

School News

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Please may I start this last newsletter of the year by taking time to thank parents and carers for their support this past year here at Eastry.

I thought you might also like to know the amount raised by the school and the PTFA over the past year with various fund raising events.

The PTFA raised a magnificent £6471.91. Please see their poster later in this School News with further details regarding funds raised and money spent. I would like to pass on our sincere thanks to the small band of parents and carers for all their hard work with the PTFA. A very special thanks to Sam Evans, PTFA Chair for her dedication, leadership and continual hard work running the PTFA.

The school also raised a total of £1669.42 for different charities over the year and thank you for your support and the hard work of children and staff at various events throughout the year.

Finally we wish all our Year 6 children the very best as they move to their next chapter in life, we will miss you but know you will do well in your new schools.

I hope you all have a lovely summer and we look forward to seeing you again in September.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 18th July - Year 2 Class Worship at 9am in the School Hall

Parents and carers of children in Year 2 are welcome to join us for their class worship.

Friday, 18th July - Year 6 Leaver's Party 3.30 to 5.30pm on the School Field

Monday, 21st July - Year 6 Leaver's Worship at 9.00am in the School Hall

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

School Diary Dates Continued

Tuesday, 22nd July - Year 6 Leaver's Service 9.30am at St. Mary's Church, Eastry

All parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for the Year 6 Leaver's Service which takes place at 9.30am on Tuesday, 22nd July at St. Mary's Church, Eastry.

Tuesday, 22nd July - Year 6 'Shirt Signing'

Tuesday, 22nd July - Year 6 'Clap Out'

Children will line the school playground, with their class, to clap out our Year 6 children on their last day at Eastry Primary School. The gates will open at 3.20pm so that parents and carers can also join us for this special event. Children will be dismissed after the Year 6 children have paraded.

Tuesday, 22nd July - Last Day of Term 6

Monday, 1st September - INSET DAY School Closed

Tuesday, 2nd September - First Day of Term 1

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

School Uniform Order Deadline

The last day for ordering school uniform through [Brigade UK](#) for delivery before September is Friday, 18th July.

Holiday Activity Programme (HAF)

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals you will have received your HAF voucher earlier in the month. If you haven't booked your child onto free activities via the HAF Programme yet, you may want to book this soon as some places are already fully booked. Don't forget they also receive a free healthy meal at each session they attend. Further details on where and how to book were sent with your voucher via email.

If your child is not in receipt of Free School Meals but you think they may be eligible please visit; <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals>

Or speak in confidence to a member of the school office team.

Early Morning Club

The register for a place at Early Morning Club for the next academic year is now open. Places must be booked and paid for in advance by emailing office@eastry.kent.sch.uk or telephoning 01304 611360. Early Morning Club costs £1.50 per day and runs from 8.00 to 8.35am. We ask that children have breakfast before arriving.

Clubs for Term 1

Details of clubs running in term 1 will be sent out in September. Please note that no after school clubs will be running in the first week of term.

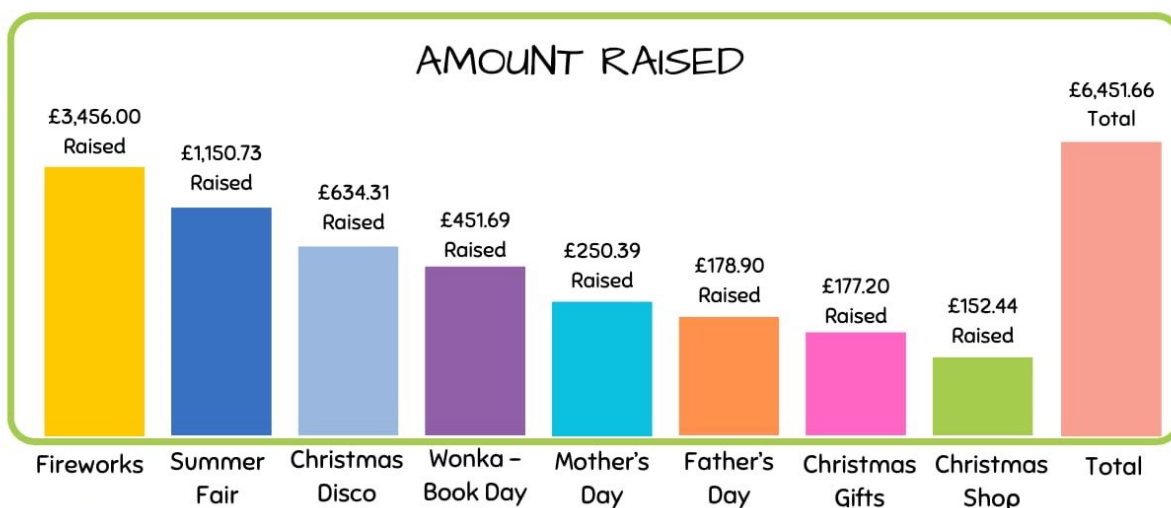


Eastry C of E Primary School PTFA

LOOK WHAT WE DID

2024-2025 School Year!

We're thrilled to share the incredible results of our recent fundraising efforts.
Thank you to everyone who supported the school this year!



WHERE DID THE FUNDS GO?



Your Generosity Equals Our Success!

HEALTH ADVICE/ONLINE SAFETY SECTION

ALWAYS CHOOSE A LIFEGUARDED BEACH
LOOK FOR THE RED AND YELLOW FLAGS
IF YOU GET IN TROUBLE IN THE WATER,
FLOAT TO LIVE

Lifeguards



Keeping Safe in and Around Water

Following on from our recent visit from the RNLI, and with the summer holidays starting on Wednesday, we hope you will find the attached information helpful to stay safe around water, especially if visiting the seaside, pool or water activities this summer.

At The National College, our WokeUpWednesday 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 STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.

2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.

3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.

4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly. Instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.

5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.

6 SUPERVISION IS KEY

For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

7 DON'T GO TOO FAR

When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED

For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of bathtubs, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

9 FLOAT AND CALL 999

If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

10 TEACH WATER SAFETY

Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



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Kind regards

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SUMMER ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS



LITTLE EXPLORERS
SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB
For primary school aged children
MONDAY TO THURSDAY
28/7/25 - 15/8/25
more dates may become available depending on demand

Price per child
8:30am - 3:30pm £30
8am breakfast club £5
3:30 - 6pm £15

20% off when paying by TAX FREE childcare

Please email to book your place
OFFICE@LITTLEEXPLORESEASTRY.COM
01304273891

What activities will be on offer?



- Rounders & cricket
- Tennis & badminton
- Dance parties
- Cooking & baking
- Football on the field
- Arts & crafts
- Mario Kart tournament
- Local walks and trips
- Water pistol battles

White Cliffs Countryside Partnership Summer Festival

SUNDAY FUNDAY

'Caspian's Storm' Outdoor Theatre
Mini Golf
Outdoor Cooking
Bug Hunts
Meet the Cows
Face Painting
& more!

FORT BURGOYNE
FORT BURGOYNE ROAD, DOVER, CT15 5FN
3 AUGUST 2025
11am - 3pm

Join us for a nature-filled, fun family day out!

FREE ENTRY



Visit: whitecliffscountryside.org.uk

No booking necessary
Free parking available
Email: fortburgoyne@dover.gov.uk

WHITE CLIFFS COUNTRYSIDE PARTNERSHIP

the Land Trust

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THE BIG SUMMER FESTIVAL

2025
THROUGHOUT AUGUST

River Dipping
Bat Walks
Rock Pooling
Fossil Hunts
Bug Hunts
& much more

Sunday Funday
Fort Burgoyne
3 August



For more information visit: whitecliffscountryside.org.uk

WHITE CLIFFS COUNTRYSIDE PARTNERSHIP

SAMPHIRE HOE COUNTRY PARK

ROMNEY MARSH COUNTRYSIDE PARTNERSHIP

2025

SUMMER FUN AT SANDWICH BAY BIRD OBSERVATORY



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MOTH MASTERCLASS & MUFFINS **24TH JULY & 13TH AUGUST 10AM-1PM**

What better way to start your morning than muffins, pastries and... a bucket load of moths! Join Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory to discover the hidden world of our night time pollinators up close. Moths are live-caught and safely released after identification.

BEAUTY OF THE (MINI) BEASTS **30TH JULY & 14TH AUGUST 10AM-1PM**

Prepare for an extraordinary adventure into the fascinating world of minibeasts & insects! Join us as we embark on an unforgettable journey through the private Sandwich Bay Estate, where a myriad of tiny creatures await our discovery. Armed with bug-hunting equipment, you'll become intrepid explorers, uncovering the secrets of these amazing mini-worlds.



POND DIPPING **31ST JULY 10AM-1PM**

Even the most tranquil-looking pond can be teeming with untold underwater life - animals shapeshifting into adult forms, slime-eating snails, scuba-diving beetles and snorkelling stick insects! Using identification keys, we'll guide children to recognise our aquatic amigos and also keep an eye out for other wildlife that thrives near wetlands.



BRILLIANT BIRDS & BRICKS **27TH AUGUST 9AM-12PM**

Come on a brick-based avian adventure into the wonderful world of birds and LEGO®! See some of the resident & visiting birds of Sandwich Bay as they are weighed, measured and ringed under licence. Then have a go at creating your own Kingfisher figure out of bricks!



INFO & BOOKING:
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OBSERVATORY](https://www.buytickets.at/sandwichbaybirdobservatory)**



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Bird Observatory
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