

Eastern Green Junior School

13th February 2026 – Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Half term!

It was wonderful to welcome so many of you into school for Parents' Evening this week. These opportunities to talk about how your children are getting on are hugely important, helping us celebrate their successes, discuss next steps and continue building strong partnerships between home and school.

I must share that staff were, however, saddened to hear that some parents are engaging in WhatsApp groups that, we have been told by other parents, can sometimes cause unnecessary worry by sharing exaggerated or inaccurate information about what is happening in school. It has come to our attention that some parents have unintentionally shared incorrect information about school events after children have gone home and described situations in ways that do not accurately reflect what happened, and this is neither helpful nor appropriate. This kind of "rumour mill" is unhelpful for families, unfair to staff who work incredibly hard, and does not reflect the positive reality of day-to-day school life.

We want to reassure you that behaviour at Eastern Green is good as it has always been: the vast majority of our children are polite, respectful and make excellent choices.

As in any school, there are occasional incidents of poor behaviour, and when these occur, we address them swiftly and consistently in line with our behaviour policy, ensuring children take responsibility and make things right and receive consequences – my mantra has always been that to let children off when they make poor choices, is to let them down.

Small pockets of misinformation circulating outside school can create unnecessary anxiety, and many parents have already shared with us that they are tired of seeing untrue or negative commentary online. If you want to know what is happening, please speak to us directly—we are always happy to help. We are proud of our pupils, proud of our community, and committed every day to putting children at the heart of everything we do. Thank you for working with us, trusting us, and helping to maintain the positive, supportive environment our children deserve.

Warmest wishes,

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

Headteacher

Diary Dates - Spring Term Two

Children return to school on Monday 23rd February

Monday 23rd February - Year 3 computing week, Library challenge, rowing competition,

Tuesday 24th February - Year 4 girls football tournament

Wednesday 25th February - Year 6 go to Manor Adventure

Year 3 and 4 girls' more than just a game' tournament

Thursday 26th February - Year 6 at Manor Adventure

Friday 27th February - Year 6 return from Manor Adventure

Year 5 go to the Belgrade theatre!

Monday 2nd March - Year 4 computing week

Wednesday 4th March - Year 4 to the Black Country museum

Thursday 5th March - Professor McGinty visits year 3!

Tuesday 10th March - Year 5 and 6 Boys football match

Monday 16th March - Year 6 computing week

Wednesday 18th March - Year 3 and 4 boys 'More than just a game' tournament

Friday 20th March - Star Assembly - parents invited to attend of children receiving awards

Monday 23rd March - Year 5 computing block

Tuesday 24th March - Bowls event at the AT7 centre - children participating
TBC

Friday 27th March - non uniform day - bring a gold coin for books!

PM - Rock Steady assembly - parents of children participating in Rock Steady invited to join us

BREAK UP FOR EASTER FRIDAY 27th MARCH - return to school Monday 13th APRIL

Important message - Behaviour Expectations at Eastern Green

At Eastern Green, we are incredibly proud of the overwhelmingly positive behaviour shown by our pupils every day. Across the week, children have countless opportunities to earn recognition for their effort, kindness and commitment to our school values. From house points, star of the day, classroom recognition boards and lunchtime awards, to star of the week, values awards and even Kind Hearts nominations, our focus is always on celebrating and encouraging positive choices and children's individual successes no matter how small.

However, when behaviour does fall short of what we expect in line with our three core values - Respect, Ready and Safe - we do need to address it. We ask that you, as parents and carers, allow us to do our jobs, trust our professional judgement, and know that any consequences given are never issued lightly. If we let children off, we let them down. Ensuring our pupils learn from their actions is an important part of helping them grow as learners and citizens in the world.

Our staff always work to be fair, proportionate and thorough, taking time to understand as much as possible about what has happened before making any decisions about consequences. What really helps us is knowing that parents are working alongside us. When children believe that poor behaviour will be dismissed or defended at home, it makes it much harder for us to keep expectations consistent and create a calm, safe environment for everyone. We deeply value our partnership with you, and with your support, we can continue to make Eastern Green a place where all children can thrive, feel secure, and learn in a positive atmosphere.

What We Ask of You

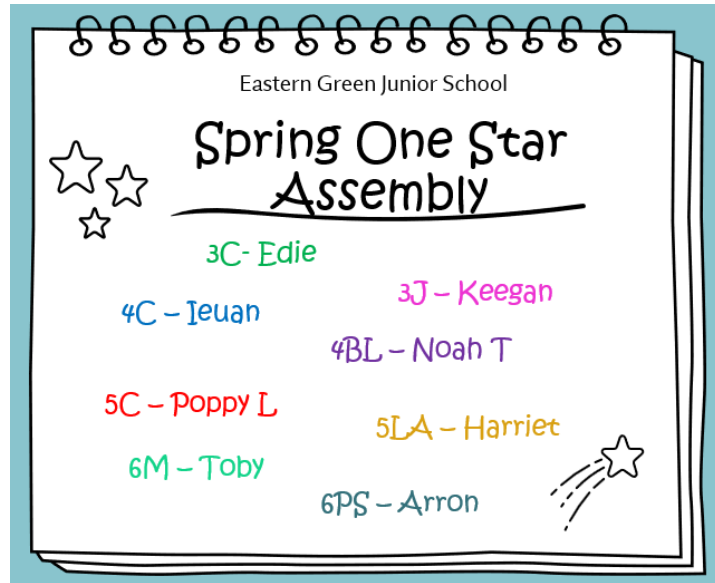
To help us maintain high expectations and a positive learning environment for all children, we kindly ask that you:

- **Trust our professional judgement** when we deal with behaviour concerns, knowing that we handle each situation with care, fairness and proportionality.
- **Support our decisions at home**, even when they may be difficult for your child to accept. Consistency between home and school is crucial in helping children take responsibility for their actions. Where parents do not support school, we see behaviour decline enormously *in school*.
- **Reinforce our three core values - Respect, Ready and Safe** - with your child so they understand that these expectations apply both in and out of the classroom.
- **Communicate with us openly and constructively** if you have questions or concerns, so that we can work together in the best interests of your child.

At the end of each half term, teachers choose one child from each class to receive a Star Award!



These children have shown our school values consistently **all day every day** at EGJS!
These are children who have behaved impeccably and tried their hardest in EVERYTHING that they do!
Well done to this Half Term's Class Stars – we are so proud of each and every one of you!



Kind Hearts Award

This week, our Kind Hearts Award goes to Jasnoor, and we are delighted to recognise her. She was nominated for consistently showing compassion, empathy and genuine kindness in everything she does. Whether supporting a friend, offering a reassuring word or simply spreading positivity, Jasnoor makes a real difference to those around her. The beauty of the Kind Hearts Award is that it is chosen through nominations from pupils and staff—our community noticing and celebrating kindness in action. Knowing that Jasnoor was put forward because others have truly valued her behaviour makes this award especially meaningful. We are incredibly proud of her and thank her for being such a shining example of our school values.



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.

This week's Lunchtime Award winner is Sophie W in Year 5, and we are so proud to celebrate her. Sophie is always an excellent role model during lunchtimes, both in the dining hall and out on the playground. She consistently demonstrates beautiful manners, shows kindness to others, and helps create a calm and positive atmosphere for everyone around her. Staff have noticed how she includes others, supports younger children, and treats everyone with respect — all without ever being asked. Her quiet leadership, positivity and maturity make her stand out every single day.

The Lunchtime Award is a special recognition because it celebrates those everyday moments where children show our school values so naturally, helping to make Eastern Green a warm and welcoming place for all. Well done, Sophie — keep shining! 😊