



Eastern Green Junior School Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2026



What a wonderfully busy week we have had at Eastern Green! From sustainable travel and cycling skills to Harvest Festival celebrations and some extraordinary baking, there has been plenty to celebrate as we approach the final week of half term.

Year 6 Explore Sustainable Travel!



Yesterday, some of our Year 6 pupils, including members of our Eco Committee, enjoyed a fantastic behind-the-scenes visit to Snow Hill, kindly sponsored by Living Streets and Travel West Midlands.

The children discovered how public transport networks operate, explored the CCTV systems, learnt about careers in the transport industry and even met Strider the mascot!

They travelled entirely by bus, train, Metro and on foot, putting their learning about sustainable travel into practice.

Their enthusiasm, curiosity and impeccable behaviour made us incredibly proud. Mrs Pearson-Dodd described them as the best ambassadors she has ever taken out of school!

A huge thank you to the organisations who made this possible and to Mrs Pearson-Dodd and Mrs Harrison for accompanying the children.

A Beautiful Year 3 Harvest Festival



Our Year 3 children presented a beautiful Harvest Festival assembly this week. It was lovely to welcome so many parents and family members into school, and we were extremely proud of the children's confidence, enthusiasm and wonderful performances.

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to our food bank collection.

We are extending donations until Tuesday 20th October, so there is still time to help!

We would welcome non-perishable foods such as pasta, rice, cereals, tinned goods, soup, biscuits and long-life milk, alongside toiletries including toothpaste, soap, shampoo and shower gel.

Your generosity will make a real difference to local families and provides a wonderful opportunity to teach our children about kindness and helping others.

Year 5 Bikeability - A 60-Year Tradition!



Our Year 5 children have been thoroughly enjoying their Bikeability sessions, developing their cycling skills, road awareness and confidence.

Did you know that Eastern Green has been offering cycling proficiency training for 60 years? While the programme may have evolved, helping children become safe, confident and independent cyclists remains just as important today.

It is wonderful to see another generation of Eastern Green pupils developing these valuable life skills!



Let Them Eat Cake!

What a roaring success our cake competition and cake sale have been!

We were absolutely blown away by the creativity of the entries inspired by our **Playing Outside** theme. From football pitches and surfboards to climbing walls, playgrounds and beautiful gardens, the imagination on display was extraordinary!

A very special congratulations to **Florence in Year 6**, whose show-stopping flower garden cake won first prize! It was also lovely to see so many children enjoying baking at with their families.

Thank you to everyone who baked, donated or purchased cakes at our sale. The money raised will go towards improving our playground as we work towards introducing the **OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)** programme.



Looking Ahead to Our Final Week

Next week is our final week before half term, with school closing to pupils on **Thursday 22nd October**.

Friday 23rd October is a teacher training day, when staff will be focusing on our pedagogical practices at Eastern Green.

Pedagogy is simply the art and science of teaching: understanding how children learn and how we can make our teaching as effective, engaging and enjoyable as possible.

We will be exploring educational research, sharing good practice and reflecting on how we can continue to develop ambitious, creative and inspiring learning experiences for our children.

Our aim is always to ensure that Eastern Green is a school where children not only achieve academically but also develop curiosity, confidence and a genuine love of learning.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It has been another wonderful week, full of opportunities and reasons to be proud of our children.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend
and looking forward to a fantastic final week of half term!

Brown
Headteacher

Award Winners



At Eastern Green, we love recognising children who make us proud, whether through their learning, kindness, behaviour or the positive contribution they make to school life.

★ Stars of the Week

Awarded to children who have shown fantastic effort, enthusiasm, progress or a brilliant attitude towards their learning.

♥ Kind Hearts Award

Celebrating children who go out of their way to show kindness, compassion and thoughtfulness towards others.

🍴 Lunchtime Award

Recognising children who demonstrate excellent manners, positive behaviour, kindness and consideration during lunchtimes.

🏆 Values Champion

Awarded to children who consistently demonstrate our school values of being **Ready, Respectful and Safe**, setting a wonderful example to others.

★ Stars of the Week ★ Friday 9th October

Class	Star of the Week
3C	Nathan
3J	Beau
4C	Ariella
4LL	Freddie
5G	Buddy
5LA	Noah
6M	Emily
6PS	Harriet

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Class	Star of the Week
3C	Grace
3J	Bobby
4C	Harry R
4LL	Louis
5G	Alana-Mae
5LA	Grace
6M	Benji
6PS	Lily

★ Our Special Award Winners ★

Award	Friday 9th October	Friday 16th October
♥ Kind Hearts Award	Adam (4C)	Cohen (5C)
🍴 Lunchtime Award	Max M (4LL)	Poppy L and Harriet (6PS)
🏆 Values Champion	Tabetha (6PS)	Barney (6PS)

★ A huge congratulations to all of our award winners! ★



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Dates for Your Diary Autumn Term 2026



We have lots of exciting events, activities and celebrations coming up at Eastern Green!
Please make a note of the following important dates.

Week Beginning Monday 19th October

Mon 19th Oct	- Year 3 Computing Week begins. - Tag Rugby Festival (all year groups). You will be informed if your child is participating.	
Tues 20th Oct	- Year 4 Values Dodgeball Tournament (Xcel Centre). - Year 3 and 4 Girls' Football Tournament (after school). You will be informed if your child is participating.	
Wed 21st Oct	- Year 5 and 6 Hockey Tournament (Bablake School). You will be informed if your child is participating. - Parents' Evening (3.30pm – 7.15pm).	
Thurs 22nd Oct	- Star Assembly (award winners – parents invited). - Parents' Evening (3.30pm – 6.15pm). - Last day of term.	
Fri 23rd Oct	Teacher Training Day – School closed to pupils.	

Half-Term Holiday: Monday 26th – Friday 30th October

Week Beginning Monday 2nd November

Mon 2nd Nov	First day back after half term.	
Wed 4th Nov	- Year 5 Values Dodgeball Tournament. - Year 5 and 6 HADO Tournament. You will be informed if your child is participating.	
Fri 6th Nov	Celebration Assembly (award winners – parents invited).	

Week Beginning Monday 9th November

Mon 9th Nov	Year 4 Computing Week begins.	
Tues 10th Nov	Year 3 Open Morning (9.15am – 10.15am).	
Wed 11th Nov	Year 6 Sportshall Athletics. You will be informed if your child is participating.	
Thurs 12th Nov	Whole-School Coding Workshop.	
Fri 13th Nov	- Children in Need – Wear Something Yellow! Bring a £1 coin donation to support BBC Children in Need. - Spooky Celebration Assembly (award winners – parents invited).	

A Few Reminders

For all sporting competitions and tournaments, we will let you know if your child has been selected to participate, along with any arrangements you need to be aware of. For our Celebration and Star Assemblies, parents and carers of children receiving awards will be invited into school to join us. We are looking forward to a fantastic autumn term, full of learning, sporting opportunities, celebrations and festive fun!

Week Beginning Monday 16th November

Mon 16th Nov	Year 3, 4 and 5 Assessment Week. Please ensure children are in school on time and have a hearty breakfast.	
Tues 17th Nov	Year 3 and 4 Girls' Football Tournament. You will be informed if your child is participating.	
Wed 18th Nov	Year 6 Height and Weight Checks. School nurses will be in school.	
Fri 20th Nov	- Celebration Assembly (award winners – parents invited). - Subbuteo Event (Woodlands School). You will be informed if your child is participating.	

Week Beginning Monday 23rd November

Mon 23rd Nov	Year 5 Parliament Week begins.	
Fri 27th Nov	Celebration Assembly (award winners – parents invited).	

Week Beginning Monday 30th November

Thurs 3rd Dec	AimHigh Maths Workshop (John Shelton Primary School). You will be informed if your child is participating.	
Fri 4th Dec	Celebration Assembly (award winners – parents invited).	

Week Beginning Monday 7th December

Mon 7th Dec	- Year 3 Computing Week begins. - Christmas Concert – 2.00pm.	
Tues 8th Dec	Christmas Concert – 3.45pm.	
Wed 9th Dec	- Year 3 Visit to the Herbert Art Gallery. - Year 6 Christmas Games (straight after school). Come and join the fun and bring some pennies to spend!	
Thurs 10th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day! Wear your festive jumper – do join in, our Christmas dinner is delicious!	
Fri 11th Dec	- Celebration Assembly (award winners – parents invited). - Rocksteady Concert – 2.30pm.	

Week Beginning Monday 14th December

Mon 14th Dec	Whole-School Visit to St Andrew's Church.	
Thurs 17th Dec	Christmas Crafts Day.	
Fri 18th Dec	- Christmas Party Day! - Star Assembly (award winners – parents invited). - Last day of the autumn term!	

Respect • Ready • Safe



Our Cake Competition and Cake Sale

A Fantastic Fundraising Success!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our cake sale and **Playing Outside** cake competition!

We were blown away by the creativity of the entries and the generosity of families who baked, donated and bought cakes.

We raised an incredible
£381.24!

Every penny will go towards our fundraising efforts to introduce OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) at Eastern Green, helping us transform our playtimes with more exciting, imaginative and enriching opportunities for our children.

Thank you for helping us make playtime even better! ♥



A special congratulations to **Florence in Year 6**, whose beautiful flower garden cake was our competition winner!



Please Make Sure Your Child Has a Coat!

As we head into the colder months, we are noticing that quite a number of children are coming to school without coats. With the British weather being so unpredictable, **it is essential that every child brings a warm, waterproof coat to school every day from now on.**

We want all children to enjoy their breaktimes and lunchtimes outdoors, but if the weather is cold or drizzly, children without suitable coats will need to remain indoors and miss out on playing with their friends.

Please ensure your child has a coat in school every single day, regardless of the weather when they leave home.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep everyone warm, dry and enjoying their playtimes!



Homework – Building Good Habits!

Please can we ask for your support in ensuring children complete their homework regularly. We deliberately keep homework manageable, but **what we do set is important!**

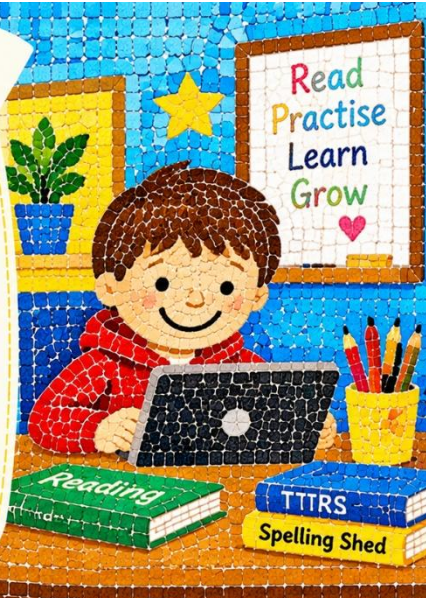
Homework helps children develop **independence**, responsibility and good study habits, preparing them for the increasing expectations of secondary school.

Our expectations are simple:

-  **Read aloud to an adult at least five times a week** – This is incredibly important, even for confident readers! Please ensure your child's reading record is signed each time they read.
-  **Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)** – Builds quick recall of essential multiplication facts.
-  **Spelling Shed** – Reinforces spelling patterns and supports confident writing.

Little and often makes a huge difference!
 Just 10–15 minutes of regular practice can have a real impact.

Please help your child establish a consistent homework routine. These small habits now will make a big difference to their learning and independence in the future. Thank you for your support! ♥



Growing Up in a Digital World

Keeping Our Children Safe

Technology offers children wonderful opportunities to learn, play and connect with friends. However, at Eastern Green, we are increasingly seeing friendship difficulties that begin through messaging apps, group chats and online games before spilling over into school.

We know that managing children's online lives isn't easy, but we wanted to share some important reminders about keeping our children safe and happy.



When Friendships Move Online

Children are still learning how to manage friendships, disagreements and emotions. Online, it can be easy to become a keyboard warrior, saying things behind a screen that would never be said face to face.

A silly comment can quickly become an argument, children can feel excluded from group chats, and disagreements can continue long into the evening.

Even the kindest, most sensible children are not yet equipped to manage these situations independently. They need adult guidance and supervision.

Please Keep Devices Out of Bedrooms Overnight!

This is one of our biggest requests to families: please, please take phones, tablets and other connected devices out of children's bedrooms at bedtime.

Children need proper sleep, time to switch off and a break from online conversations. Group chats can continue late into the evening, leaving children tired, upset or anxious.

A simple family rule that all devices charge downstairs overnight can make an enormous difference.

Age Restrictions Are There for a Reason!

The following popular platforms have minimum age requirements or age-based restrictions:

 WhatsApp 13+	 Snapchat 13+	 TikTok 13+	 Instagram 13+
 Discord 13+	 Facebook 13+	 Roblox Age-based rules	 Fortnite PEGI 12

These restrictions help protect younger children from risks they may not yet be ready to manage, including inappropriate content, unwanted contact and difficult social interactions.

Please respect these age restrictions. Children under 13 should not be using platforms with a minimum age of 13.

We understand the pressure when children say everyone else has it, but there is plenty of time for social media as they grow older.

How Can We Help?



Check messages and group chats.
Know who your child is communicating with.



Talk about kindness online.
Words can hurt just as much on a screen.



Set clear boundaries.
Agree when and where devices can be used.



Use parental controls.
Check that games and apps are age-appropriate.



Keep talking.
Encourage children to tell you if something online worries them.

Let Children Enjoy Being Children!

We sometimes find ourselves helping children resolve disagreements that have developed online during evenings and weekends. We will always support children, but we would really appreciate families keeping an eye on these conversations at home too.

We wouldn't expect children to manage every friendship difficulty independently in the playground, so we shouldn't expect them to do so online either.

We know that parenting in a digital world is challenging, and we are all learning together. By setting sensible boundaries, respecting age restrictions and keeping devices out of bedrooms at night, we can make a real difference.

Thank you for helping us protect children's friendships, wellbeing and the precious years of childhood.