



EASTERN GREEN — JUNIOR SCHOOL — *Newsletter*

THURSDAY

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MAY
2026

The fun never stops at Eastern Green!

What a fantastic final week of the half term it has been at Eastern Green Junior School! As we come to the end of what has been a brilliant half term, it is the perfect time to look back and celebrate all of the wonderful opportunities, achievements and experiences our children have enjoyed over the past weeks.

We are so proud of everything the children have accomplished and the way they have demonstrated our school values every single day.

Wishing all of our families a restful and enjoyable half term break – we look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 1 June**.



A STORMING SUCCESS!

Our Year 5 and 6 boys' football team had a storming success on Wednesday with an outstanding **7-1 victory** against St Laurence's. The team demonstrated excellent skill, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the game.

Well done, boys – what a fantastic achievement!

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK



It has been lovely seeing so many children and families taking part in our walking bus routes and choosing active travel. Walking to school is such an important opportunity for children to improve their physical health, mental wellbeing and road safety awareness, whilst also helping the environment and giving children a positive, calm start to the school day.

Thank you to everybody who joined us across the week!



ORIENTEERING FUN!



Year 3 took part in orienteering this week. The children showed fantastic teamwork, map-reading skills and resilience whilst exploring the outdoors and competing against other schools. Well done Year 3!

CROSS COUNTRY STARS!



Our boys' cross country team did brilliantly in their recent competition. Mrs Albans and Mr Higginson were so impressed with the whole team and their determination, perseverance and excellent attitudes. Well done, boys!



Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our fabulous Eco Committee, Eastern Green has now officially adopted both a rhino and a gorilla through WWF!

This was made possible following their brilliant organisation of WWF Day and the generosity of our families and school community.

WE HAVE ADOPTED A
RHINO



WE HAVE ADOPTED A
GORILLA



We are so proud of the children for their passion for protecting wildlife and caring for our planet as they continue working towards achieving their Green Flag Award 2026.



Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are incredibly proud of all of our children and the wonderful opportunities, achievements and experiences that continue to take place across our school community every single week.
Respect. Ready. Safe.

S. Brown

Ms Sara Brown
Headteacher

★ STAR PUPILS OF THE HALF TERM



At the end of every half term, each class teacher carefully selects one child to be their class 'Star Pupil'. This award is given to children who consistently demonstrate our school values of being **Respectful**, **Ready** and **Safe**, whilst also showing exceptional attitude, effort, kindness and character throughout the half term.



This half term's Star Pupils are:

CLASS		STAR PUPIL	ABOUT OUR STAR PUPIL
3C	★	Lachlan	Lachlan is a child who comes to school every single day absolutely thirsty to learn. His enthusiasm for learning is infectious and he approaches every lesson with curiosity, determination and outstanding learning behaviours. He always tries his very best, listens carefully and is eager to challenge himself. Lachlan is a wonderful example of what it means to truly love learning and we are incredibly proud of the attitude he brings to school each day.
3J	★	Isla	Isla is our resident voracious reader and someone who has grown tremendously in confidence since joining EGJS. She has overcome so many anxieties with such quiet courage and resilience and has become an utterly fantastic role model for others. Isla's love of books, gentle nature and determination to keep pushing herself make her a truly special member of our school community.
4C	★	Alana-Mae	Alana-Mae has one of the kindest hearts you could ever wish to meet. She works incredibly hard in everything she does and always approaches school life with warmth, care and compassion for others. Alana-Mae is the type of child who notices when somebody needs help or encouragement and quietly goes out of her way to support them. We are so proud of the caring, thoughtful young person she is becoming.
4BL	★	Maisie-May	Maisie-May is such a mature, sensible and grounded young lady who consistently impresses staff with her attitude and character. She is a fantastic role model to those around her and inspires others through the way she carries herself each day. Maisie-May approaches challenges positively, treats others with kindness and respect and is someone staff can always rely upon.
5C	★	Edgar	Edgar is not only incredibly clever, but also wonderfully cool, calm and collected in the way he approaches school life. He has an excellent attitude towards his learning and consistently gives his best in everything he does. Edgar is thoughtful, measured and quietly confident, setting an excellent example to others through both his academic effort and his mature approach to challenges.
5LA	★	Sophie	Sophie has absolutely shone this half term through her determination, positivity and consistently excellent attitude towards school life. She is a child who gives her all in everything she does and approaches learning with enthusiasm and resilience. Sophie is kind, hardworking and always willing to support others around her, making her a fantastic role model within the class.
6M	★	Mila	Mila is somebody who should never be underestimated – she truly is a superstar. This half term, and particularly during SATs week, she showed incredible resilience, determination and maturity. Mila has worked exceptionally hard and has every reason to feel proud of herself. She has shown exactly what can be achieved through perseverance, self-belief and a positive mindset and has absolutely shone this half term.
6PS	★	Erin	Erin is simply a joy to be around. She brings positivity, warmth and happiness wherever she goes and brightens the classroom with her lovely personality. Erin approaches school life with kindness, enthusiasm and a fantastic sense of humour, whilst always giving her best effort. She is a wonderful member of our school community and thoroughly deserves this recognition.

As Headteacher, this is always one of my favourite assemblies of the half term. It is such a **genuine** joy to celebrate these children and recognise not only their achievements, but also the wonderful personal qualities they bring to our school each and every day.

One of the loveliest parts of the assembly is listening to staff speak so positively and passionately about the children in their classes. Hearing teachers talk with such pride about the progress, resilience, kindness, character and determination of each child is incredibly special and a real reminder of what a wonderful community we have here at EGJS.

★ Well done once again to all of our Star Pupils – we are all so proud of you! ★

OUR SCHOOL VALUES



RESPECT



READY



SAFE

— RESPECT ★ READY ★ SAFE —



DIARY DATES

SUMMER TERM TWO 2026



MONDAY 1ST JUNE 2026



Children return to school

TUESDAY 2ND JUNE 2026



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 2026



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 2026




Year 5 & 6 Rounders Tournament (Bablake School)

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE 2026




Careers Dress-Up Day
Come dressed as the career you would like when you grow up! Doctor? Pilot? Scientist? Artist? Dentist?

MONDAY 8TH JUNE 2026



Years 3, 4 & 5 Assessment Week Begins
Please ensure children have:
🕒 A hearty breakfast
🕒 Arrive at school on time

TUESDAY 9TH JUNE 2026



Year 5 & 6 Futsal Event (Ryton Connections)
Children taking part will be informed.

WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE 2026




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!

TUESDAY 16TH JUNE 2026



Futsal Event - Ryton Connections



Year 2 Visit Assembly with Ms Brown and school tour with Year 6.

WEDNESDAY 17TH JUNE 2026



Year 6 Trip - Drayton Manor




Year 5 Swimming - Don't forget your kit!

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE 2026




Year 5 Trip - National Space Centre

MONDAY 22ND JUNE 2026



Geography Fieldwork Week Begins

TUESDAY 23RD JUNE 2026



Year 3 & 4 Futsal Event (Ryton Connections)

WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE 2026



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 2026



Year 3 & 4 Sports Day Field Events
Please ensure children have PE kits in school.

TUESDAY 30TH JUNE 2026



Year 5 & 6 Sports Day Field Events
Please ensure PE kits are in school.

WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY 2026




National Transition Day




Year 5 Swimming - Don't forget your kit!

THURSDAY 2ND JULY 2026



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 2026



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

TUESDAY 7TH JULY 2026



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 2026



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



Year 5 Swimming - Don't forget your kit!

THURSDAY 9TH JULY 2026



Year 6 Leavers' Performance Starts: 5:30pm
Please return children to school by 5:15pm

FRIDAY 10TH JULY 2026



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 2026



Reserve Sports Day Date (if required due to weather)

WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY 2026



Year 6 Leavers' Party
🕒 5:00-7:00pm



FRIDAY 17TH JULY 2026
Year 6 Leavers' Service
🕒 9:00am



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LUNCHTIME & AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

NEXT HALF TERM

We are pleased to offer the following lunch time and afterschool clubs for the next half term.



Clubs will go live for booking on MCAS tomorrow, **Friday 22nd May**, at 10.00 a.m.



All clubs begin the week commencing the **1st June**.



Spaces are limited for some clubs – please book early to avoid missing out!

MONDAY



LUNCHTIME

- Years 5 and 6 Girls Football – limit 20 – free sign up on MCAS
- Years 3 and 4 Boys Football – limit 20 – free sign up on MCAS

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

- Skateboarding – limit 20 – paid sign up on MCAS
- NBLT Cricket – limit 20 – free sign up on MCAS
- Spaghetti Maths – sign up at www.spaghettimaths.co.uk
- Years 5 and 6 Boys Football – invite only

TUESDAY



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

- Art Club – sign up at Bookiphy

WEDNESDAY



LUNCHTIME

- Years 3 and 4 Rounders – limit 20 – free sign up on MCAS
- Years 5 and 6 Rounders – limit 20 – free sign up on MCAS

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

- Netball squad – invite only
- DF Football – sign up at <https://forms.gle/EQZwRmb4TNAgehUK7>
- Karate by Kaisho Karate – limit 25 – paid sign up on MCAS

THURSDAY



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

- Drama and Musical Theatre – sign up at Bookiphy

FRIDAY



NO CLUBS

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Homework Helps Us Grow!

Our School Values



RESPECT
We are kind, caring and considerate to everyone.



READY
We are prepared, focused and ready to learn.



SAFE
We keep ourselves and others safe in all we do.

At Eastern Green Junior School, we believe homework is an essential part of learning. It helps children build confidence, strengthen learning and develop good habits for life.

Good homework habits today, brighter futures tomorrow!



A message to our families

As a school, we once prided ourselves on children understanding the importance of homework. We are disappointed that there are now many children not completing their homework. Allowing children to shirk homework does them a disservice. When they move to secondary school, they will be expected to complete it and manage their workload independently. Good habits start now, and your support at home makes a huge difference.

What Homework Looks Like

Homework is set weekly in every class and includes:



Reading

Independent reading for 10 minutes, five times a week. Please record in your child's reading record. Reading diaries are checked weekly. We also ensure children read for ten minutes every day in school.



Spellings

Three spelling activities set each week on our online platform, Spelling Shed. These link to spellings learned in class. Spelling homework should take no longer than half an hour a week.



Maths

Weekly maths homework set on Mathematics or Times Tables Rockstars. This helps children consolidate learning from class and build fluency in times tables. Maths homework should take no longer than an hour a week.

Online learning is our preferred approach



In exceptional circumstances, we can provide paper copies. However, we do ask that the vast majority of children complete their homework using the online platforms.

This helps us cut down on paper copies, makes it more sustainable, and allows teachers to easily quality assure and check homework.



All tasks are carefully planned, matched to ability and designed to be achievable and meaningful.



Why Homework Matters

Homework reinforces and extends learning in class and helps children develop good work and organisational habits for the future. It plays a positive role in raising attainment and preparing children for secondary school and beyond. In life, there is often work to be done – even when we don't feel like it – and learning to manage this is an important life skill.

Our Aims

Through the provision of a variety of activities and approaches to homework, we aim to:

- ★ raise standards in all curriculum areas, but particularly basic skills in Maths and English
- ★ create a sound partnership between parents and teachers with regard to children's learning
- ★ consolidate and reinforce pupils' skills, knowledge and understanding
- ★ improve pupils' attitudes to learning and independent learning skills

Working Together

Teachers will:

- ✓ set homework weekly and monitor completion
- ✓ match tasks to time and abilities
- ✓ provide feedback on progress
- ✓ provide guidance for parents (including web links, etc.)
- ✓ ensure that if homework is not completed at home, children have an opportunity to complete it in school time
- ✓ use online platforms to easily quality assure and track progress

Parents will:

- ✓ support the school's homework policy
- ✓ encourage their child to complete homework
- ✓ provide a calm, suitable environment for learning
- ✓ check reading records and support learning
- ✓ receive feedback on homework during parents' meetings and in reports
- ✓ support the school in reinforcing the expectation that homework is completed



Communication

If you have any questions about homework, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

If you wish to make a complaint about the policy or its implementation, please contact the Headteacher.



If Homework is Not Completed

If a child does not complete their homework, they will be expected to complete it in their own time during the school day.

We ask that parents encourage and facilitate homework at home.



Monitoring

The Headteacher will regularly review this policy and good practice. Feedback from staff, pupils and parents will be valued and considered as part of this process. This policy is available on our school website.



Thank you for supporting your child's learning. Together, we can help every child succeed.



Family Hubs On Tour

Tuesday 26th May

Between 11:00am - 1:00pm

City of Coventry Health Centre,
Ground Floor, 2 Stoney Stanton Road,
CV1 4FS **No booking required.**



Join us to meet local partners, including **Coventry Best Start in Life Family Hubs**, and explore the wide range of free support and services available for families and young people.

A welcoming opportunity to discover local support, connect with others, and find out what's available for your family.

Contact Us



For more information, visit
www.coventryfamilies.co.uk



