EASTLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our May newsletter. Although it's a shorter month with half term already on the way, school life is very much in full swing. This week, our Year 4 children are off to York for what promises to be an exciting and memorable residential visit. Our Year 6 children begin their SATs on Monday 11th May – we are incredibly proud of them and wish them all the very best. On Friday, they then head off to North Devon and to Skern Lodge for their residential adventure, an experience we know they are really looking forward to.
We have also started our new online system for ordering school dinners; please check your messages for details on how to access this. Finally, we are delighted to warmly welcome Miss Merrick back to Nursery this week.

Term Dates

Monday 4th May– Bank Holiday -School closed
Thursday 7th & Friday 8th May - Year 4 in York
Friday 8th May- Y5 Class Celebration Assembly
Week beginning Monday 11th May- Year 6 SATs
Friday 15th May- Y4 Class Celebration Assembly
Friday 15th - Monday 18th May- Year 6 in North Devon - Skern Lodge.
Friday 22nd May - Y3 Class Celebration Assembly
Friday 22nd May - School closes for Half Term
Monday 1st June -Teacher Training Day - closed to children
Tuesday 2nd June—School opens
Week beginning 1st June -Year 4 Multiplication Table Check
Friday 5th June - PSA Summer Fayre - 3:30 - 5:30
Week beginning 8th June -Year 1- Phonics Screening Check
Friday 12th June- Y1 Class Celebration Assembly
15th - 19th June - Sports Week (Sports Day - 16th June am KS1 & KS2, 17th June am Nursery & Reception)
Friday 19th June Year 2 Celebration Assembly
Thursday 25th June -Y4 McCready Theatre performance.
Tuesday 30th June- Eastlands Got Talent
Tuesday 7th July- 2:30 pm Rock Steady performance
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 May.

Rec: Ava
1: Avighna, Sriaadhya, Nancy, Maximos, Minsa
2: Willow, Theo
3 : Lucas
4: Nefeli
5: Sumeiyah, Cooper,
6: Maddy, Asher

ATTENDANCE

April attendance-Whole school- 96.1%

R— 96.3%	Y1— 98.7%
Y2— 97.8%	Y3— 96.2%
Y4— 98.2%	Y5— 96.2%
Y6— 98.6%	

Overall attendance for the Whole school for September to April 2026 was averaging at 96.1%.
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.

Why is punctuality important?

Good school attendance includes being there on time. Punctuality is a life skill. The habit of good punctuality at school will help your child throughout their education, into adult life and the work place.

PSA Summer Fayre

We are pleased to announce that this year's Summer Fayre will take place on **Friday 5th June at 3:30pm**. This is one of our school's main fundraising events, with all money raised going directly towards supporting our children and enriching their learning experiences. This year, our Parent-Staff Association (PSA) would greatly appreciate your support. If you are able to help in the run-up to the event or on the day itself, please do get in touch. You could volunteer a grandparent or wider family members to get involved, any help would be very welcome! Together, we can make this year's Summer Fayre a great success.
Here is the link to the PSA Facebook page -
https://www.facebook.com/share/g/18EGw5T28i/?mibextid=wwXIfr

This is the PSA WhatsApp announcement page -
https://chat.whatsapp.com/HNl8HuYgv4wEOsbocdYRdQ

Please check the notice board outside the front of school for upcoming events.

🌸 Rugby in Bloom – Our School's Garden is Growing! 🌸

A huge thank you to all the parents who have kindly sponsored a pot for our Rugby in Bloom project – we are delighted to share that we are now up to 43 pots, which is fantastic! Sponsorship closes tomorrow, so thank you to everyone who has supported us so far.
We would still be very grateful for any donations of bedding plants or compost for the existing beds . If you are able to gift us anything like this, please bring them into the school office, where they will be passed on to our wonderful Year 6 team and Mrs Spence, who is managing the project. A huge thank you to this dedicated team – I didn't quite realise what I was unleashing when I set this idea in motion last June, but it is already shaping up to be something truly special!
With the Rugby in Bloom deadline in early July, we have plenty of time to grow and develop the area, and it promises to look absolutely spectacular when everything is in full bloom. Can all sponsored pots be brought into school after the May half-term please; we can't wait to see the transformation take shape over the coming weeks.
https://eastlands-parent-and-staff-association.sumupstore.com/product/eastlands-in-bloom-sponsor-a-pot-1

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WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING AT EPS?

Welcome to our school showcase. Dive into the fun, educational adventures and memorable moments that shape our community. Join us in exploring what has been going on and become a part of our journey.

Empowering & Preparing for Success in a changing world.

🎵 Music at Eastlands – a Year Full of Sound! 🎵

Music is truly thriving at Eastlands, and we are proud of the rich and varied opportunities our children enjoy. We use the Charanga music scheme across the school, and we are delighted to share that all children in KS1 and KS2 now have their own Charanga login to use at home, these can be found on a sticker in their Home School communication books. This means children can explore music, practise skills and enjoy learning beyond the classroom. Please look out for a letter later this month from Miss Shipp, our Music Lead, which will explain how to access the website and make the most of this exciting resource.

Last week, we also enjoyed a fantastic Music Week, where every class took part in extra musical activities and experiences. At Eastlands, every child has the opportunity to experience the joy of making music. A real highlight was our special assembly on Wednesday, when visitors – including parents – came into school to share their love of music and perform for us. This was truly spectacular and hugely inspiring. We were especially proud of one of our Year 6 pupils, who played the piano beautifully for the whole school – thank you for such a memorable performance. We hope moments like these encourage all our children to develop a lifelong love of music.

Our instrumental provision continues to go from strength to strength. This term, Create Music are working with all of our Year 5 pupils, providing weekly ukulele lessons throughout the summer term. In addition, children in Years 3 and 4 receive weekly small-group keyboard lessons, alongside recorder teaching led by our very own Mrs Humphreys. This strong commitment to music reflects our belief in offering a broad and balanced curriculum, with rich opportunities for creativity and personal development.

Parents can also choose to access Rocksteady, a paid-for music provision in school, where children learn to play instruments as part of a band and perform together to parents and the school each term. These performances are always a joy and help build confidence, teamwork and a real sense of achievement.
Music matters at Eastlands – and we look forward to seeing even more of our children discovering the joy of making music together.

https://www.eastlandsprimaryschool.co.uk/Letters_to_Parents/Create_Music_Leaflet.pdf
Create Music are offering paid for guitar lessons at Eastlands
- please see the letter link above for more information.

🍽️ New School Meals System – CYPAD Launch 🍽️

We were pleased to officially launch Cypad, our new online meal booking system, in partnership with our new catering company ABM. Initial feedback from our children has been extremely encouraging, with many commenting positively on both the choice and quality of the food now available. As someone who eats a school dinner daily alongside the children, I have also been thoroughly impressed by the freshness, variety and presentation of meals, and it has been lovely to see pupils enjoying lunchtimes so much.

As we continue through this transition period until May half term, we would like to thank parents for their patience and cooperation as everyone becomes familiar with the system. We know it represents a change, but using Cypad consistently is important as it allows teachers to spend valuable time teaching rather than checking meal orders during registration.

Cypad links directly to your existing ParentPay account, so you can continue to use your current login details to manage selections and payments.

How to Book:
Please use the links below to access step-by-step instructions on how to book meals and how to cancel them if your plans change:

How to order a meal - https://parentpay.wistia.com/medias/cd0pwrbiiv

How to cancel a meal - https://parentpay.wistia.com/medias/hc8m7kzrsu

After half term, the system will be fully operational and relied upon for all meal ordering. Thank you for working with us to make this change a success and for supporting our aim of smooth, efficient systems that ultimately benefit children and their learning.