

Thank you for your support in making this a magical time for the children.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brown', written in a cursive style.

Headteacher

## A Gentle Reminder – Please Respond to Emails Promptly

We kindly ask all parents and carers to **check and respond to school emails as soon as possible**. Recently, our office team has spent many hours chasing permissions for activities such as football and dodgeball matches.

Unfortunately, if we don't receive your response in time, **your child may miss out on valuable opportunities**. We really don't want that to happen!

Your quick replies help us keep things running smoothly and ensure every child can take part in the exciting events we plan. Thank you for your support in making this possible.

## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** - 3.45 pm - Christmas After School Performance

Pick up is 5pm - please bring a Christmas jumper with you to school to wear for the performance

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> December** - Rock Steady concert at 2pm - Parents of children accessing Rock Steady Music Lessons invited into school

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

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas crafts day

It's going to be a wonderfully creative (and possibly messy!) day, so please make sure your child brings:

- An apron or an old shirt to wear over their Christmas jumper and school uniform. (This could get messy so do have an old shirt!)



**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas toy / party day - **full non-uniform** - bring a board game or a non-electronic toy to play with your friends! Bring snacks and drinks to share with your friends!



### **Christmas Crafts Day – Thursday 18th December**

On Thursday 18th December, the children will enjoy a fun-filled Christmas Crafts Day! They will be working in their house groups to create festive decorations, cards, and other seasonal surprises.

It's going to be a wonderfully creative (and possibly messy!) day, so please make sure your child brings:

- An apron or an old shirt to wear over their Christmas jumper and school uniform. (This could get messy so do have an old shirt!)
- Their usual festive spirit and enthusiasm!

This is a great opportunity for teamwork and creativity, and we can't wait to see the amazing crafts they produce.



### **Friday 19th December – Christmas Toy & Party Day!**

We're ending the term with a day full of fun and festive cheer!

#### **Why is this day important?**

This special day isn't just about toys and treats - it's about giving children the chance to **enjoy each other's company, build friendships, and have fun together**. Play is a vital part of learning and development, helping children to share, cooperate, and create happy memories.

#### **What's happening?**

- **Full non-uniform day** – wear your favourite festive outfit or comfy clothes.
- **Bring a board game or a non-electronic toy** to enjoy with your friends.
- **Party snacks and drinks** – children are welcome to bring something to share with their friends.

#### **Important:**

**Please avoid any snacks containing nuts for allergy safety.**

Some suggestions for party food:

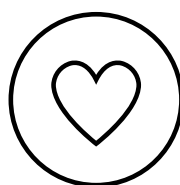
- Crisps
- Fruit slices
- Cheese cubes
- Small cakes or biscuits
- Juice boxes or water

This is always a highlight of the year; we can't wait to celebrate together!

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	
	Perri	Charlotte	Harleen	Harry
Year 4	4BC		4C	
	Oliver T	Amelia	Autumn	Kye
Year 5	5LA		5C	
	Finley	Mason	Logan C	Yagavi
Year 6	6PS		6M	
	Erin	Alexa	Blake	Oscar S



### 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 Sophia in Year 6 as nominated by Lillie D . Millie said on her nomination slip, : "She is always so kind to me and everyone around her; she may not be the best at everything but she tries hard and has beautiful manners and she always checks that other people are ok and I don't know if she knows how highly we think of her. She is such a pleasure to be around and deserves to have Kind Hearts."**



### 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 Adam in Year 3. Well done Adam – we are so proud of you! Fantastic job! You've shown outstanding manners and respect at lunchtime, and you're a brilliant role model for others.

## Meet Our School Governors

### What do school governors do?

School governors play a vital role in supporting and challenging the school to ensure the very best outcomes for all our pupils. They work as a team to provide strategic leadership and accountability. Governors do not manage the day-to-day running of the school—that's the job of the headteacher—but they help set the vision, monitor progress, and make sure resources are used effectively.

### Who are our governors?

**Chair of Governors:** Cara Hooper

**Vice Chair:** Mark Spafford

**Parent Governors:** Laura Bunn, Emma Muntoni, Emma Kelsey-Spragg

**Community Governor:** Melody Starkey

**Co-opted Governor:** Olutobi Adebola Rotilu

**Teacher Governor:** Sarah Moore

### Why do governors come into school?

Governors regularly visit school to quality assure what we do. This means they check that policies and plans are being put into practice, that teaching and learning are effective, and that pupils are safe and happy. These visits help governors understand the school in action, so they can make informed decisions and support staff in the best way possible.

### How do governors work with the school?

We hold half-termly meetings where governors and school leaders share information about:

Finance – ensuring money is spent wisely and benefits pupils.

Teaching and Learning – monitoring progress and standards.

Strategic Vision – planning for the future and setting priorities.

Governors are an essential part of our school community, helping us to stay focused on our core purpose: giving every child the best possible education.

We are still looking for a Parent Governor to join our team; if you are interested in this role then please do reach out to our admin team who will let Miss Brown so that she can reach out to discuss this with any interested party and let you know what is involved! 😊