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# School News



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8th January 2026

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Friday, 9th January - Year 2 Class Worship at 9.00am in the School Hall

Parents, carers, family and friends of children in Year 2 are warmly invited to join them for their class worship at 9.00am in the school hall.

### Tuesday, 13th January - Fledglings visit to Eastry Church

### Thursday, 15th January - School Census

On Thursday, 15th January we have our school census. The school census is also used by the local authority to decide what funding the school receives based on our pupil numbers and includes information such as how many children took a school dinner on this day. It would, therefore, be extremely helpful for the school if your child were to have a school dinner on Census day, particularly if they are in receipt of Free School Meals or Universal Free School Meals (Reception, Year 1 & 2). Whole School Meals will be changing their menu next Thursday to try and encourage as many children as possible to have a school dinner. The menu will include Chicken Steaks and Sauté Potatoes.

### Friday, 16th January - Year 1 Class Worship at 9.00am in the School Hall

Parents, carers, family and friends of children in Year 1 are warmly invited to join them for their class worship at 9.00am in the school hall.

## OTHER SCHOOL NEWS



### Applications Close Thursday, 15th January

Applications for a place in Reception 2026 close on Thursday, 15th January. If you, or someone you know, has a child starting school in September please let them know about our school. A school tour can be arranged by telephoning 01304 611360 or emailing [office@eastry.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@eastry.kent.sch.uk). Please remember that, even if you already have a child in the school, you need to apply for any younger siblings.

### Volunteer Readers Required

Do you, or another family member or friend, have a few hours to spare each week to listen to our children read? We would love to hear from you. Our amazing volunteer readers come in each week, working with a particular year group, helping to improve children's reading. If you would be interested in helping please contact the school office on 01304 611360 or emailing [office@eastry.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@eastry.kent.sch.uk).

## OTHER SCHOOL NEWS CONT'D

### Please Do Not Use Playground Equipment

Please can I remind all parents and carers that the playground gym equipment should not be used after school. There have been a small number of children using it unsupervised whilst adults collect siblings or talk to other adults. This is a safety concern as we don't want the children to slip and injure themselves especially in the damp, cold or icy weather. Many thanks for your support.

### Author visit to Year 5 & 6

Author, Jacob North, will be visiting Year 5 & 6 on 22nd January to talk about his new book, the 2nd in his trilogy series Ice Apprentices. This has been arranged in collaboration with Spellbound book shop in Sandwich. Further details about this visit were sent to Year 5 & 6 parents earlier in the week.

## HEALTH & SAFETY ADVICE/ONLINE SAFETY SECTION

### SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON GADGETS

Many children may have received a new gadget this Christmas, whether it be an Xbox, Playstation or Nintendo.

Our school website has links to the manufacturers online guides explaining how to set up parental controls on these devices.

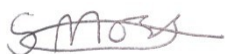
The links, together with a wealth of other information to keep your child safe online, can be found on our Online Safety page on the Safeguarding section of our website. The following link will also take you directly to this page, [click here](#).

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
Week commencing 12.1.2026	
MONDAY	
Football Club—Elite (3.15 to 4.15pm)	Yes
Netball Club - Mrs Wood (3.15 to 1.00pm)	NO
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
Ballet Club - Miss Thomas (3.15 to 3.50pm)	Yes
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	

#### **No Netball Club**

Please note there is no netball club on Monday 12th January as Mrs Wood is on a course.

Kind regards



Mrs Sarah Moss  
Headteacher