



EASTERN GREEN JUNIOR SCHOOL

= Newsletter =



Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 4th September 2026

What a lovely first three days back we have had at Eastern Green Junior School! It has been wonderful to welcome the children back and see the school busy and full of life again. They have returned with such positive attitudes, and I have been particularly impressed with our new Year 3 children, who are settling in incredibly quickly and already getting to grips with the routines of junior school. We are very proud of them.

Please Send a Coat! ☔

A small but important reminder: **please make sure your child brings a coat to school every day.** We do, after all, live in England! As we have already seen this week, we can have glorious sunshine one minute and a downpour the next. We want children outside enjoying their break and lunchtime wherever possible, so even if the morning looks promising, please send them with a coat.



Class Charts – Please Make Sure You Are Connected

We are delighted to have introduced Class Charts this year, which will give you a much better insight into your child's day at school.

Miss Johnson, our School Business Manager, should now have sent you the information needed to set up your account. If you have not yet done so, **please make this a priority.**

Children are wonderful storytellers, but often when something has gone wrong, that is the thing they come home and tell us about. I think that is human nature – I am certainly guilty of sharing the things that haven't gone brilliantly rather than listing the hundred things that went well!

We want you to hear about those hundred things too.

Every day, our children work hard, persevere, show kindness, produce fantastic work and demonstrate our values. Class Charts will allow us to share these positives with you and give you a fuller picture of your child's day.

We will also use Class Charts to communicate information specifically relating to your child, so it is really important that every family has an active account.



Come and Celebrate With Us! ★

From this year, we will be inviting parents and carers into our weekly Celebration Assembly when their child is receiving one of our special awards.

This builds on the lovely feedback we have received about our Star Assemblies. We want even more families to have the opportunity to come into school and share these special moments.

If your child has been chosen for an award, we will aim to let you know on the **Thursday, eight days before the following Friday's assembly**, giving you as much notice as possible. There is absolutely no pressure if you cannot attend, but we would love to welcome you if you can.

Celebrating children's successes is one of the loveliest parts of school life, and we want our families to be part of it.



Some Incredible SATs Results! 🎉

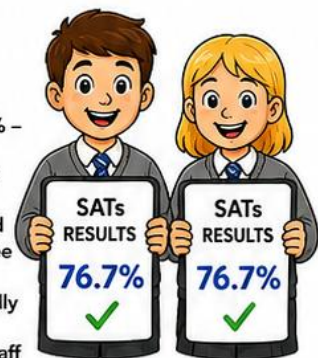
I am incredibly proud to share the outcomes achieved by our Year 6 children in their SATs last summer.

- Our **combined Reading, Writing and Maths result was 76.7%**, compared with a national figure of 63% – around 14 percentage points above national.
- The improvement is particularly significant. In 2025, our combined figure was 53%. To move from 53% to 76.7% in just one year is an enormous achievement.
- Over the past year, we have worked extremely hard to strengthen teaching, curriculum, assessment and intervention across schools, making some significant changes to the way we work. It is wonderful to see these already translating into such positive outcomes.
- Of course, behind every percentage is a child. These results represent children who worked exceptionally hard and staff who believed in them and did everything possible to help them succeed.
- **A huge well done and thank you to Mrs Pearson-Dodd, Miss Moore and Mrs Skippins**, and all the staff who supported Year 6. Most importantly, congratulations to our wonderful outgoing Year 6 children – we are enormously proud of them.

Our focus now is on building upon this success and ensuring that every child at Eastern Green receives the very best education we can provide.

A Brilliant Start ♥

Warmest wishes,
Ms Brown
Headteacher





A Note About Parent WhatsApp Groups



Parent WhatsApp groups can be **incredibly useful**. As a working parent of four children myself, I know how helpful it can be to have other parents reminding us about non-uniform days, forms, events and all the other things that come with busy family life!



From time to time, information is shared within groups and, understandably, the version being discussed is sometimes **quite different from what has actually happened**.



We don't expect parents to agree with every decision we make, and there will inevitably be times when you have a question, concern or frustration. **Please do bring these directly to us**. We would much rather have the opportunity to listen, explain, investigate or put something right.



A number of parents have also got in touch to share that they are **uncomfortable with some of the tone and negativity** in some parent WhatsApp groups. Groups like these can be really helpful, and we want them to remain supportive spaces for families. Let's all be mindful of how concerns about school and staff are discussed and keep conversations **respectful and considerate**.



We won't always get everything right, but we will always be happy to listen. **Positive, open communication between home and school** gives us the very best chance of getting things right for our children.



Thank you for your continued support and for helping us build a positive and **supportive community** for all our children.



Working together and talking to each other gives our children the best start.



PE DAYS & PE KIT

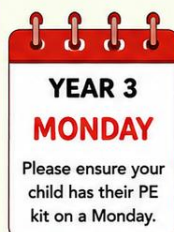
Important Information



To make the best use of lesson time, each year group will now have PE on **one full day** each week. Children will **change into** their PE kit at school for their lessons and will **go home** in their PE kit after their final PE lesson of the day. This helps reduce time wasted changing back into uniform.



PE DAYS



YEAR 3
MONDAY

Please ensure your child has their PE kit on a Monday.



YEAR 4
FRIDAY

Please ensure your child has their PE kit on a Friday.



YEAR 5
WEDNESDAY



YEAR 6
TUESDAY



If your child has a sports club on another day, they **must** have their PE kit in school for that club.

PE KIT

Children need the following for PE:



• T-shirt in house colour

- Stafford – Red
- Curtis – Green
- Merrick – Yellow
- Neal – Blue



• Plain, black shorts or tracksuit bottoms in winter



• Trainers or pumps (different pair to wear at school)



• No named / branded items with clear logos.



PE kit is part of our school uniform policy and we expect all children to wear the correct kit for PE lessons, sports activities and competitions. If you are ever having difficulty providing the correct kit, please get in touch so we can help.

Thank you for your support!





DIARY DATES

Autumn Term One 2026

Here are the key dates for the first half of the autumn term.
Please pop them in your diaries!



SEPTEMBER

MON
7
SEPT



Year 4 Online Safety & Computing Block
Year 4 will begin their Online Safety and Computing block.

FRI
11
SEPT



Celebration Assembly
Parents and carers of award recipients will be invited into school.

THU
17
SEPT



Jeans for Genes Day
Children are invited to wear jeans, denim clothing or non-school uniform for the day. Jeans for Genes Day raises awareness and funds to support people living with genetic conditions across the UK.

FRI
18
SEPT



Celebration Assembly
Parents and carers of award recipients will be invited into school.

MON
21
SEPT



Year 5 Computing & Music Week
A special week of Computing and Music for our Year 5 children.

TUE
22
SEPT



School Photographs
More information will follow soon, but make sure you come to school in your smartest uniform with your hair brushed! 😊



Celebration Assembly
Parents and carers of award recipients will be invited into school.



Year 4 Music Week



Celebration Assembly
Parents and carers of award recipients will be invited into school.

OCTOBER

MON
5
OCT



Year 6 Assessment Week
As we begin preparing our Year 6 children for their SATs in May, this is an important assessment week. Please make every effort to ensure Year 6 children are in school, on time and have had a hearty breakfast so they are ready to do their best.

Also beginning this week:

- Year 3 Music Week
- Year 6 Computing Week

FRI
9
OCT



Celebration Assembly
Parents and carers of award recipients will be invited into school.

MON
12
OCT



Cakes, Flu Immunisations & Computing

- Please send in cakes with your child for our Cake Sale on Wed.
- Year 3–Year 6 Flu Immunisations
- Year 6 Computing Week

WED
14
OCT



Cake Sale
Our school Cake Sale! Please send your child to school with no more than £5 if they would like to buy some treats. Thank you in advance for all your cake donations!

THU
15
OCT



Year 3 Harvest Festival
Our annual Year 3 Harvest Festival. Year 3 parents and carers will be invited into school to watch. More information will follow.

FRI
16
OCT



Celebration Assembly
Parents and carers of award recipients will be invited into school.

MON
19



Year 3 Computing Block

WED
21



Parents' Evening 3.30pm–7.00pm

THU
22
OCT



Star Assembly & Parents' Evening
Our Star Assembly will take place, with parents and carers of our Star Award recipients invited to join us. Parents' Evening will run from 3.30pm–6.00pm. 3.30pm–6.00pm

FRI
23
OCT



Teacher Training Day
School will be closed to pupils.



We have a very busy and exciting first half term ahead and are looking forward to welcoming lots of you into school along the way!



AUTUMN 1

CLUBS 2026

Learn, Play,
Create, Achieve!



MONDAY

Lunchtime

- Years 3 & 4 Girls Football Squad – Invite Only
- Years 5 & 6 Girls Football Squad – Invite Only



After School Club

- Multi Sports – **FREE**
- Skateboarding
- Year 5/6 Football squad – invite only



TUESDAY

After School Club

- Cookery Club
- Art Club



WEDNESDAY

Lunchtime

- Years 3 & 4 Girls and Boys Tag Rugby
- Years 5 & 6 Girls and Boys Tag Rugby



After School Club

- Year 5/6 Mixed Netball squad – invite only
- Karate
- DF Football



THURSDAY

After School Club

- Gymnastics



FRIDAY

NO
CLUBS



Emails containing **full details** of the clubs and **how to sign up** have been sent to parents and carers.



Please check the information carefully, as some clubs should be booked through **MCAS**, while others use a **separate booking system**.



Where a club is marked **invite only**, children will be invited to take part and do not need to book in the usual way.

We hope lots of our children enjoy getting involved in our clubs this half term!