



**EASTERN GREEN**  
— JUNIOR SCHOOL —

# Newsletter

FRIDAY

**15**  
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Another Week of Making Us Proud at EGJS 



**This week has been a particularly special one at Eastern Green Junior School as our Year 6 children completed their SATs assessments from Monday through to Thursday.**

I cannot begin to tell you how incredibly proud we are of every single one of them. The children worked so hard, remained calm and focused throughout, and approached each day with such maturity and determination. They have truly worked their socks off in preparing for these assessments and the whole team of adults could not have been prouder of what they achieved this week.

The week before SATs, we welcomed Helen Masefield into school for a pre-SATs monitoring visit. Helen was extremely complimentary about how well prepared we were as a school and was very pleased with the systems, organisation and evidence in place to ensure SATs could run smoothly and effectively.

**Throughout SATs week itself, we were also incredibly grateful to be supported by three of our school governors** who kindly gave up their time to come into school to help quality assure our provision and ensure the smooth running of the week. Thank you to our Parent Governor, Laura Bunn, our Chair of Governors, Cara Hooper, and our long-standing Co-opted Governor, Mel Starkey, for their support and commitment to our school.

**The Year 6 children themselves were absolutely amazing throughout the week** and Miss Moore, Mrs Skippins and Mrs Pearson simply could not have been prouder of the way the children conducted themselves. They showed resilience, maturity and determination throughout, and represented our school brilliantly.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to our Year 6 parents and families who ensured children arrived on time each morning. Having every child in school promptly meant we could start each day calmly and positively and ensured children were not having to wait or feel unsettled before beginning their tests.

**A very special thank you must also go to our Year 6 team** who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes over many months to prepare the children so carefully and thoughtfully. Their hard work, commitment and dedication to giving our children every opportunity to succeed has been exceptional. I was a very proud Headteacher this week.

I was also incredibly proud of the rest of our school community this week. Children and staff across school were so supportive of our Year 6 pupils and it was lovely to see everyone willing them on and celebrating their efforts.

**Eastern Green really is such a special place.** All three governors commented on the wonderful relationships between our children and between our children and staff. Those relationships sit at the heart of everything we do and moments like this remind us exactly why we do this job. Seeing so much hard work paying off really does make everything worthwhile.

SATs are, of course, important. They help us ensure that children have developed the knowledge and skills they need as they move on to the next stage of their education. They also contribute towards helping to shape children's academic pathways as they move into secondary school, and we are absolutely determined that every child leaves EGJS with the highest aspirations possible from their individual starting points.

However, far more important than any score or test result are the wonderful young people our children are becoming.

**This week, I have been an exceptionally proud Headteacher.**

**Ms Sara Brown**  
Headteacher



RESPECT



READY



SAFE



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# TOYS, SQUISHIES AND FIDDLE ITEMS

## Do not belong in school



We are asking for the support of all families. Recently, we have seen a large increase in children bringing toys, squishies, trinkets and various small items into school.

### THE PROBLEMS WE SEE

- Children are losing them
- Arguments over them
- Distractions in class
- Upset when they are damaged or missing
- They are taking the focus away from learning



### What is the purpose of a fiddle or transitional item?

In some cases, a carefully considered item may help a child regulate emotions, manage anxiety or support transitions. The purpose is to help a child remain calm and access learning more successfully. Its role is to reduce barriers to learning.



However, when an item becomes a distraction, cause for conflict, or interrupts learning behaviours, it is no longer serving its intended purpose. This is now what we are increasingly seeing. This is unacceptable.

### Arguing, falling out and upset



### Distracted from learning



**If a child has an agreed need for such an item, this will be provided in close conjunction with Mrs Albans, our SENDCO.**

Some children do have permission for items, but most children do not need them and they do not help!



**Mrs Albans  
SENDCO**

### School is a place for learning.

Our responsibility is to provide children with a calm, purposeful environment where they can focus, develop independence, build positive learning habits and achieve their potential.

We provide children with many ways to regulate themselves that do not involve toys or small items, including movement breaks, trusted adults, calm spaces and structured routines.



### WHAT CAN CHILDREN BRING?

- ✓ Pencil case (where appropriate)
- ✓ Water bottle
- ✓ Packed lunch (if required)
- ✓ Coat and any essential school items



### WHAT IS NOT ALLOWED?

- ✗ Toys
- ✗ Squishies
- ✗ Fiddle toys
- ✗ Trinkets
- ✗ Collectables
- ✗ Any similar items



**Any items brought into school that are not required for learning will be confiscated immediately and returned in line with school procedures.**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN HELPING US TO KEEP OUR SCHOOL FOCUSED, CALM AND READY TO LEARN.**



# Behaviour at EASTERN GREEN

*The highest standards. Every day.*



At Eastern Green Junior School, we are incredibly proud of the calm, positive and respectful atmosphere that exists across our school every day. The vast majority of our children demonstrate our school values of Respect • Ready • Safe brilliantly and make us proud in countless ways.

We have high standards and high expectations for behaviour because children deserve to learn in classrooms where they feel safe, happy and ready to achieve their very best.

Whilst there are occasionally a small number of incidents involving hands-on behaviour or poor choices, these incidents are not representative of our school community as a whole. Our behaviour policy is built first and foremost around positive relationships, praise, encouragement and recognition. We believe children thrive when their successes are noticed and celebrated.

### However, children also need clear boundaries.

Sometimes there can be a misconception that being kind means removing consequences. In reality, the opposite is often true. Allowing children to repeatedly make poor choices without support or consequence can unintentionally let them down. Children need adults who care enough to teach, guide and sometimes say: "This behaviour is not acceptable, and we are going to help you make better choices."

Consequences are therefore never about punishment for the sake of punishment. They are about:

- ✓ Keeping everyone safe
- ✓ Helping children learn responsibility
- ✓ Teaching children right from wrong
- ✓ Supporting children to make better choices in the future
- ✓ Protecting every child's right to learn



## CHILDREN ARE RECOGNISED POSITIVELY EVERY DAY

### VERBAL PRAISE



Celebrating great choices every day.

### HOUSE POINTS



Awarded for effort, kindness and excellence.

### STAR OF THE DAY



Daily celebration of wonderful attitudes.

### STAR OF THE WEEK



Weekly recognition for going above and beyond.

### RECOGNITION BOARDS



Our recognition boards celebrate achievements across the school.

### STAR AWARDS



Special awards for outstanding effort and achievement.

### KIND HEARTS AWARD



Recognising kindness, compassion and looking after others.

### LUNCHTIME BEHAVIOUR AWARD



Celebrating positive behaviour and good manners at lunchtime.

### ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Opportunities to take on roles and responsibilities across school and be leaders in our school community.



**RESPECT**



**READY**



**SAFE**

♥ Respect • Ready • Safe ♥



# IMPORTANT DATES

These are subject to change so keep checking the weekly newsletter for any amendments



## Monday 18th May



### Walk to School Week Begins

There is still time to sign up for our Walking Bus! We still have relatively low numbers and would really love more children to join us if you live in the Eastern Green area so your child can enjoy the experience.

Today is the final deadline to book.

Email: [pe@easterngreen.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:pe@easterngreen.coventry.sch.uk)

Please include:

- Child's name
- Day(s) attending
- Which stop they will join from

Please arrive promptly as staff cannot wait for late arrivals.

## Wednesday 20th May



### Year 4 Trip – Cadbury World

## Thursday 21st May



### Star Assembly

Parents of children receiving awards will receive invitations.



### Last day before half term

## Friday 22nd May



### School closed – Teacher Training Day

## Monday 25th – Friday 29th May



### Half Term Holiday – School Closed

## SUMMER 2 DIARY DATES

### Monday 1st June



Children return to school

### Tuesday 2nd June



Year 5 & 6 Boys Football Match vs Coundon Primary (at Coundon School)



### Careers Day at EGJS

Professionals will be visiting school to inspire children and talk about their careers.

### Wednesday 3rd June



### Year 5 & 6 HADO Competition

Children participating will be informed.



### Year 5 Swimming Begins – Xcel Centre

Please ensure children have:

- Swimming kit
  - Towel
  - Clean underwear
- (Required every Wednesday this half term)

### Thursday 4th June



### Year 5 & 6 Rounders Tournament (Bablake School)

### Friday 5th June



### Careers Dress-Up Day

Come dressed as the career you would like when you grow up! Doctor? Pilot? Scientist? Artist? Dentist?

## Monday 8th June



### Years 3, 4 & 5 Assessment Week Begins

Please ensure children have:

- A hearty breakfast
- Arrive at school on time

## Tuesday 9th June



### Year 5 & 6 Futsal Event (Ryton Connections)

Children taking part will be informed.

## Wednesday 10th June



### Year 5 Swimming – Don't forget your kit!



### Year 5 Enterprise Event – The Fiver Challenge

Please send your child with some gold coins to spend at this annual event where our Year 6 children become entrepreneurs!

## Monday 15th June



### Spaghetti Maths Assembly

## Tuesday 16th June



### Futsal Event – Ryton Connections



### Year 2 Visit

Assembly with Ms Brown and school tour with Year 6.

## Wednesday 17th June



### Year 6 Trip – Drayton Manor



### Year 5 Swimming – Don't forget your kit

## Friday 19th June



### Year 5 Trip – National Space Centre

## Monday 22nd June



### Geography Fieldwork Week Begins

## Tuesday 23rd June



### Year 3 & 4 Futsal Event (Ryton Connections)

## Wednesday 24th June



### Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Tournament (AT7 Centre)



### Year 5 Swimming – Don't forget your kit



### Race for Life Event after school

Please save the date and come along – we would love as many families as possible to join us.

## Monday 29th June



### Year 3 & 4 Sports Day Field Events

Please ensure children have PE kits in school.

## Tuesday 30th June



### Year 5 & 6 Sports Day Field Events

Please ensure PE kits are in school.

## Wednesday 1st July



### National Transition Day



### Year 5 Swimming – Don't forget your kit

## Thursday 2nd July



### Whole School Photograph Day

A new EGJS tradition begins! Please ensure children wear full, correct EGJS uniform including school tie, and arrive looking ship shape for the big photo.

## Friday 3rd July



### Chartwells Nutrition Day

Children will learn about healthy eating and making positive food choices.

## Tuesday 7th July



### Keyboards Assembly

Parents of children learning keyboards are invited to attend.



### Sports Day (lunchtime onwards)

Further information to follow. Please ensure all children have PE kits in school.

## Wednesday 8th July



### Year 5 & 6 Boys "More Than Just A Game" Football Tournament



### Year 5 Swimming – Don't forget your kit

## Thursday 9th July



### Year 6 Leavers' Performance

Starts: 5:30pm  
Please return children to school by 5:15pm

## Friday 10th July



### Final Star Assembly of the Year

Break the Rules Day (more information coming soon)



### Rock Steady Assembly – 2:30pm

Parents of children attending Rock Steady are invited.

## Tuesday 14th July



### Reserve Sports Day Date (if required due to weather)



## Wednesday 15th July

Year 6 Leavers' Party 5:00–7:00pm



## Friday 17th July

Year 6 Leavers' Service 9:00am





# WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

is back at EGJS! ♥



We are excited to be bringing back our **Walking Bus** during the week commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May!

### Walking to school has so many benefits:

- ★ Keeps us active and healthy
- ★ Helps children feel awake, refreshed and ready to learn
- ★ Supports positive wellbeing and reduces stress
- ★ Gives children time to socialise with friends before the school day
- ★ Helps the environment by reducing traffic and pollution around school



Families are warmly invited to join staff on our **Walking Bus** routes throughout the week. Children can join at any stop along the route.

### ROUTE 1 – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

- 8:15am – Unicorn Avenue (opposite Jenkins Avenue)
- 8:20am – Upper Eastern Green Lane/ Windermere Avenue
- 8:25am – Upper Eastern Green Lane/ Sutton Avenue
- 8:35am – Sutton Avenue/Rodway Drive
- 8:40am – Fredrick Neal Avenue (opposite Coniston Drive)



### ROUTE 2 – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

- 8:25am – Bannerbrook shops (outside the fish & chip shop)
- 8:30am – Banner Lane/Broad Lane
- 8:35am – Broad Lane/Hockley Lane
- 8:40am – Garrick Close/Hockley Lane



**PLEASE ENSURE CHILDREN ARRIVE PROMPTLY AT THEIR CHOSEN STOP** as we will need to keep to a strict timetable and will **not** be able to wait for late arrivals.

If your child is booked on but cannot attend for any reason, please contact the school office on 024 7646 5077 or email: [pe@easterngreen.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:pe@easterngreen.coventry.sch.uk)



**TO BOOK YOUR CHILD ONTO THE WALKING BUS, PLEASE EMAIL:**

[pe@easterngreen.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:pe@easterngreen.coventry.sch.uk)

Please include:

- ✓ The day(s) your child would like to join
- ✓ Which stop they will join from



★ **BOOKINGS SHOULD BE MADE BY FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY** ♥ ★



This week's  
**HEADTEACHER AWARD**  
and **VALUES AWARD**  
Winners are:



<b>Year 3</b>	<b>3C</b> Harvey      Edie	<b>3J</b> Hunter      Otto
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>4C</b> Isla      Kai	<b>4BL</b> Blake      Amelia
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>5C</b> Yagavi      Jacob	<b>5LA</b> Makss      Rory
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>6PS</b> <b>6M</b> The whole of Year 6 for their amazing attitudes and resilience and determination in SATS week this week!	



### 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 are Annabelle and Elizabeth in Year 6 for being such a kind and supportive friends**



### 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 Scarlett-Jade in Year 4 . We are so proud of you! You have been spotted showing beautiful manners and respectful behaviours at all times at lunchtime!**

*Be kind. Be respectful. Be you. Be JS!*