

EASTLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

JULY 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our July newsletter. The past week has certainly reminded us just how unpredictable the British summer can be! Following the extremely high temperatures and the red weather warnings issued, I would like to thank all of our families for their support and understanding with the early collection arrangements. As always, the safety and wellbeing of our children remain our highest priority, and I would like to reassure parents that school remains open to all children.

With just two action-packed weeks of the academic year remaining, there is still so much to look forward to. From Wednesday 8th July, children will begin their transition mornings, giving them the opportunity to meet their new teachers and teaching assistants for September. On Friday 10th July, end-of-year reports will be shared with families, providing an opportunity to celebrate the progress and achievements made throughout the year. We are also excited to enjoy our Year 6 end-of-year productions, Rock Steady performances and a host of other celebrations as we reflect on another fantastic year at Eastlands. Alongside the excitement, there will undoubtedly be some emotional moments as we say goodbye to our Year 6 and also thank those staff members who are moving on to new opportunities.

With another spell of very hot weather forecast, it promises to be a hot, memorable and special end to the school year.

Term Dates

Tuesday 7th July - 2:30 pm Rock Steady performance for parents

Wednesday 8th July - Y6 Transition Day to Secondaries + **all classes in school.**

Friday 10th July - Annual School Reports to Parents

Tuesday 14th July - Y6 Leavers Play for Y6 parents - 2pm

Wednesday 15th July - Yr 6 Leavers Party - 5:30pm - 7pm

Friday 17th July - School closes at 3.20pm



To all our children who celebrate their birthdays in **July**.

Rec: Hafsa, Jude, Sophie, Henry, Hudson, Jonah, Toby.

1: Layla, Nikola, Summer

2: Harshika, Weslyn.

3 : Samuel, Zeke, Yusuf, Euan

4: Khiyan, Anaya, Anson, Emma-Grace, Mia

5: Shruthi, Amelia

6: Solomon, Sophie

ATTENDANCE

June attendance-Whole school- 96.3%

R— 93.1%

Y1— 97%

Y2— 96.3%

Y3— 95.6%

Y4— 96.4%

Y5— 97.1%

Y6— 97.6%

Overall attendance for the Whole school for September to July 2026 was averaging at 96.2%.

This is just above our Target of 95.5%. **Great!**

Please help us to raise this % even further by ensuring your child's attendance is good or better. Please do not book holidays in term time.

Congratulations on making our school attendance so fantatsic

Thank you for your incredible support in helping us maintain such fantastic attendance figures. Our school culture relies on a shared commitment to ensuring every child is in school, learning, and thriving every day.

Thank you for all your support last week during the heat wave. It was a difficult time for all the children and staff in school as I am sure you will appreciate.

🌸 Rugby in Bloom – Deadline approaching! 🌸

We are delighted that our School Reading Garden will be judged by the Rugby in Bloom panel on **Monday 13th July**. We are incredibly excited and are doing everything we can to keep the garden looking its best, particularly following last week's Red Weather Warning and with more hot weather forecast next week. A huge thank you to our gardening group, who have been working alongside Mrs Spence and me to keep the borders and pots watered and thriving—it is certainly a never-ending task! I'm sure you'll agree that the garden looks absolutely divine and provides a beautiful, peaceful space for our children to enjoy reading, learning and spending time outdoors.

EYFS Sports Day

Nursery and Reception finally got to take part in their rearranged sports morning, if it's not the rain it's the heat! Completing their carousel of events, the children were fantastic and showed great enthusiasm! We are so proud of you all, especially your sportsmanship and cheering on your friends.

Thank you to all parents and carers who came to support our EY children.



Warwickshire Junior Book Awards 2026



On the 2nd July, 13 Year 6's attended the Warwickshire Junior Book Awards 2026 Final Ceremony at the Bridge House Theatre in Warwick. This was after they had each read the four chosen books nominated for the award and then voted for their favourite.

During the ceremony, two of the authors attended and spoke to the audience about their book and their love of being a children's author, which were very inspiring. The winner was "My Dog" written by Olivia Wakeford, which we had voted as our winner too!

Our children also had the chance to enter some competitions, before the ceremony, and we are thrilled to say that our very own William won the drawing competition with a beautiful picture associated with the book My Dog! Well done William!

A wonderful morning was had by all and we thank Warwickshire Libraries Service for organising this annual event.

Big Sing – Festival on the Close.

Year 4 and Year 5 were invited to take part in the 'Big Sing' at the Temple Speech Rooms. It was a fun filled day, learning songs in collaboration with around 6 other local schools. The children also watched numerous performances by the Gents of St Johns Cambridge. All of the children's hard work and beautiful singing was showcased at the end of the day, in a performance to parents. It was a wonderful experience and Eastlands Primary School would like to give thanks to Rugby School for this fantastic opportunity.



Romeo and Juliet



Throughout the year, children in Year 4 have been working alongside students from Rugby School to develop their drama skills. The chosen play, Romeo and Juliet, was challenging and the children approached it with such maturity – we are very proud of them. Unfortunately, our day at the Macready Theatre had to be cancelled due to the heatwave but, this week, parents finally got to see the finished performance! We hope you all enjoyed it! What an amazing introduction to Shakespeare for our children!

Eastlands Got Talent

Our recent Eastlands Got Talent event was a huge success and a wonderful celebration of the many talents within our school. After auditioning, two finalists from each class were selected to perform in front of the whole school. We were treated to an incredible variety of acts, including dancers, singers, musicians playing the piano, keyboard and harmonica, as well as children proudly demonstrating their British Sign Language skills. The confidence, enthusiasm and talent on display were truly inspiring, and it was fantastic to see the entire school community come together to support and enjoy the performances. We were absolutely delighted by the standard of the acts and incredibly proud of everyone who took part.



The Wonder Dome

Year 5 have consolidated their learning about Space through an extraordinary 'Wonder Dome' experience. The excitement and awe on the children's faces was an absolute pleasure to see. They were enthralled by all the extra facts that they learnt about the planets and it was so wonderful to see the planets orbiting around in the dome. It really brought our learning to life! Year 5 were a credit to themselves and our school and the show presenter commented how wonderful they were with all of their insightful questions. What a great Thursday morning!

And finally, some fond farewells...



As many of you will now be aware, we are saying goodbye to three much-valued members of our Eastlands team at the end of this term.

Mrs Birnie, our Year 3 teacher, is leaving Eastlands to take up a teaching position at another local school. Over the past eight years, she has been a dedicated and hardworking member of staff who has made a lasting impact on so many children and families. Her kindness, commitment and enthusiasm will be greatly missed by both pupils and colleagues.

Mrs Carlin, who has taught alongside Miss Doyle in Year 4 this year, is also moving on to a new school. During her time at Eastlands, she has worked across many year groups and classes, meaning she is known and appreciated by children throughout the school. We thank her for all she has contributed and wish her every success in her new role.

We are also saying goodbye to Miss Washbrook, who has been such a welcoming and friendly presence in our school office. As the first face many families see when they visit Eastlands, she has played an important role in supporting our children, families and staff each day. Although we are very sad to see her leave, we wish her all the very best for the exciting opportunities ahead.

On behalf of the entire Eastlands community, we would like to thank Mrs Birnie, Mrs Carlin and Miss Washbrook for everything they have done for our school. We wish them happiness and success in the next chapter of their journeys, and they will always be a valued part of the Eastlands family.