

# EASTLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

**JULY 2026**

Welcome to our last newsletter of the academic year.

As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and families for their continued support. Working in partnership with you all is incredibly important to us. We are always here to listen, to receive feedback and to work together to keep moving Eastlands forward. Every day we strive to learn, improve and provide the very best opportunities for our children, and there is so much for us to celebrate as we reflect on another successful year.

Although the end of term is now here, we still have a busy and exciting final day ahead. There will undoubtedly be some emotional moments later as we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils and wish them every success for the future, while also thanking staff who are moving on to new opportunities. It promises to be a memorable, celebratory and special end to the school year, and we look forward to sharing these final moments together as a school community.

Enjoy your summer holidays, take care and see you all in September as we start afresh for the 2026-2027 school year.

**Term Dates remaining:**

- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July** - Y6 Leavers Play for Y6 parents - 2pm
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** - Rec celebration assembly 2.50pm & Yr 6 Leavers Party - 5:30pm - 7pm
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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

July attendance-Whole school- 96.5%  
R— 95.9%                      Y1— 96.4%  
Y2— 95%                      Y3— 98.1%  
Y4— 95.7%                      Y5— 97.1%  
                                         Y6— 97.4%

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.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents and families who contributed to the Parent-Pay Staff Fund and for the many thoughtful cards, kind messages and gifts. We are very grateful for your continued support and wish you a wonderful summer break.





## Rugby in Bloom



We are absolutely thrilled to share the fantastic news that Eastlands has been awarded the **Platinum Award** by the Rugby in Bloom judges for our school grounds and Reading Garden.

The judging panel were incredibly impressed with the quality of our outdoor spaces, which provide such a beautiful environment for our children to learn, read and enjoy nature.

This achievement is a testament to the hard work, dedication and care shown by so many people. A very special thank you must go to our wonderful gardening team, who have spent countless hours planting, watering and maintaining the garden throughout the year. We would also like to recognise Mrs Spence, whose enthusiasm and leadership as our Allotment Lead have helped transform and develop these spaces alongside the children.

The award is a wonderful recognition of the pride our school community takes in its environment, and we are incredibly proud of everyone involved in making Eastlands bloom.



**Looking for something to do this summer?**

Click [here](#) for information.



## Congratulations to Mrs Vale

Congratulations to Mrs Vale on receiving her 25 Years' Service Award from Warwickshire County Council!

This remarkable achievement is a testament to Mrs Vale's dedication, commitment and care for children over the past 25 years. We would like to thank her for the positive difference she has made to the lives of so many young people throughout her career, and especially for the contribution she has made during her last two years at Eastlands.

Mrs Vale is a huge asset to our school community, and her hard work, kindness and unwavering support—particularly for our Year 6 children—are greatly appreciated. We are incredibly fortunate to have her as part of the Eastlands team and congratulate her on this well-deserved recognition. 🎉👏



# Year 3 and 4 Music Concert



Children in Years 3 and 4 have worked hard all year learning to play the recorder and the keyboard. On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July, they had the chance to showcase their favourite pieces to their parents in our Music Concert. What a celebration of our talented children! We were very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Voss, our keyboard teacher, but we would like to thank both her and Mrs Humphreys for teaching the children and giving them these fantastic opportunities.

## Year 4 Cricket Festival

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, Year 4 took part in the Cricket Festival at Harris School. Thankfully, the weather was very cool by recent standards and it was a wonderful morning! The children enjoyed perfecting their overarm bowling and catching, as well as competing with other local schools in a series of matches. We were so proud of the respect, team work and sportsmanship shown by our children. A huge thank you to the organisers of the event and to the Harris students who led many of the activities.



## School Council Charity Fundraising



This term, our School Council has proudly led a series of class charity fundraising events. Each School Councillor worked with their classmates and teachers to democratically choose a charity that was important to them, giving all children a voice in deciding how they could make a positive difference.

We are delighted to share that Year 1 and Year 2 raised **£54.65** for Wildlife Aid, Year 3 raised **£43.80** for the NSPCC, Year 4 raised **£60.80** for a Wildlife Sanctuary, Year 5 raised **£49.00** for Cancer Research UK, and Year 6 raised **£94.93** for the RSPCA. These are all incredibly worthwhile causes, and we are so proud of the children for supporting charities that matter to them.

On behalf of all these organisations, we would like to extend a huge thank you to our children and families for their generosity and support. These fundraising efforts, alongside our annual Children in Need and Red Nose Day events, as well as the fantastic fundraising organised by our PSA throughout the year, demonstrate the caring and community-minded spirit that makes Eastlands such a special place.

We are incredibly proud of the compassion our children show towards others and the understanding they have of the important work charities do. Thank you all for helping to make a difference.

# Online Safety information for over the Summer

Technology is an important part of modern life, offering wonderful opportunities for learning, creativity, and connection. However, balancing screen time with other activities remains essential for children's overall wellbeing. Here are some helpful reminders for families:

- Set clear boundaries around daily screen use and establish screen-free times, such as during meals and before bedtime.
- Encourage a healthy balance by promoting outdoor play, physical activity, reading, hobbies, and face-to-face social interactions.
- Model positive behaviour by demonstrating healthy screen habits yourself. Children often learn by watching the adults around them.
- Prioritise quality over quantity by choosing educational, age-appropriate, and engaging digital content.
- Keep bedrooms screen-free at night to support healthy sleep routines and reduce distractions.
- Click the images below for more information.



# Year Six - Good bye

## Yr 6 Leaver's Play - "Gigglebox"

Yr 6 have worked so hard this term on their end of Year Leaver's play, "Gigglebox" Costumes prepared, lines learnt and songs practised... all expertly done by our brilliant Year 6 class.

To summarise the play, we joined the Parker family for an afternoon glued to the screen by a riveting schedule of TV shows, all of which had one thing in common...school! There was edge-of-your-seats drama, devilishly-difficult quizzes, calamitous cooking challenges, tortuous talent searches, make-over madness...and much more! We giggled lots at the televisual treats proved just what a fun-filled place school really is, and why the memories we make there last forever.

Year 6 did themselves proud both in the Dress Rehearsal to the school, last Friday, and then stepping up yet another gear in their performance to Parents and Carers on Tuesday afternoon. Laughs were had by all, as well as lots of tears. A huge thank you to Mrs Vale for providing wonderful props and helping with costumes which helped bring the play to life. Well done Year 6! You were all amazing!



## Yr 6 Bake Off Competition!

Aprons were on and the Year 6 bakers were ready to go! On Wednesday morning, Year 6 took part in our annual EPS Yr 6 Bake Off Competition. The Year 6's had one hour to prove their worth at cake decorating and this year the theme was Sport! Children had already made their cakes at home showing teamwork and dedication and then brought in lots of amazing equipment to bring their cake design to life! From tennis to swimming, golf to ice skating... many brilliant cakes were decorated. The cakes were then judged, by some extremely harsh judges (Mrs Warrington, Mr Norton, Mrs Devine and Mrs Allen) and then the winners were announced. Huge congratulations to Willow and Scarlett, Anna and Lena and James for their winning designs. Yr 6, you really have been our baking stars!



## Yr 6 Leaver's Party

On Wednesday evening, Year 6 were invited to the Year 6 Leaver's Party which this year was called "EPS Leaver's Fest", as we enjoyed an evening based on a festival theme. Bucket hats, glitter make up, sunglasses, flowery shirts and even some hair glitter made an appearance! A wonderful time was had by all with a bespoke playlist made from Yr 6 recommendations, games on the playground, bunting, popcorn, candyfloss, a campervan photo booth and there was even a bespoke cocktail list! All of this was made possible by the help and support of a very organised group of Year 6 parents and funding from the PSA. A huge thank you to all who helped out and supported this event in order to make it memorable for our Year 6 Leavers. The evening was topped off by the Year 6 receiving their EPS Year book, again paid for by our wonderful PSA. Thank you once again, as we couldn't do these special and memorable events without you. What a wonderful send off Year 6 have had!



# Information to share

## Great British Summer Savings

As we head into the summer holidays, we wanted to share some information that may help families enjoy low-cost days out and activities. The Government's Great British Summer Savings scheme is running from 25 June to 1 September 2026 and offers reduced-cost opportunities for children and families across the country.

During this period, VAT has been temporarily reduced on a range of family-friendly activities, including children's meals in restaurants, family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, as well as admission to many attractions. In addition, children aged 5–15 can travel free on buses throughout August in England, helping families explore local attractions for less.

Families can use the Government's Summer Savings attraction finder to discover participating venues and offers in their area. Simply enter your postcode at [Summer Savings Attraction Finder](#) to find activities nearby. Whether you're looking for a museum visit, a family day out, a cinema trip or an educational experience, there are plenty of ways to keep children entertained over the summer break without breaking the budget.

We hope this information is helpful and that our families are able to make the most of these opportunities to enjoy a fun-filled and affordable summer together. 🌞🚌👨👩👧👦🎬📖



**READING GROUP  
FOR CHILDREN:  
THE NEXT CHAPTER**

**Starting Secondary School in September?  
Come along to make some new friends and  
share the love of  
reading!**



 **Rugby Library**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

 **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August**

 **3:30 - 4:30pm**

 **Drop in, no booking  
required**

 

# A Call to All Parents and Carers

**From the very first day of the new school term, all parents and carers are urged to prioritise safe and considerate parking around school sites.**

Changing habits early helps set a positive example for children and contributes to a safer, calmer environment for everyone.

By parking legally and responsibly, families play a vital role in reducing risks, improving visibility, and ensuring that school journeys are safe and stress-free for all.

Uniformed officers will patrol schools throughout the County over the coming weeks to monitor compliance and raise awareness about the importance of safe and legal parking near schools.

Vehicles found in contravention of restrictions will be issued Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) of £70, reduced to £35 if paid within 14 days.

## Why Enforcement Is Necessary

Despite regular reminders, some drivers continue to park on the restricted School Keep Clear zones and double yellow lines.

This behaviour can:

- Reduce visibility for children and other road users
- Increase congestion
- Create unsafe crossing conditions

## School Keep Clear Zones:

Vehicles parked in these restricted areas during operational hours will be issued a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) of £70, reduced to £35 if paid within 14 days.



For continuity across all schools, all Zig Zag lines are enforceable between 8am and 5pm - Monday to Friday. The fixed time window provides clarity for drivers, improving compliance and reducing risk.

