

Newsletter

“ Empowering and Preparing for Success in a changing world ”

Eastlands Primary School

June 2026

Thrive. Belong. Achieve.

Welcome to this latest edition of our school newsletter. It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through June – the term is certainly flying by! As always, it has been wonderful to see our children continue to thrive, belong and achieve in all aspects of school life.

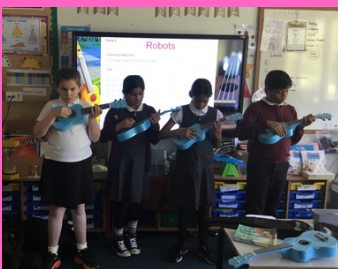
It has been a very busy few weeks in school. We have thoroughly enjoyed our Sports and Health Week, along with our KS1 and KS2 Sports Days, where the children demonstrated fantastic enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship. It was especially pleasing to see such a strong sense of community, with children supporting one another and truly showing what it means to belong. Unfortunately, our EYFS Sports Day has had to be rearranged due to the weather, but we look forward to celebrating this with them very soon. We were also delighted to welcome a visitor from the Air Ambulance, who spoke to the children during assembly about their important work.

Our School Councillors have been busy discussing ways to raise money for charities with their class. Some classes have already shared letters with parents outlining their ideas, and it has been wonderful to see such proactive leadership from both our councillors and pupils across the school, who have thoughtfully chosen the charities they wish to support.

Looking ahead, we have plenty to be excited about. We will be holding a Design and Technology-focused week, giving children further opportunities to explore, create and achieve, and children are currently auditioning for Eastlands Got Talent, which we will all enjoy together at the end of June.

Next week is another busy one, with several KS2 classes out visiting Rugby School. Year 4 and Year 5 are out for the Big Sing on Monday and Year 3 and Year 6 are taking part in the 360 Service Day on Thursday. Additionally, on Thursday our Year 4 pupils will be up at Rugby School all day and then performing their drama piece of Romeo and Juliet at the Macready Theatre in the evening. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and look forward to seeing them thrive and shine on stage.

Finally, to celebrate our children reaching an impressive 55,000 House Points this year, we have invited the Puzzle Company into school on Monday 29th June. This will give all children the opportunity to take part in a fun Puzzle Challenge Day. A huge thank you to our wonderful PSA, who have generously funded this experience for our children. Also, we would like to thank the PSA for organising another successful Summer Fayre, a total of £1597 was raised. Thank you all for your contributions and support.



Year 5 have made a fantastic start to their ukulele lessons this term, which form part of our music curriculum. Now halfway through the 12-week programme, the children are thoroughly enjoying learning a new instrument and developing their musical skills. Mrs Spyrou has already noted the strong progress being made, with pupils growing in confidence each week. Alongside this, Year 5 have been exploring life cycles in science. As part of their learning, they visited our school allotment and pond to observe tadpoles in their natural habitat, bringing their learning to life through real-world experience. This was then built upon back in the classroom, helping pupils to deepen their understanding even further.

Class Information for 2026 - 2027

As we begin to look ahead to the next academic year (2026–2027), we are already planning carefully to ensure a smooth and positive transition for all of our children. Transition from one year group to the next is incredibly important to us at Eastlands, and we take great care to support children both academically and emotionally during this time.

This year, I have made the decision to share staffing arrangements in advance of our transition day so that families and children feel fully prepared. On Wednesday 8th July, children will spend time in their new classrooms with their new teacher(s) and following this they will have further opportunities to revisit these classes before the summer break. Staff will also be working closely together through detailed transition meetings to ensure continuity and support for every child.

As part of these changes, we will also be saying goodbye to two valued members of our team. Mrs Carlin, who currently works in Year 4 alongside Miss Doyle, and Mrs Birnie, who has been a dedicated class teacher at Eastlands for the past eight years, teaching across EYFS to Year 6, will both be leaving us. Mrs Birnie will be moving on to teach in a local school. We thank them both for their commitment and contribution to our school community and wish them every success in the future, we shall miss them both.

We would also like to thank Mr Norton, who has been with us for two terms and is now leaving us to begin his teaching career at Northlands Primary School. We are so grateful for his hard work and wish him the best of luck.

Additionally, you may have spotted a familiar name on our staffing list! Miss Fiddes, previously a teaching assistant here at Eastlands, has now completed her teacher training. We are delighted to congratulate her on this achievement and to welcome her back as a Year 2 class teacher in September.

Year Group	Teacher (s)	Timetabled Teaching Assistants
Nursery	Mrs McCracken + Miss Merrick	Miss Fowler
Reception	Miss Shipp + Mrs Hopper	Miss Magdij
Year One	Mrs McGuire + Miss Tuckey	Mrs Gohill + Mrs Ryan
Year Two	Miss Fiddes	Miss Hinchcliffe + Miss Huggins
Year Three	Miss Evans	Mrs Spence + Miss Dalton
Year Four	Mrs Hope	Miss Mondego + Mrs Humphries
Year Five	Mrs Spyrou	Mrs Dickson-Davies + Miss Dalton
Year Six	Miss Doyle	Mrs Vale

Sports Day

Key Stage 1 Sports Day

Our Key Stage 1 Sports Day was a fantastic occasion, filled with energy, enthusiasm and huge smiles from all. The children showed great determination as they took part in a range of races, and it was wonderful to see such positive teamwork and encouragement throughout. We were particularly proud of the excellent sportsmanship and behaviour displayed by all pupils, who truly gave their very best. Thank you to Miss Evans, our PE Lead, for carefully planning the event alongside staff, and to Mrs Dickson-Davies and the Sports Leaders for their support in ensuring everything ran so smoothly. We were delighted to welcome so many parents and carers, and have received lovely feedback about what an enjoyable and well-organised event it was.

Key Stage 2 Sports Day

Our Key Stage 2 Sports session was equally successful, with children demonstrating remarkable resilience, team spirit and a real drive to achieve their best. The atmosphere was fantastic, with children supporting one another and celebrating each other's success. One highlight of the day was the staff race, where children thoroughly enjoyed trying to guess who was behind the imaginative costumes – a lot of effort and humour went into making this a memorable moment for everyone!

Thank you once again to our Sports leaders, Miss Evans and Mrs Dickson-Davies for bringing the day together so effectively, and well done to all of our pupils for their outstanding effort, behaviour and sportsmanship.



Heat is on the way.

As we edge closer to the half term, the Met Office has issued a yellow heat-health alert warning of increased temperatures that may cause indoor environments to become very warm. While we all welcome the sunshine, the warmer weather brings serious risks, particularly to vulnerable individuals. Please be aware that water-related incidents can increase during warm spells, carrying severe risks from cold-water shock and drowning. We want all of our families to enjoy a wonderful, safe break, so please take extra care as the temperatures rise.

This checklist can help you to keep your children safe and comfortable in the heat:

- Apply high-factor sunscreen before leaving the house and pack a bottle if you go out.
- Provide a wide-brimmed sun hat to protect your child's face and neck.
- Ensure access to water so your child stays properly hydrated.
- Dress children in lightweight, light-coloured clothing to help them stay cool.
- Avoid outdoor activities during peak heat, typically between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm.
- Supervise all swimming and water play closely, keeping a watchful eye at all times.



Railway Safety

Across school, we have been taking part in The Rail Safe Friendly Programme. It helps to educate children about the dangers of the railway. During the Summer holidays, there is an increase in accidents and incidents involving children. Our KS1 children met Arlo and listened to a story, there and back. KS2 took part in a interactive story about Harrison and information from Network Rail about what to do if something happens. There is information below for Parents and Carers to look at. We have been awarded a silver certificate, we are hoping for gold soon!





THE RAIL SAFE FRIENDLY PROGRAMME

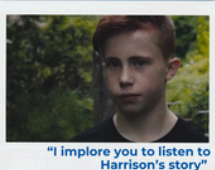
Discover our FREE rail safety videos and keep your children safe by visiting railsafefriendly.com

The Rail Safe Friendly programme has educated over **3 million young people** on the dangers of the railways.



SCAN ME

DON'T LET YOUR CHILDREN BECOME THE NEXT STATISTIC



"I implore you to listen to Harrison's story"

Simon Frazer, Principal, Gullsbrough Academy

According to the **ORR Report** April 23 – March 24 on UK railways:

12	58%	42%
people died in accidents while trespassing	were struck by a train or tram	were electrocuted

According to **Rail Safe Friendly**, July 25:

120+	11,000+	20,000+
companies support the programme	schools in the UK have engaged	UK schools still need to be reached



CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations on achieving your Silver Rail Safe Friendly award.

Proudly Presented to

Eastlands Primary School

Thank you for educating your young people about Rail Safety and keeping them safe.

Stuart Heaton

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