



NEWSLETTER

19th June 2026

As we move into the final few weeks of the academic year, the Summer Term is shaping up to be an incredibly exciting and busy one, with lots of memorable experiences still to come for our children.



This week, our Year 6 pupils enjoyed their much-anticipated trip to Drayton Manor. Despite some adverse weather and even an unexpected power cut, nothing could dampen their spirits! The children had a fantastic day, making memories with their friends and celebrating the end of their primary school journey together. The trip was thoroughly deserved after all of their hard work this year and, in particular, their efforts in preparing for writing moderation.

Talking of moderation, I would like to congratulate our Year 6 team, who represented the school so professionally this week. They were incredibly proud to showcase the wonderful writing produced by our pupils and it was a real celebration of the progress the children have made. As always, our teachers' passion and dedication to ensuring children achieve their very best shone through. Year 6 are now turning their attention to another exciting milestone as rehearsals for their leavers' production gather pace. We cannot wait to see the finished performance!



Today, Year 5 are visiting the National Space Centre in Leicester as part of their science learning. The trip provides a fantastic opportunity for children to deepen their understanding of space, forces, Earth and beyond, bringing classroom learning to life through hands-on experiences and interactive exhibits.



Year 5 are also now fully into the rhythm of their weekly swimming lessons. It has been wonderful to see the progress children are making, with some moving from being novice swimmers to what can only be described as part-fish! Most importantly, the children are thoroughly enjoying the experience and growing in confidence with every session.



Last Sunday, it was fantastic to see so many Eastern Green families taking part in the Children's Mile. Thank you to everyone who represented our school so brilliantly. Please don't forget that next week we will be holding our Race for Life event in school. We would love to see as many families as possible joining us to support this wonderful cause and help create another memorable community event.



You will also have received a letter today regarding staffing for next year. Whilst we will be saying a fond farewell to Mr Cledwyn and Miss Bradbury at the end of this academic year, we are delighted to be welcoming two highly experienced teachers to our team. Miss Anna Grant returns to Eastern Green after teaching overseas in Dubai, whilst Ms Abi Lewis joins us with extensive experience in both secondary and primary education, including specialist expertise in writing. We are excited about the wealth of experience and talent they will bring to our school.



Many of you have kindly asked after me following my knee injury. I am still convalescing at home and progressing rather more slowly than I would like! However, where possible I have been able to pop into school, and I remain in daily contact with Mrs Albans, who is doing an absolutely incredible job of holding the fort in my absence, supported by our wonderful staff team. I am extremely grateful to them all.



Please do take a look at the diary dates below to keep abreast of the many exciting events, visits and activities still to come before the end of term. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Sara Brown
Headteacher
Eastern Green Junior School



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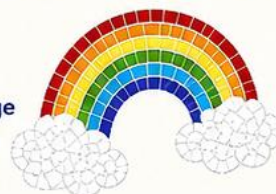


WHY DO WE MIX CLASSES?



At Eastern Green Junior School, we regularly review and reorganise classes as children move through the school.

We appreciate that class mixing can sometimes feel like a significant change for both children and parents. However, it is an important part of preparing children for the future and ensuring that every child continues to thrive socially, emotionally and academically.



WHY IS CLASS MIXING IMPORTANT?

As children grow, their friendship groups, confidence levels and learning needs naturally evolve. Mixing classes allows us to:



Create balanced classes with an appropriate mix of abilities, personalities and learning needs.



Develop children's confidence, independence and resilience.



Encourage children to build new friendships and strengthen existing ones.



Ensure children are not overly reliant on a small friendship group.



Create positive learning environments where all children can flourish.



Ensure classes contain a fair balance of boys and girls, SEND pupils, disadvantaged pupils and children with additional needs.



Most importantly, class mixing helps prepare children for the next stage of their education. When children leave Eastern Green and move on to secondary school, they will find themselves in year groups of hundreds of pupils, joining classes with many children they may not know. Learning to adapt to new groups now, whilst still in the familiar, safe and supportive environment of Eastern Green, makes this transition far less daunting.



Our experience at Eastern Green has shown that class mixing has had an overwhelmingly positive impact on children. Time and again, children form new friendships, grow in confidence and settle quickly into their new classes. Whilst some children may initially feel nervous, they are often surprised by how quickly they adapt and how much they enjoy getting to know new classmates.

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

The single most important thing parents can do is support the process positively.

Children take their emotional cues from the adults around them. If they sense anxiety, worry or uncertainty, they are much more likely to feel anxious themselves. Conversely, when parents speak positively about the opportunities ahead and show confidence in the process, children are far more likely to approach the change with excitement and optimism.

WE THEREFORE ASK PARENTS TO:



Reassure children that feeling a little nervous is perfectly normal.



Speak positively about meeting new classmates and making new friends.



Avoid discussing worries or concerns about class allocations in front of children.



Encourage children to embrace the opportunity to develop new friendships and experiences.



Trust that staff have considered every child carefully and thoughtfully.



Whilst we ask children to share friendship preferences, it is not possible to guarantee that children will be placed with all of their chosen friends. However, we work extremely hard to ensure that every child has familiar faces around them and feels safe, secure and supported throughout the transition process.



Our staff know the children exceptionally well and make decisions based on a wide range of factors, including academic, social and emotional needs. Every decision is made carefully and with the best interests of all children at heart.



By working together and presenting this as a positive opportunity, we can help children develop the resilience, confidence and adaptability that will serve them well not only at Eastern Green, but throughout their secondary education and beyond.



Thank you for your continued support.



RESPECT

We treat everyone with kindness and respect.



READY

We are ready to learn and do our best.



SAFE

We keep ourselves and others safe, every day.





SUMMER TERM TWO

DATES TO COME...



Monday 22nd June

Geography Fieldwork Week Begins and year 2 children from St Andrews Infant School visit EGJS



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.



Thursday 25th June

15 Year 6 pupils trip to Snow hill in Birmingham



Friday 26th June

Big School transition workshop for Year 6 with the Belgrade Theatre



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
A new EGJS tradition begins!
Rock Steady Assembly – 2:30pm
Parents of children attending Rock Steady are invited.



Break the Rules Day
(more information coming soon)



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



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CELEBRATING OUR WONDERFUL AWARD WINNERS!

We are proud to live our values every day:



RESPECT



READY



SAFE



KIND HEARTS AWARD



Each week, children and staff are invited to nominate a child for our **Kind Hearts Award**. This special award recognises those who show exceptional kindness, compassion and empathy towards others.



Last week's winner:

Christopher-David – Year 6

Christopher-David is a wonderfully kind and supportive friend who is always willing to help others. He treats everyone with respect, shows genuine care for those around him and is a fantastic role model for younger children across the school.



This week's winner:

Oscar Stratton – Year 6

Oscar is known for his friendly nature and the kindness he shows to everyone he meets. He is always ready to offer support, include others and encourage his classmates, making him a valued member of our school community.

Well done, Christopher-David and Oscar! ❤️



LUNCHTIME AWARD



Each week, our midday team nominate a child for the Lunchtime Award. This award celebrates children who consistently demonstrate our school values during lunchtime, both in the dining hall and on the playground.



Last week's winner:

Taite I – Year 5

Taite was recognised for his excellent manners and the fantastic improvements he has made in his behaviour on the playground. He has shown great maturity, positivity and respect towards others.



This week's winner:

Ariella – Year 3

Ariella has impressed the lunchtime team with her impeccable manners in the dining hall. She is always polite, respectful and considerate, setting a wonderful example for others.

Well done, Taite and Ariella! ⭐

LAST WEEK'S STARS OF THE WEEK

YEAR	CLASS	HEADTEACHER AWARD	VALUES AWARD
Year 3	3C	Harleen	Jacob
	3J	Eliza	Eli
Year 4	4C	Oscar	Harriet
	4BL	Charlie	Leo
Year 5	5C	Deegan	Alahna
	5LA	Zachary	Flynn
Year 6	6PS	Kenny	Alexa
	6M	Arlo	Elizabeth

THIS WEEK'S STARS OF THE WEEK

YEAR	CLASS	HEADTEACHER AWARD	VALUES AWARD
Year 3	3C	Louis	Obi
	3J	Clemmie	William
Year 4	4C	Freya	Daisy
	4BL	Cohen	Blake
Year 5	5C	Logan C	Rory S
	5LA	Harriet	Taite
Year 6	6PS	The whole of Year 6! A huge congratulations to all of our Year 6 pupils, who have thoroughly deserved this recognition. We have been incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication they have shown whilst preparing their writing for moderation. They represented the school brilliantly on their recent trip to Drayton Manor and were an absolute credit to themselves, their families and our school. The children also impressed our visitors during the recent magistrates' visit with their thoughtful contributions, excellent manners and mature engagement throughout.	
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Thank you for helping to make our school a kind, respectful and positive place to learn and grow.

Well done to all of our amazing children!

We are
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We are
PROUD!