

School News

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

Monday, 19th January - Parent Drop In Session to Discuss Proposed Drop in the Published Admission Number (PAN) - 2.45 to 3.45pm

Further to my letter sent on 11th December, we have our Drop In Session on Monday, 19th January should you like further information, or have any questions, regarding the proposed change to our Published Admission Number (PAN). Both myself and Hayley Cook, Chair of Governors, will be in attendance.

Wednesday, 21st January - Free Parent Workshop 'Supporting Your Family through our Screen Obsessed World'

Further to our email sent out last week, we have the next of our free parent workshop, run by Adult Education, on Wednesday, 21st January. This is a 2 hour workshop starting at 1.15pm on 'Supporting Your Family through our Screen Obsessed World'. If you would like to take part please email office@eastry.kent.sch.uk or call 01304 611360.

Thursday, 22nd January - Jacob North, 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 and how to purchase his book in advance, were sent to Year 5 & 6 parents last week.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS



Applications Close today, Thursday, 15th January

Applications for a place in Reception 2026 close today. 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. Please remember that, even if you already have a child in the school, you need to apply for any younger siblings.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS CONT'D

Term and Holiday Dates 2026-2027

Our new term and holiday dates for the next academic year were sent to parents on Monday. These can also be viewed at any time by visiting the school website's term dates, which can be found under the Parent tab.

Lost Property

A Mickey Mouse watch has recently been found in the staff car park. If you think your child may have lost this, please ask at the School Office.

School Attendance

Each term we let parents know about the current overall school attendance figure. At the end of term 2 this stood at 93.6% which is down 1.6% from term 1.

We understand that sometimes children are too unwell to attend school, or it can be difficult to know whether they should attend or not when feeling a little under the weather. Our leaflet 'A Guide for Parents/Carers on School Attendance' gives lots of helpful information about when to keep your child off of school or when it is fine for them to still attend. This leaflet was sent home with children in term 1 and copies are available from the school office, or this can be viewed on the school website under our Attendance page in the Parent tab.

Holiday Absence

As you may be aware in 2013 the Department for Education removed the ability for Headteachers to authorise absence for holidays unless under very exceptional circumstances. Further changes in 2024 saw new guidelines for issuing penalty notices to parents and carers who take their child/children out of school for holidays. Although we are required to let parents know about a penalty notice being requested, this is not issued by the school, neither do we receive the funds from a penalty notice. Penalty notices were introduced to help improve school attendance particularly when absence is due to holidays and unauthorised absence.

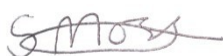
HEALTH & SAFETY ADVICE/ONLINE

SAFETY SECTION

What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives

Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, has recently published a new guide for parents entitled 'What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives'. This useful guide can be view by clicking on the title above.

Kind regards



Mrs Sarah Moss
Headteacher

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)	Yes
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
Ballet Club - Miss Thomas (3.15 to 3.50pm)	Yes
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	