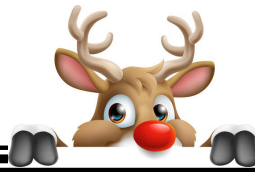




# School News

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I would like to say a huge thank you for all your support this term. What a busy term!

During the first week of term 2 the Fledglings visited Eastry Fire station and on the Friday we had the PTFA Bonfire and Fireworks night which was a huge success. Some of the children in Year 6 joined local members of the Royal British Legion and local communities for Remembrance Day on 11th November. We wore odd socks for our anti-bullying week and had our family worships throughout the term. Last week was a busy week with the PTFA Christmas Gift shop which raised £158.89, our Christmas dinner and jumper day with a visit from Father Christmas in the afternoon! We had the PTFA Christmas discos which raised £634.31. Our Fledglings also took part in their very special Christmas show, they were fantastic. This week our Year 1 & 2 children have had their Nativity plays and they did an amazing job with so many of the children sadly being unwell. We also had a visit from Chris at Starfish Malawi this week learning about Christmas in Malawi.

I would like to pass in my sincere thanks to Sam Evans, PTFA chair and her team of helpers for all they have arranged this term to raise funds for the school and provide fun for the children and families. I would also like to thank you for your generous donations to The Children's Society this Christmas time with our Christingle Collection Candle which raised £210 for the amazing work this charity does.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Christmas with family and friends and a happy new year.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Friday, 20th December - Last Day of Term**

**Sunday, 22nd December - Family Christmas Service at 3.00pm at St. Mary's Church, Eastry**

We really hope you can join us for our special Christmas Service with St. Mary's Church on Sunday at 3pm at the church in Eastry.

**Monday, 6th January - Inset Day School Closed**

**Tuesday, 7th January - First Day of Term 3**

**Friday, 10th January - Year 2 Class Worship at 9am in the School Hall**

Parents and carers of children in Year 2 are invited to join us for their class worship at 9.00am in the school hall.



Schools Christmas Service  
at St Mary's Church

Sunday 22nd December

at 15:00

Led by the children

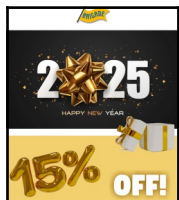
We would love you to join us  
in the celebrations.

## OTHER SCHOOL NEWS - Continued

### Starting School In September 2025

If you have a younger child who is due to start school in September 2025 applications to apply for a place are now open and close on 15th January 2025. Please note that, even if you already have a child at the school, you will still need to apply for a place for any younger children. Applications can be made at; <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places>

We also have dates available for a school tour in January and an appointment can be made by contacting the school office on 01304 611360 or emailing [office@eastry.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@eastry.kent.sch.uk).



### Brigade School Uniform New Year Discount - 15% Off

Brigade School Uniform are offering a 15% discount on any uniform ordered between 31st December 2024 and 5th January 2025. Please use code 'NY15' at checkout to take advantage of this offer.

<b>AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</b>	
Week commencing 6.1.2025	
MONDAY	
Poetry Club (3.30-4.00pm)	NO
Football Club (3.30 to 4.30pm)	NO
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
Singing Club (8.00 to 8.30am)	Yes
Home Learning Club (3.30 to 4.00pm)	Yes
The Big Dane Off Club (3.30 to 4.30pm)	Yes
Art & Craft Club (3.30 to 4.30pm)	Yes
THURSDAY(	
Harmony Club (3.30 to 4.15pm)	Yes
FRIDAY	

### Early Morning Club

Please don't forget to book a place for Early Morning club in term 3 if required. Places must be booked and paid for in advance by emailing [office@eastry.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@eastry.kent.sch.uk) or phoning 01304 611360.

### OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS



### Blessing of the Crib Service - Christmas Eve 4.00pm at St. Mary's Church, Eastry

St. Mary's Church, Eastry are holding a 'Blessing of the Crib' service on Christmas Eve at St. Mary's Church at 4pm. This service is a very special way for children and their families to start the Christmas celebrations.

Kind regards

Mrs Sarah Moss  
Headteacher



# 12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

## CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

## NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

## CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

## WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

## TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

## WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

## WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

## BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

## ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

## SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

## GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

## GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

## Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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National Online Safety

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