



School News

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday, 18th to Wednesday, 20th November - New Fledglings School Tours

If you, or someone you know, have a child who is due to start school in September 2025 we would invite you to join us for one of our school tours which are running on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. We also have our Open Evening on Tuesday, 26th November at 4.30pm. To book a tour please contact the school office on office@eastry.kent.sch.uk or call 01304 611360.

Monday, 18th and Wednesday, 20th November - Parent's Evenings

We will be holding our parents' evenings next Monday and Wednesday for you to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. Appointments can be made on either evening between the times of 3.30 to 6.30pm. These meetings are a valuable way for sharing successes and concerns and I do hope you are able to make one of the evenings. Miss Gillmore will also be available to discuss any Special Educational Needs on both evenings.

To book an appointment please email office@eastry.kent.sch.uk or telephone the school office on 01304 611360 **after 9.00am** when an appointment will be made for you.



Wednesday, 20th November - Flu Immunisation

Flu Immunisations will take place in school on Wednesday, 20th November for those children whose parents have consented to their child receiving the vaccine. The deadline to consent for your child to receive the flu vaccine in school **is midnight tonight**. To consent please use the following link; <https://family.kentcht.nhs.uk/>

Friday, 22nd November - Year 6 Class Worship

Parents and carers of children in Year 6 are invited to join us for their class worship at 9.00am in the school hall.

PTFA NEWS



A Big Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who came to the PTFA Bonfire and Fireworks Night on Friday. We have received some lovely comments and I am sure you will all agree it was a fantastic evening raising an amazing **£3541.56**. Money raised will be used to replace some of the old children's iPads used for their learning.

We would like to pass on our thanks to all those who helped set up, clear away or man stalls during the evening, and to everyone who provided items to sell at the event.

We would like thank TJC Renewables who sponsored the fireworks and Bliss Beauty Therapy and EG Book Keeping who provided the Mulled Wine. Thank you also to Eastry Fire Service for building and taking responsibility for the bonfire. Finally a special thanks goes to the members of the PTFA for organising the whole evening and especially, Sam Evans, PTFA chair for leading the event.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Admissions for September 2025 Now Open

Applications to apply for a place for your child starting school in September 2025 are now open and close on 15th January 2025. Please see below the details of our upcoming School Tours and Open Evening. If you know of anyone who has a child starting school in September 2025 please let them know about these events.



Eastry Church of England Primary School

Warmly invites you to our
OPEN EVENING & SCHOOL TOURS



Open Evening
26th November
At 4.30pm

Our Open Evening will be held at 4.30pm on Tuesday, 26th November and our school tours throughout the week commencing the 18th November. You do not need to book a place for our Open Evening.

If you would like a tour of the school during the school day please telephone 01304 611360 or email office@eastry.kent.sch.uk

School Tours
18th to 22nd
November

We look forward to welcoming you to our school

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Eastry Church of England Primary School, Cooks Lea, Eastry, Kent, CT13 0LR

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OTHER SCOOOL NEWS - Continued

Arriving Late to School

We appreciate that the majority of parents and carers make sure that their child/children arrive to school on time and prepared for the day ahead. However, we are seeing an increasing number of children arriving late to school with 9% arriving late on a single day this week. Not only does this disrupt the class but it means that your child may miss important instructions for the day ahead or information about the current lesson. Children also often find it embarrassing walking in to the class when their peers have started their learning. We understand that occasionally things may happen beyond your control making you late in the morning but we would be grateful if you could make every effort to ensure your child arrives to school on time. Any children who are late must be accompanied by their parent/carer to the school office to be registered.

Fledglings First Class Worship

We are pleased to announce that our first Fledglings Class Worship will take place on Friday, 24th January. Our class worships take place on Friday's in the school hall at 9.00am

Vacancy for a Cleaner

The school are looking for a cleaner to join our Eastry team, starting in January and working 10 hours a week plus additional hours during school holidays. For further information, a job description and application form, please ask at the school office.

Near Miss

A parent has informed us that their child was nearly hit by a car reversing after dropping their child to school. Please be careful, particularly during these busy times of the day, when children will be walking to and from school.

HEALTH ADVICE/ONLINE SAFETY SECTION

Dumb Phones

With Christmas approaching you may be considering a mobile phone for your child. Some mobile companies offer 'Dumb' phone models which don't have access to the internet and additional apps. You may feel this a safer or more suitable option for your child particularly for children of primary school age. Please see this guide for further information about the different phone types available that may assist you if you are considering this as an option.

Smartphones vs. 'Dumb' phones

Internet matters.org

Guidance to help you choose the right mobile phone for your child.

Features

- Internet access to learn, play and browse;
- A range of available apps;
- Contact with friends and family through calls, texting and social apps;
- Built-in and additional parental controls available for safety;
- Tracking and monitoring abilities for parents;
- User-friendly keyboard and features;
- A range of models and price points;
- Various mobile plans for data, messaging and calls.

Limitations

- Some models can be very expensive;
- Access to the Internet presents more risk for potential harm;
- Shorter battery life compared to a dumb phone.



'Dumb' phone



Features

- Little or no app access except for built-in games on some mobiles to limit distractions;
- Contact with friends and family through calls and texting;
- A selection of models and mobile plans at largely affordable price points;
- Longer battery life compared to smartphones.

Limitations

- No access to the internet or additional apps;
- Communication restricted on many models to calls and text rather than apps that children's friends might use;
- Limited or no parental controls or tracking features for safety;
- Text messaging is less user-friendly on many models.

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

Have Your Say About Proposed Changes to Local Fire Service Response Times

Kent Fire and Rescue Service would like the community to share their views about proposed changes to response times in rural areas. We would encourage you to complete their online survey which can be accessed at <https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/> ahead of any planned changes taking effect.

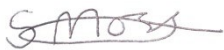
Mingle and Jingle at St. Mary's Church

St. Mary's church, Eastry will again be holding their 'Mingle and Jingle' this year on Saturday, 16th November from 10.00am to 1.00pm. There will be free crafts for children, cakes, jams, Christmas stalls and a Christmas raffle. All are warmly invited.

Clubs Week Commencing 18th November

Please note that there will be no Poetry Club on Monday, 18th November as Miss Page has parent's evening. All other clubs will run as normal but Football Club and Dance/Gymnastic Club will do an alternative activity in a classroom as the hall is being used for Parent's evening and it will be too dark for them to be outside.

Kind regards



Mrs Sarah Moss
Headteacher

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
Week commencing 18.11.2024	
MONDAY	
Poetry Club (3.30-4.00pm)	NO
Football Club (3.30 to 4.30pm)	YES
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
Singing Club (8.00 to 8.30am)	YES
Home Learning Club (3.30 to 4.00pm)	YES
Dance & Gymnastics Club (3.30 to 4.30pm)	YES
THURSDAY	
Harmony Club (3.30 to 4.15pm)	YES
Creative Station (3.30 to 4.30pm)	YES
FRIDAY	



christmas holidays

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
WITH DOVER FAMILY HUBS
FOR FREE...

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

CHRISTMAS TRIPS

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

TAKING PLACE
23RD, 24TH, 30TH & 31ST DECEMBER,
2ND & 3RD JANUARY

REGISTER.....

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