

Eastern Green Junior School

6th February 2026 – Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another wonderfully busy week in school, filled with exciting activities, impressive achievements, and community spirit. This week, a group of our pupils took part in another exciting HADO competition, and we are incredibly proud of how well they represented our school. Their teamwork, determination, and enthusiasm shone through, and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Well done to all involved and thanks to Mrs Pearson-Dodd for making these opportunities happen. We also had an exciting UKS2 boys' football match. The team played brilliantly, showing great sportsmanship and resilience throughout. It was a fantastic performance and a joy to watch them working so well together. Thanks to Mr Higginson for his great coaching!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our cake sale to raise money for new books. We are delighted to share that we raised over £300! Books play an essential role in school life. They:

- Inspire imagination
- Develop vocabulary and communication
- Support learning across every subject
- Encourage a lifelong love of reading

We are extremely grateful for your generosity - your contributions help us provide high quality, engaging resources for all our children and we all loved enjoying some cake!

Today, we celebrated Number Day, a national event in the UK run annually to raise the profile of maths and highlight the importance of number skills. Schools across the country take part in fun maths themed activities. Our children enjoyed a range of number challenges, puzzles, and games designed to make maths enjoyable and meaningful. Next week is our final week before the half term break. Please remember that Friday is a Teacher Training Day, and school will be closed to pupils. Our teachers will be in school as always on this day for their own continued professional development, with this training focusing on:-themed activities. Our children enjoyed a range of number challenges, puzzles, and games designed to make maths enjoyable and meaningful-term break. Please remember that Friday is a Teacher Training Day, and school will be closed to pupils.

- Adapting teaching to support learners of all abilities
- Developing inclusive classroom strategies

We look forward to another great week next week and thank you, as always, for your continued support. Apologies for the absence of a newsletter last week – I was taken out by a particularly vicious sickness bug generously gifted to me by my two boys at home (sharing really is caring!), but you'll find last week's award winners included below.

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Headteacher

Diary Dates - Spring Term One

Monday 9th February - Book fair arrives in school

Tuesday 10th February - Internet Safety Day

Wednesday 11th February - **Parents Evening 3.30-7pm**

Thursday 12th February - Star Assembly - parental invitation

Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

Break up for half term Thursday 12th February

FRIDAY 13th FEBRUARY - SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR TEACHER TRAINING DAY

Half Term - Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February

Children return to school on Monday 23rd February

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.

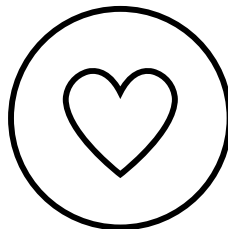
This week's and last week's Headteacher Award and Values Award Winners are:

Year 3	3C				3J			
	Noah T	Hudson	Rocco	Bella	Remi	Otto	Sienna	Jessica
Year 4	4C				4BL			
	Isla	Daisy	Jacob M	Oscar	Noah	Zach	Maisie	Alex
Year 5	5C				5LA			
	Emmie	Zana	Max	Ugo	Erica	Barney	Phoebe	Finley
Year 6	6PS				6M			
	Jacob	Felicity	Simeon	Elena	Harley	Henry	Oliver	Evie

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.

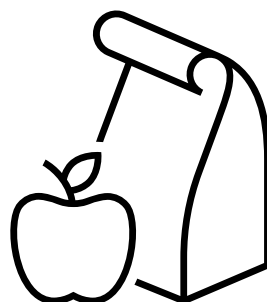
Last week's kind hearts winner was Mila in Year 3 who is such a kind friend and this week's winner was Max C in Year 5. The Kind hearts award is an award that is so special as it is chosen by the children. Well done to these two kind stars.



 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** last week was Jasmine in Year 4 and this week was Jessica W in Year 5. We are so proud of both of you! You have both been spotted showing beautiful manners and respectful behaviours at all times at lunchtime and are such a role model to everyone around you! 😊



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>.