

Eastern Green Junior School

6th March 2026 – Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another exciting and enriching week at Eastern Green Junior School, with pupils enjoying a range of memorable experiences that have brought their learning to life.

World Book Day was a fantastic celebration across the school. Children arrived dressed either as a favourite book character or as an imaginative interpretation of a word. From mysterious villains and adventurous heroes to creative vocabulary costumes, the effort and enthusiasm were wonderful to see. The day was filled with stories, reading activities and lots of conversations about books. Events like World Book Day are so important because they help nurture a lifelong love of reading, encouraging children to explore new authors, expand their vocabulary and develop their imagination.

Our Year 4 pupils had a brilliant trip to the Black Country Living Museum, where they stepped back in time to experience what life was like in the past. As they explored the historic streets, shops and houses, the children learned about how people lived and worked during the Industrial Revolution. They discovered how coal mining, traditional shops and early transport shaped the local area and the country as a whole. Experiences like this deepen pupils' historical understanding because they allow children to see, hear and experience history rather than simply reading about it in a book. The children represented our school beautifully and were a credit to EGJS throughout the day.

Meanwhile, Year 3 enjoyed a very special visit from the wonderful Professor McGinty, who came to extend their learning about Ancient Egypt. With his trademark humour and enthusiasm, Professor McGinty brought the topic vividly to life. Through stories, demonstrations and plenty of laughter, the children explored fascinating aspects of Ancient Egyptian life, from pharaohs and pyramids to daily life and beliefs about the afterlife. The session sparked curiosity and excitement, helping pupils to deepen their understanding of this remarkable ancient civilisation.

It has been a week full of curiosity, creativity and memorable learning experiences. Thank you, as always, to our staff, visitors and families who help make these opportunities possible for our children.

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Headteacher

Diary Dates - Spring Term Two

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

Odd Socks for Down Syndrome Awareness

On Friday 20th March, pupils at Eastern Green Junior School are invited to come to school wearing odd or brightly coloured socks to help us raise awareness of Down Syndrome.

The idea behind wearing odd socks comes from the fact that chromosomes look a little like pairs of socks, and people with Down syndrome have three copies of chromosome 21 instead of two. Wearing mismatched socks is a simple and fun way to start conversations about difference and inclusion.

By taking part, we are helping our children understand that everyone is unique and that differences should be celebrated. It is also a valuable opportunity to promote kindness, respect and understanding for others.



We look forward to seeing lots of colourful socks around school as we celebrate the message that being different is something to be proud of. 🧦

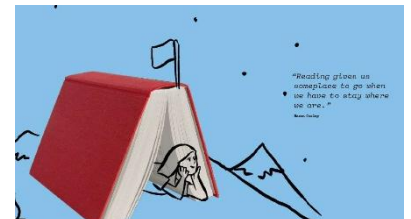
Monday 23rd March - Year 5 computing block

Tuesday 24th March - Bowls event at the AT7 centre - children participating
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Wednesday 25th March - Easter egg Raffle

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

In our ongoing drive to raise money for reading books, we will be inviting children to come in non-uniform to raise money for reading books in school



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

Hot Dinners – Your Support Matters

Many of you may remember that Eastern Green Junior School made headlines five years ago when our former Headteacher, Mrs Aston, highlighted the significant cost to the school of subsidising hot dinners. Unfortunately, this is still the case today. Our school continues to heavily subsidise hot meals due to the low number of children choosing this option each day.

After speaking with pupils, we understand that many enjoy the novelty of bringing a packed lunch, especially after having hot dinners regularly at infant school. While we completely understand this, we are kindly asking families to **consider choosing a hot dinner for at least one day a week**.

Our school meals are genuinely excellent – I have one most days myself, and they are the best I've had in any school I've worked in! The menu runs on a three-week cycle and changes throughout the year, offering variety and balance. As the colder months approach, a warm, nutritious meal can be especially comforting and beneficial for children's energy and focus.

We really don't want to reach a point where offering hot dinners becomes unsustainable. So, if you can, please take a look at the menu with your child and choose a day or two to give it a try that would make a huge difference. Last year's taster sessions were a big hit with the children, and we'd love to see more of them enjoying what's on offer.

Thank you, as always, for your support – it truly makes a difference.



Pencil Cases and Equipment

As we move through the school year, please could we ask parents and carers to **check their child's pencil case and refresh any equipment that may be missing or running out**. They don't have to be fancy but please ensure your child has what they need!

We encourage children to **take responsibility for bringing and maintaining their own equipment**, as this helps prepare them for the expectations they will encounter when they move on to **secondary school**.

Please ensure your child has the basic items they need each day, such as:

- Pencils
- Pens
- A glue stick
- A ruler
- A rubber



Having the correct equipment in school helps children to stay organised, ready to learn and able to fully participate in lessons without disruption.

Thank you for your support in helping children develop these important habits of organisation and independence.



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:

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| Year 3 | 3C – Miss Clarke | | 3J – Miss Judge | |
| | Aadhya | Paris | Morgan | Charlotte |
| Year 4 | 4C – Miss Coventry | | 4BL – Mrs Loha & Miss Bradbury | |
| | Casey | Kenton | Mason | Maisie |
| Year 5 | 5C – Mr Cledwyn | | 5LA – Mrs Lawless & Mrs Albans | |
| | Hollie | Freddie | Louie | Aiden |
| Year 6 | 6PS – Mrs Pearson-Dodd & Mrs Skippins | | 6M – Miss Moore | |
| | Stanely | Noah | Mila | Kian |

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 we had two Kind Hearts winners: Kit and Jacob in Year 5.

They were nominated after showing wonderful empathy and kindness when their friend Deegan hurt himself while playing. Kit and Jacob immediately stepped in to support him, showing real care and concern and staying by his side to make sure he was okay.

Their thoughtful actions and the way they looked after their friend were a lovely example of what it means to be kind, supportive and a good friend.

Well done, Kit and Jacob — we are very proud of you both. Well done too to Deegan for his bravery in the face of a nasty injury!

🍷 Lunchtime Award 🍷

Each week the midday team nominate a 'Lunchtime Award' winner – children who consistently demonstrate our **three school values** and behave beautifully at lunchtime, both in the dining hall and out on the playground. This week's **Lunchtime Award winner is Elle in Year 3.**

Elle has been noticed for her **lovely manners, kind nature and the way she plays so well with others.** She consistently shows our school values and is a real pleasure to see at lunchtime.

Well done, Elle – we are very proud of you! 😊

Coats in School – A Seasonal Reminder

Although we are now in March, the weather is still cold, wet and often very changeable throughout the day. We are noticing that a number of children are still coming to school without a coat.

Children go outside at breaktime and lunchtime whenever possible, even when it is drizzly or damp, as fresh air and outdoor play are important parts of the school day. For this reason, it is essential that all children bring a warm, waterproof coat to school each day so they can stay comfortable and enjoy their time outside.

Thank you for your support in helping ensure children are warm, dry and ready for the day ahead, whatever the weather brings.



Year 6 SATs and the Importance of Attendance

As we move closer to the Year 6 SATs in May, we would like to remind families how important good attendance and punctuality are during this key stage of the year.

SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) assess pupils' learning in reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling, and mathematics at the end of Key Stage 2. They provide a national picture of what children have learned during their time in primary school.

While SATs do provide useful information for schools about how effectively the curriculum is supporting pupils' learning, their importance goes beyond primary school.

The results are used by secondary schools to help set initial academic pathways and predicted GCSE targets. These starting points also help ensure that secondary schools are held accountable for the progress pupils make during their time there.

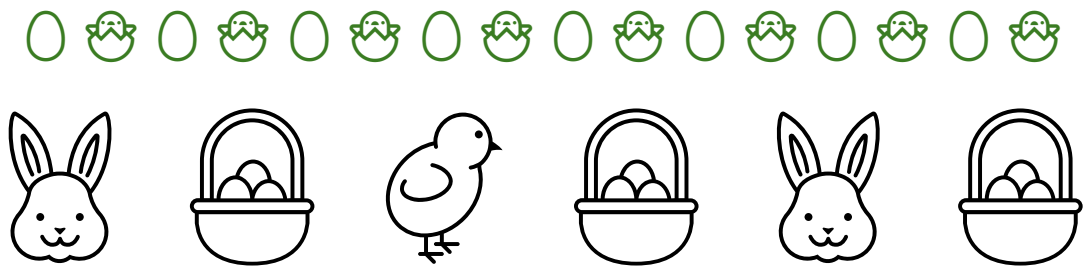
For this reason, SATs play a significant role in shaping the expectations and aspirations for pupils as they move into secondary education. Strong outcomes can help ensure that children are placed on appropriately challenging pathways and that ambitious targets are set for their future learning.

This is why attendance in Year 6 is particularly important. Every day in school supports pupils in consolidating their knowledge, building confidence and ensuring they feel well prepared as they approach the tests.

Our aim is for every child to leave Eastern Green Junior School feeling confident, proud of their achievements and ready for the next stage of their education. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us achieve this. ***Every day matters!***



Easter Egg Donations



It's that time of year again! We are now beginning to collect Easter Egg donations for our children's Easter raffle, which will take place at the end of term.

Our Easter raffle is always a really exciting event for the children and helps create a lovely sense of celebration as we approach the Easter holidays. We would be extremely grateful for any donations families are able to contribute to help make it a success.

If you would like to donate, please bring Easter eggs to the school office over the coming weeks.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and generosity – it really does make a difference.

