



EASTERN GREEN JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Friday 10th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another incredibly hot week here at Eastern Green Junior School, and the warm weather looks set to continue into next week. With this in mind, we will continue with our relaxed uniform expectations so that children can remain as cool and comfortable as possible during the heat.

I would like to say how immensely proud we are of all of our pupils. They have shown such resilience throughout these unusually high temperatures and have coped remarkably well. Their positive attitudes, excellent behaviour and determination to keep learning despite the heat have been a real credit to themselves.

As always, it has been another incredibly busy week at Eastern Green. This half term alone our children have enjoyed a huge range of sporting opportunities, including bowling, football, netball and Paddlefest, giving them the chance to represent the school, try new activities and develop confidence, teamwork and resilience.

I would like to take this opportunity to say an enormous thank you to Mrs Pearson-Dodd. Not only does she teach our Year 6 children three days a week, but she also works tirelessly behind the scenes organising the many sporting events and festivals that our children are fortunate enough to take part in. Her enthusiasm and dedication have given so many children opportunities to discover new interests, build friendships and develop a love of sport that they may carry with them for years to come.

Sadly, from next academic year, the Government has withdrawn the PE and Sport Premium funding that has helped schools provide many of these opportunities. As a result, a number of the School Games events and partnerships that we have worked closely with over recent years are likely to come to an end. However, knowing Mrs Pearson-Dodd, she is already full of ideas about how we can continue to offer fantastic sporting experiences for our children. Please be assured that a lack of funding will not stop us from finding creative ways to ensure our pupils continue to benefit from a rich programme of sporting opportunities.

Music has also been centre stage this week. We were treated to a wonderful keyboard and piano concert where children who have lessons performed confidently for the whole school along with their proud parents and carers. Their hard work, courage and talent were evident for everyone to see. This afternoon, our budding rock stars took to the stage for their Rocksteady concert, performing brilliantly in the heat to an enthusiastic audience of Year 6 pupils, parents and carers.

I have said it before, but what makes Eastern Green Junior School so special is that we genuinely believe in developing the whole child. Academic achievement is incredibly important, but we are equally passionate about helping children discover who they are, what they enjoy and where their talents lie. Whether that passion is found through sport, music, art, performance, leadership or something else entirely, we want every child to leave Eastern Green believing in themselves and knowing that their unique strengths are valued and celebrated.

Today we were also delighted to welcome parents and carers into our Star Assembly, which is always one of the highlights of the fortnight. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate those children who consistently go above and beyond every single day to be the very best versions of themselves. Seeing so many children recognised for living our three school values of Respect, Ready and Safe is always a reminder of what an exceptional community we have here at Eastern Green.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you all have a wonderful weekend and, if the sunshine continues, enjoy making the most of it safely.

Best wishes,

Sara Brown
Headteacher



Thank you for being such an important part
of our Eastern Green family.





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★ Stars of the Half Term ★

Every half term, each class teacher selects one (or occasionally two) children to receive the prestigious Star of the Half Term award. This is one of the highest honours a child can receive at Eastern Green Junior School.

These children have consistently gone above and beyond in every aspect of school life. They have demonstrated outstanding attitudes to learning, worked incredibly hard, embraced challenges, shown resilience when learning has been difficult and, above all, have been excellent role models by living our school values of Respect, Ready and Safe every single day.

A huge congratulations to all of this half term's winners – you should be incredibly proud of yourselves!

Class	Star(s) of the Half Term
3C	Sophie J
3J	Kai
4C	Freya
4BL	Scarlett-Jade
5C	Emily
5LA	Barney
6PS	Noah & Ella-Louise
6M	Macy & Oliver B



KIND HEARTS AWARD

This week's Kind Hearts Award was presented to
Grace Towers.

The Kind Hearts Award celebrates those children who consistently demonstrate compassion, kindness and empathy towards others. Whether it is including someone who feels left out, offering help without being asked or simply making another person's day a little brighter, this award recognises the children who make our school a happier place through their thoughtfulness.

Grace was chosen for being an exceptionally good friend, always looking out for others and showing genuine kindness every day.

Well done, Grace – we are incredibly proud of you.



LUNCHTIME AWARD

Congratulations also to

Dottie.

This special award recognises children who make lunchtime a positive experience for everyone by showing excellent manners, playing fairly, demonstrating our school values and setting a fantastic example to others on the playground and in the dining hall.

Well done, Dottie!

Thank you for helping to make lunchtimes at Eastern Green such a happy, safe and enjoyable time for everyone.



Well done to all of our winners – you are all fantastic role models and make Eastern Green such a wonderful place to be!





BULLETIN BOARD

Important Information for Families



NO CHEWING GUM IN SCHOOL

We have recently noticed an increase in children, particularly some of our older pupils, buying chewing gum on the way to school and bringing it onto the school site.

Chewing gum is not permitted in school.

Unfortunately, gum regularly ends up stuck underneath tables, on playground equipment, chairs and even on the floor. Aside from creating unnecessary mess, it is unpleasant for our site team to remove and can easily ruin clothing, shoes and school property.

If a child is found with chewing gum in school, it will be confiscated and disposed of immediately.

We would really appreciate your support by reminding your child that chewing gum should not be brought into school.



MOBILE PHONES, MONEY AND BANK CARDS



A reminder that children should only bring a mobile phone to school if they walk to or from school independently without an adult.

If your child is collected by an adult, travels by car or walks with a parent or carer, there is no need for them to bring a mobile phone into school.



We have also increasingly noticed that some children are bringing cash, debit cards and bank cards into school. These items are not appropriate for school unless there is a very specific reason that has been agreed with the school.

Bringing money and bank cards into school creates unnecessary risks:

- They can easily be lost or misplaced.
- They can become damaged or stolen.
- They can cause disagreements or misunderstandings between children.
- The school cannot accept responsibility for valuable personal items brought in unnecessarily.



Please help us by ensuring these items remain safely at home unless there is an exceptional reason for your child to have them.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep school a safe and focused environment for everyone.



SPORTS DAY – TUESDAY 14TH JULY

We are really looking forward to welcoming families to our Annual Sports Day on Tuesday 14th July.

Thank you for your understanding following the need to reschedule the event.



TIMINGS

Parents and carers are welcome to arrive from 9:15am.

Events will begin at approximately 9:30am.

Sports Day usually lasts between 1½ and 2 hours.

If you need to leave before the end of the morning, please be mindful of our Year 5 and Year 6 marathon runners, whose event takes place towards the end.

Please note that there are no set times for individual races, as year groups alternate throughout the morning.



WEATHER



We are hoping for cooler, dry weather. If poor weather means we need to postpone the event, we will let parents know as soon as a decision has been made. We kindly ask that you do not telephone the school office to check whether Sports Day is going ahead.



SPECTATOR INFORMATION

The safety of our children is always our priority and we ask for your support during the morning.

- ✓ Remain within the designated audience area.
- ✓ Do not call children over from their class seating areas during the event.
- ✓ Avoid standing near the start or finish lines.
- ✓ Follow any guidance given by members of staff.



Chairs will be available, but you are welcome to bring your own if they are placed within the designated spectator area.



PE KIT REMINDER

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing:

- House T-shirt
- Plain black shorts, leggings or joggers
- Trainers
- Long hair tied back
- No jewellery

Children should also bring:

- A named water bottle
- Any medication they may require (e.g. inhalers)
- A sun hat or cap
- Sun cream already applied before school (or a named bottle if they are able to apply it themselves)



Please note: Due to the warm weather and the fact that Sports Day is taking place in the morning, children should not wear face paint this year.



We can't wait to enjoy another fantastic Sports Day and look forward to seeing you there!

A STANDING OVATION FOR OUR INCREDIBLE YEAR 6s!

WHAT AN AMAZING PERFORMANCE!

Last night, our wonderful Year 6 children took to the stage to perform **Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies**, and what a fantastic performance it was!

Every single child should be incredibly proud of themselves. They performed with confidence, enthusiasm, humour and energy, entertaining a packed audience from beginning to end. It was wonderful to see every child given the opportunity to shine, and the smiles, laughter and applause from the audience were thoroughly deserved.

Productions like this are about so much more than putting on a show. They help children develop confidence, resilience, teamwork, communication skills and creativity. Standing on stage in front of hundreds of people takes real courage, and these are experiences that help develop the whole child – creating memories and life skills that will stay with them long after they leave primary school.

♥ A huge thank you must go to the incredible team behind the scenes – **Miss Moore, Mrs Skippins and Mrs Pearson-Dodd** – whose hard work, dedication and countless hours of preparation made the production possible. We would also like to thank all of the staff who supported Year 6 throughout rehearsals and on the evening itself. It truly was a whole-team effort.

★ Most importantly, congratulations to every one of our Year 6 performers. You represented Eastern Green brilliantly and gave us a production to remember. We couldn't be prouder of you all! 🌟🌟

As we enter our final week together, we look forward to celebrating our Year 6 children one last time at our **Leavers' Service on Friday morning**.

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR YEAR 6 FAMILIES:
Traditionally, we ask children to wear full school uniform for the Leavers' Service. However, with temperatures currently forecast to reach **27°C**, we have decided to make a small exception this year.

WE KINDLY ASK THAT ALL CHILDREN WEAR A PLAIN WHITE T-SHIRT FOR THE SERVICE.
This will help keep everyone as comfortable as possible in the hot weather.

As this is a very special and reflective occasion marking the end of the children's time at Eastern Green, **PLEASE DO NOT SEND CHILDREN IN FOOTBALL SHIRTS OR SPORTS KITS.**
We would appreciate your support in helping all of the children look smart while remaining cool. Thank you.

♥ We can't wait to celebrate this wonderful group of children as they prepare for their next adventure. ♥