

School News

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 22nd November - Year 6 Class Worship at 9am in the School Hall

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

Tuesday, 26th November - Open Evening for Children Starting School September 2025

Parents and carers who have children starting school in September 2025 are warmly invited to our Open Evening at 4.30pm on Tuesday, 26th November.

Friday, 29th November - Year 5 Class Worship at 9am in the School Hall

Parents and carers of children in Year 5 are invited to join us for their class worship at 9.00am in the school hall

PTFA NEWS

Christmas Cards and Gifts

The deadline for ordering cards or gifts personalised with your child's art work is Wednesday, 27th November.

Christmas Gift Shop - Week Commencing 9th December



The PTFA will again be running their very popular Christmas gift shop during lunchtimes week commencing 9th December. If you are available during any lunchtime week commencing 9th December between 11.55am to 1.00pm, the PTFA would welcome your help with selling and wrapping presents for the children. Please email or let the school office know if you think you can help.

Christmas Disco - Thursday, 12th December



On Thursday, 12th December the PTFA will be holding a Christmas Disco for the children. Fledglings, Year 1 and 2 will be from 3.30pm to 4.30pm, with Years 3 to 6 from 4.45 to 5.45pm. Further details will be send home very soon.

OTHER SCOOL NEWS

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. **The closing date for applications in Monday, 25th November at 9am.**

Celebrating Your Child's Achievements

At Eastry we love to join you in celebrating your child's achievements including those outside of school. Every Friday, during our class worship, we take time to celebrate children's successes, whether this be sporting, clubs such as guides/scouts, or any other accomplishments. Details can be sent for the attention of Miss Gillmore to office@eastry.kent.sch.uk or brought in to the school office.

Eastry Explorers - Nursery and Out of Hours

Please see the information on page 3 regarding a special offer if you register with the new nursery opening in January called Eastry Explorers.

HEALTH ADVICE/ONLINE SAFETY SECTION

Teaching Children Good Financial Habits

With Black Friday next week and the adverts for Christmas on television, children cannot avoid seeing promotions encouraging us to spend this Christmas. Your child may also be thinking about things they might like to receive or gifts they may like to buy.

Now might be a good time to teach children about budgeting, savings and promoting good financial habits.

Please see the guide sheet attached which may give you some ideas to open a discussion with your child, or tips to help when talking with them.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

- 1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY**

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.
- 2 USE A PREPAID CARD**

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of clipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!
- 3 PRACTISE BORROWING**

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or 'buy now, pay later' schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.
- 4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION**

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.
- 5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND**

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '2 for 1' deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.
- 6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'**

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and "nice to have's". It's key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you put budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.
- 7 ENCOURAGE SAVING**

Getting children saving early can set them up with useful habits for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children excited more invested in what they buy.
- 8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST**

Motivate children by telling them about interest: you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that 1p doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest: parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.
- 9 PAYING FOR CHORES**

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer: it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.
- 10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS**

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

Meet Our Expert
GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.

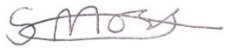
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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/spending-and-saving>

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Kind regards



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
Week commencing 25.11.2024	
MONDAY	
Poetry Club (3.30-4.00pm)	YES
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	

EASTRY EXPLORERS

BREAKFAST AND

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

MONDAY -
FRIDAY

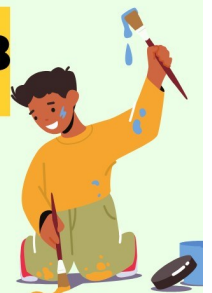
8AM - 8.45 - £5

3.25 - 6.00PM - £15

LITTLE EXPLORERS
NURSERY
WILMOTT PLACE
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- HOMEWORK HELP
- BREAKFAST, SNACKS AND A LIGHT TEA PROVIDED
- CREATIVE CRAFTS
- FUN & GAMES



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