



# Eastern Green Junior School



17<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful first week back at school following the Easter break, with lots of positive energy and excitement across all year groups.

This week, the whole school enjoyed engaging cricket workshops on Wednesday, which were a great success. Cricket is a fantastic sport that helps children develop coordination, teamwork, resilience and focus, while also encouraging respect and fair play. The sessions gave pupils the opportunity to try something new, be active together, and most importantly, have fun – and it was clear just how much they enjoyed the experience. Thank you Mrs Pearson for organising.

Our Year 6 pupils have been working hard on their SATs practice, showing maturity and commitment. SATs are an important part of a child's educational journey. While they do help us measure how effectively we are teaching, they are not just about school performance. SATs are used to inform predicted GCSE grades, helping secondary schools plan appropriate pathways and support. Our aim is always to help every child achieve the very best they can so they move on to secondary education feeling confident, aspirational and ready for the next challenge. As we head towards SATs, attendance for Year 6 over the next month is extremely important, as every lesson builds on the last. Strong attendance is vital across all year groups, and we thank you for your continued support in ensuring children are in school and ready to learn each day.

A huge congratulations this week to our Year 5 and Year 6 boys' football team, who began the term with an impressive 6–0 win. The team showed fantastic teamwork, determination and sportsmanship, and we are incredibly proud of them. Well done to everyone involved.

We kindly ask that children come to school with their PE kits every day, not just on their timetabled PE day. Although we do have set PE slots, there are times when we need to be flexible, for example, due to changes in the weather, use of shared spaces, or timetable adjustments. Having PE kits available allows us to make the most of suitable conditions and ensures learning time is not lost. Timetables can occasionally be fluid, so please help us by making sure your child always has their PE kit in school. Thank you for your support with this.

Finally, please do take a look at the school calendar, as there are lots of exciting events and activities planned for this half term. We look forward to sharing these with you and welcoming you into school wherever possible.

Headteacher

# Diary Dates - Summer Term One

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April - Year 5/6 girls football at home vs Sacred Heart

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Year 5 trip to watch 'School of Rock' at West Coventry Academy

Tuesday 28<sup>st</sup> April - Year 5/6 girls football match at home vs Spon Gate

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April - Eco Committee WWF charity day - bring a soft toy/toy animal to school for a silver or gold coin.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May - School Closed for Bank Holiday Monday

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Year 5/6 girls football match away vs Howes

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Year 3 trip to Bishopwood!

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATS WEEK - All Year 6 pupils in school on time for SATS week

*During SATs week, the tests are closely monitored by the Local Authority and must begin promptly at the scheduled time. Any child arriving late to school can negatively impact the start of the test session, which is something we must avoid. We therefore ask for your full support in ensuring your child is in school every day and on time, particularly during this important week. Please note: Monday 11th May marks the start of Year 6 SATs Week, and it is essential that all Year 6 pupils arrive punctually each morning during this week so that the tests can run smoothly and calmly for everyone involved. Thank you for your cooperation and support.*

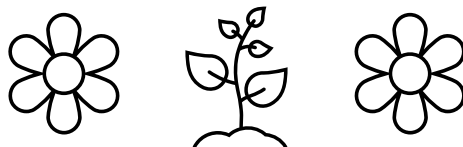
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May - NON UNIFORM DAY - bring a gold or silver coin to help replenish book stocks

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Walk to School Week - keep your eyes peeled for details - we want as many children as possible joining us to 'walk to school' this week 😊

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Year 4 trip to Cadbury's World

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR TEACHER TRAINING DAY

**MAY HALF TERM MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**



**Return to School MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> June**

## Pencil Cases and Equipment

Please can we ask that parents and carers check their child's pencil case and refresh any equipment that may be missing or running out. Items do not need to be fancy, but it is important that children have the basic equipment they need for learning each day.

We encourage children to take responsibility for bringing and maintaining their own equipment, as this helps to build independence and prepares 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
- A pencil sharpener

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.



### After-School Clubs - Important Collection Reminder

Our after-school clubs are now up and running, and it has been wonderful to see so many children taking part and enjoying these valuable opportunities.

Please note that many of our after-school clubs are run by external providers, and sessions finish promptly at 4.30pm. These providers are required to leave at the end of their contracted time, and school staff supervision does not continue beyond 4.30pm. We cannot guarantee that school staff will be available on site after this time.

For this reason, it is imperative that children are collected promptly at 4.30pm. Repeated late collection may result in your child being unable to continue attending the club, as we must prioritise safeguarding and ensure providers are able to operate within agreed arrangements.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and continued support in helping our after-school provision run safely and smoothly.



We would like to say a huge thank you for the incredible kindness shown by our wider community this week. A recent social media post explained that we had run out of handwriting pens and glue sticks, resources that are used daily and quickly in classrooms.

In response, we were truly overwhelmed by the generosity we received. A lady called Katherine Gordon, a fellow teacher with no affiliation to our school, simply happened to see our Facebook post and, purely out of kindness, placed an Amazon order to send us much-needed handwriting pens and glue sticks. Her generosity was completely unexpected and has genuinely touched our staff. It is heart-warming to know that someone who has never met our children wanted to help support their learning.

We have also been extremely grateful for donations of glue sticks from some of our own school families, whose continued support makes a real difference every day.

Following this kindness, we have had several requests for an Amazon wishlist, which we have previously shared, and we will be sharing details of this next week for anyone who would like to help. Thank you once again for your generosity — every little truly does help.





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.

## Headteacher Award and Values Award Winners are:

Year 3	3C - Miss Clarke		3J - Miss Judge	
	Freya	Lachie	Max	Remi
Year 4	4C - Miss Coventry		4BL - Mrs Loha & Miss Bradbury	
	Logan	Carter	Oliver B	Carly
Year 5	5C - Mr Cledwyn		5LA - Mrs Lawless & Mrs Albans	
	Ugo	Niamh	Taite	Erica
Year 6	6PS - Mrs Pearson-Dodd & Mrs Skippins		6M - Miss Moore	
	Arron	Ava	Chloe	Leo

## Kind Hearts Award

This week's Kind Hearts winners are **Eddie and Lola in Year 3**. They have been recognised for consistently showing kindness, care and consideration towards others. Both girls are thoughtful friends who go out of their way to include others and offer help, demonstrating our school values; **Respect, Ready and Safe** in their everyday actions.

Kindness is such an important quality to nurture, as it helps create a happy, supportive school environment where everyone feels valued and safe. The small, everyday acts of kindness shown by Eddie and Lola make a big difference to those around them and set a wonderful example for others to follow. Well done to both girls for being such positive role models.

## Lunchtime Award

Each week, children and staff are invited to nominate a **Lunchtime Award** winner - pupils who demonstrate our school values of **Respect, Ready and Safe** during lunchtime, through excellent manners, positive behaviour and kindness towards others in the dining hall and on the playground.

This week's **Lunchtime Award** winner is **Kai in Year 3**. Kai has been recognised for his consistently positive attitude at lunchtime. He shows good manners, listens carefully to staff and treats others with respect, helping to create a calm and friendly atmosphere. Kai's thoughtful behaviour and willingness to follow expectations make him a great role model for others. Well done, Kai - we are very proud of you! 