

# Eastern Green Junior School

16<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Young Voices – What an Incredible Experience!**

What an amazing time our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils had at Young Voices last night! The atmosphere was electric, and the children performed with enthusiasm and joy. Young Voices is always a truly special event: not only is it an unforgettable experience, but it is also an important part of our music curriculum. As a school, we are proud to fund the opportunity so that every child can take part, learn from professional conductors and musicians, and feel the thrill of performing as part of one of the largest school choirs in the world. The buzz in school today has been wonderful to see - despite a fair few sleepy yawns after such a late night! We suspect early bedtimes might be popular this evening.

## **A Busy, Exciting Start to the Spring Term**

The children have settled beautifully back into school life, and the building is once again a hive of activity. We are already seeing them make tremendous progress. The Spring Term is often where learning accelerates the most: routines are firmly established, pupils have built confidence in their skills, and teachers can push learning forward with greater depth and challenge. It's a time when concepts begin to "click," and we love watching the children stride ahead in their learning.

Good attendance, therefore, remains one of the most significant factors in our children's academic success. *Every day in school matters.* Missing just one or two days a month can quickly add up to lost learning, gaps in understanding, and reduced confidence. When children attend regularly, they stay connected to their learning, their friendships, and the rhythm of the school day. Thank you for supporting us in ensuring your child is in school, on time, every day.

## **Why Reading at Home Matters So Much**

Regular reading at home – even just the 10–15 minutes a day that we ask each child to complete as a minimum – has a powerful impact on progress. It strengthens vocabulary, improves comprehension, supports writing skills, and boosts overall attainment across the curriculum. Life is busy, and we know that evening routines can sometimes feel rushed, but without consistent parental support to listen to reading at home, children simply do not make the same level of progress. Little and often really does make a huge difference.

Establishing good habits can help; try choosing a regular time each day, such as straight after school or just before bed or first thing in the morning; keep books somewhere visible and easy to reach; and celebrate small milestones - finishing a chapter, meeting a weekly reading goal, or discovering a new favourite author. Reading homework isn't just an add-on; it's an

essential part of helping children become confident, fluent readers who can access all areas of learning. Thank you for supporting your child's reading journey - your involvement genuinely makes a difference.

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Headteacher

## Diary Dates - Spring Term One

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January** - Year 6 Assessment week - please ensure all Year 6 children attend this week well rested and having had a hearty breakfast 😊

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January** - Year 6 Rainforests workshop all day!

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January** - Year 6 Manor Adventure Parents meeting - **vital that all parents whose children are going to Manor Adventure attend** (even if you have had an older child attending in the past, please do come for updates!)

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January** - Year 3, 4 and 5 Assessment Week - please ensure all children attend this week well rested and having had a hearty breakfast 😊

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb** - We're excited to announce a **Chocolate and Cake Sale** to raise funds for **new reading books** for our school library will be happening today!

### How you can help?

- Please donate **chocolates and cakes** (homemade or store-bought) for the sale.
- Donations can be brought to school on **Wednesday 4th February** or on the morning of the sale.

Every contribution helps us provide more wonderful books for our children to enjoy. Thank you for your support!

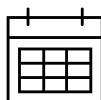


**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February** - NUMBER DAY - children come dressed to school as digits.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February** - Break up for half term

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** - School is closed for teacher training

**Half Term** - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February



## Reminder: We Are a Nut-Aware School

A gentle reminder to all families that we are a *nutaware- school*, and **no nut products should be brought into school in packed lunches or snacks.**

This includes **whole nuts, peanut butter, Nutella and other chocolate hazelnut spreads, cereal bars containing- nuts, pesto made with nuts, and any items that list nuts in their ingredients.**

We have pupils in school with severe nut allergies, and even a small amount of exposure—sometimes just residue on hands or surfaces—can trigger a serious allergic reaction. By keeping nut products out of school, we help ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils.

**Thank you for your care and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone. If you're ever unsure whether something contains nuts, please check the ingredients carefully or speak to us for guidance.**

**EASTERN GREEN JUNIOR SCHOOL SAYS NO TO NUTS!**

We are a  
**NUT AWARE SCHOOL**



We have some children in our school with severe allergies to nuts.  
**PLEASE DO NOT SEND NUTS OR ANY FOOD CONTAINING NUTS TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD.**  
Thank you for helping us keep our school safe!

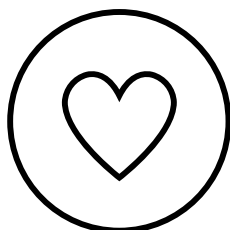
## **This week's Headteacher Award and Values Award Winners are:**

Year 3	3C		3J	
	Jasnoor	Eddie	Adam	Hunter
Year 4	4C		4BL	
	Parker	Dexter	Buddy	Sienna
Year 5	5C		5LA	
	Kit	Oli	Mason	Barney
Year 6	6PS		6M	
	Elodie	Eva	Christopher	Lilly

### 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.

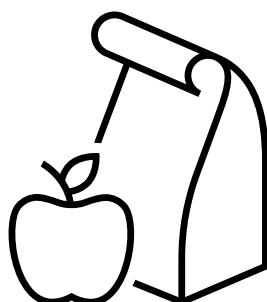
**This week's Kind Hearts Winner is Harleen in Year 3 – for being such a role model to her fellow students – and being such a kind and caring young lady, who is always warm and loving to everyone around her! 😊**



### 🍏 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 Morgan in 3J. We are so proud of you! You have been spotted showing beautiful manners and respectful behaviours at all times at lunchtime! 😊



# Should I keep my child off school?



## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.