



EASTERN GREEN JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday
26th June 2026



What a week – and what a hot one it has been!

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents and carers for your flexibility, patience and understanding as we have navigated some truly unprecedented temperatures this week. Our school building, like many older school buildings across the country, simply is not designed for this kind of heat, and we have had to adapt quickly to ensure that children remained safe, comfortable and able to learn.

There has been much debate online, as there often is these days, about whether schools are making the right decisions and whether children in years gone by were somehow more 'resilient'. What I would say is that our children have been absolutely fantastic. They have coped remarkably well with what have undoubtedly been some of the hottest school days many of us can remember. Their maturity, positivity and adaptability have been a credit to them.

I would also like to thank our staff, who have worked tirelessly to keep children hydrated, calm and comfortable throughout the week, adapting lessons and activities where needed and ensuring that the children's wellbeing remained our priority.

We hope that offering families the flexibility to collect children early, should they wish to, was the right thing to do. As ever, any decisions we make are made with children's best interests at heart. There is rarely a perfect solution in situations like these, but we always strive to make decisions that prioritise children's safety, wellbeing and learning.

Next week promises to be an exciting one. I am delighted to say that I will be back in school on Tuesday and Wednesday. Although I am still very much "Peg Leg Sue" and moving around rather less elegantly than usual, I would not miss our New Parents' Induction Evening or Transition Day for the world!

As we approach Transition Day, I would like to gently remind parents about the importance of modelling positivity around class changes. We understand that change can sometimes feel unsettling for both children and adults. However, we ask that you trust the process and trust that the staff who know your children well have spent many hours carefully considering every class placement.

When children move on to secondary school, they will often find themselves in classes of thirty pupils with many unfamiliar faces. Part of our role in preparing children for the next stage of their education is helping them to develop resilience, confidence and the ability to embrace change. Learning to navigate new friendships, work with different classmates and build relationships with a wider range of peers are all important life skills.

The opportunities that new classes provide are significant. Children develop greater independence, widen their friendship groups, learn to collaborate with a broader range of people and gain confidence in unfamiliar situations. These are all skills that support both academic success and personal development, not just in secondary school but throughout life.

Even if you are feeling a little anxious about change yourself, please try not to pass those worries on to your child. Children take many of their emotional cues from the adults around them. If we present change as a positive adventure and an exciting opportunity, they are far more likely to approach it with confidence and enthusiasm.

Finally, whilst next week looks set to remain warm, hopefully it will be a little less scorchio than this week! Children should return to wearing school uniform as normal. Please continue to send them with lightweight summer uniform, a named sun hat, a refillable water bottle and sun cream already applied before school, with additional labelled sun cream in school if required.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are incredibly proud of our children and of the way they have handled this challenging week.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ms Brown

Thank you for
your continued
support!



RESPECT

We care for ourselves,
each other and our school.



READY

We are prepared,
we try our best and
embrace challenge.



SAFE

We keep ourselves
and others safe.



EASTERN GREEN JUNIOR SCHOOL

AWARDS THIS WEEK



RESPECT



READY



SAFE



HEADTEACHER AND VALUES AWARDS

During our weekly Celebration Assembly, two children from each class are selected to receive either a Headteacher's Award or a Values Award. These awards recognise pupils who consistently demonstrate our school values of Respect, Ready and Safe, as well as those who have shown exceptional effort, achievement, perseverance or personal growth during the week.

The awards provide an opportunity to celebrate the many ways our children make a positive contribution to school life and acknowledge those moments that have truly stood out to their teachers.



THIS WEEK'S AWARD WINNERS

YEAR GROUP	CLASS	AWARD WINNERS
Year 3	3C	Rocco, Ella
Year 3	3J	Amelia, Cameron
Year 4	4C	Dorothy, Parker
Year 4	4BL	Penny, Carly
Year 5	5C	Deborah, Arlo
Year 5	5LA	Tabetha, Maisie
Year 6	6PS	Eva, Jacob
Year 6	6M	Annabelle, Christopher-David



KIND HEARTS AWARD

Each week, children and staff are invited to nominate a Kind Hearts winner. This award celebrates those children who consistently embody our school values and whose actions are characterised by kindness, empathy and compassion. Through our nomination system, members of our school community are encouraged to recognise children who have gone out of their way to support others, demonstrate thoughtfulness, or make a positive difference to those around them.

Last week's Kind Hearts winner was

LORENZO IN YEAR 6.

Lorenzo has been a wonderful role model on the playground, showing exceptional kindness and consideration towards others. He has been particularly thoughtful when using the playground equipment, ensuring that everyone has a turn and actively including younger children in games and activities. His positive attitude and willingness to look out for others have not gone unnoticed, and he is a fantastic example of our school values in action.



LUNCHTIME AWARD



Each week, our lunchtime team are invited to nominate a Lunchtime Award winner. This award recognises children who consistently demonstrate our school values and set an excellent example through their behaviour during lunchtime, both in the dining hall and out on the playground.

This week's winner is

ALEENA IN YEAR 5.



Aleena has been chosen for her impeccable manners, positive attitude and exemplary behaviour. She is always polite, respectful and considerate of others, making her a wonderful role model for her peers.



Well done, Aleena!



RESPECT



READY



SAFE



EASTERN GREEN JUNIOR SCHOOL

RESPECT • READY • SAFE

UPCOMING EVENTS

29TH JUNE – 17TH JULY



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.



Drum concert

for those who take drum lessons at 3pm – parents of drummers invited.



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



Have a fantastic few weeks!





PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

Please Help Us Be Good Neighbours



We would like to ask all parents and carers to be particularly mindful when parking around school, especially on Sutton Avenue and the roads immediately surrounding Eastern Green Junior School.



Over recent weeks, we have received a number of concerns from local residents regarding inconsiderate parking at drop-off and collection times. These concerns have included vehicles blocking driveways, restricting access to properties and causing unnecessary frustration for those who live near the school.



We were particularly saddened to hear of a recent incident which resulted in a significant disagreement between a parent and one of our neighbouring households after a driveway was completely blocked. This is not the kind of relationship we want to have with our local community.



As a school community, it is important to remember that our community extends beyond the school gates. We share this area with local residents, many of whom have lived here for many years and who should be able to access their homes safely and without difficulty.

FOR CLARITY:



You must not park across a dropped kerb, as this prevents access to a property and may result in enforcement action.



Whilst parking across a driveway without a dropped kerb is not always a specific parking offence, it can still prevent residents from accessing or leaving their property.



Residents may have urgent appointments, work commitments, caring responsibilities or emergencies that require them to use their vehicles at short notice.



Common sense and courtesy should always prevail. If a resident has a driveway and clearly uses it to access their property, it is simply not considerate to park across it, regardless of whether a dropped kerb is present.



Our expectation is straightforward:

please do not block driveways, restrict access to properties or park in a way that causes inconvenience to local residents.



If there is no suitable space immediately outside school, please do not be tempted to leave your vehicle somewhere inappropriate. Instead, **park a little further away and walk the remaining distance**. Better still, where possible, **consider walking to school**. Not only does this reduce congestion around the school gates, but it also supports children's health and wellbeing.



We know that the overwhelming majority of our families are respectful, considerate and supportive of the school. However, it only takes a small number of poor parking decisions to damage relationships with our neighbours and create an unsafe or unpleasant environment for others.



Please help us to be good neighbours by parking legally, safely and courteously at all times. A few extra minutes of walking is a small price to pay for maintaining positive relationships with those who live around our school.



Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



RESPECT

We care for each other and our community.



READY

We are prepared, focused and ready to learn.



SAFE

We keep ourselves and others safe.