



School News

Jesus says 'Love one another as I have loved you.' John 13:34

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Friday, 25th September - Skipping Day! For Cancer Research UK

Children will be taking part in a skipping challenge during lunchtime on Friday. Children do not need to bring their own skipping rope as this will be provided but may bring this if they have one. Teachers will help any children who are unable to skip so that all can take part. A suggested voluntary donation of £1, with all proceeds going to Cancer Research UK.

Thursday, 1st October - School Census

On Thursday, 1st October we have our school census. As part of the census, information is collected about how many children have a school dinner on census day. This makes a big difference to the amount of funding the school receives so we would be very grateful if children, especially those in receipt of Free School Meals, have a school dinner on this day.

Free School Meals for those receiving Universal Credit

You may recall we wrote to you at the end of last term to advise you about changes to the eligibility criteria to receive a Free School Meal. **Anyone in receipt of Universal Credit is now eligible to apply and receive a Free School Meal.** There are also additional benefits for anyone on a lower income. To apply please visit: <https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent>

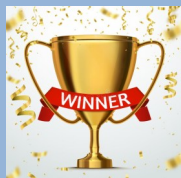
Thursday, 1st October - ADHD Awareness Month

We will be holding a special worship on 1st October to introduce ADHD awareness month.

Friday, 2nd October - Year 5 Celebration Worship

Parents, carers & family of children in Year 5 are invited to join us for their celebration worship.

ATTENDANCE



Attendance Cup

Squirrels - Congratulations

Congratulations to Squirrels class who all had 100% attendance last week. Amazing, well done!



On Time Shield

Squirrels - Congratulations

Squirrels won the On-Time Shield again last week as they all arrived to school on time. Thank you to all those parents who make sure their child arrives to school on time - it makes such a big difference to the start of their school day.

Eastry C of E Primary Reception 2027 tours

School tours:

Monday, 12th October

Tuesday, 13th October

Thursday, 15th October

Monday 23rd November

Tuesday 24th November

Thursday 26th November

Open Day

Saturday 28th November 10-12



Book a place by
calling our office on:

01304 611360

or email:

office@eastry.kent.sch.uk

We have the new parent workshops from the Emotional Wellbeing NHS team for this term!
These are some really fantastic opportunities to explore and understand your child a little deeper or gain some insight into how to support your child at home.
If you wish to have any further information on any of them, do let Mrs Shallcross know!
Sign up to each course with the QR code on the attached poster.



Kent and Medway Mental Health NHS Trust

Parent Workshop

Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience

08/10/2026 10:30am —12:30pm

[Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams](#)



Understanding Your Child's Behaviour

12/10/2026 10:30am —12:30pm

[Understanding Your Child's Behaviour | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams](#)



Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears

18/11/2026 12:30pm —14:30pm

[Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams](#)



Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience

30/11/2026 12:30pm —14:30pm

[Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams](#)



Understanding Neurodiversity

07/12/2026 12:30pm —14:30pm

[Understanding Neurodiversity \(Primary\) | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams](#)



Emotional Wellbeing team Kent
Emotional Support team Medway

Please call for more information 0300 300 1955

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Is Your Child Well Enough to Attend School

Today your child will be bringing home the leaflet below which has some very useful information about when your child should remain at home and when they are well enough to attend school. You may like to pin this to your fridge or keep it for quick and easy reference.

Is my child too ill for school?



Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

SUPPORT AND ADVICE/ONLINE SAFETY SECTION

Diary Dates

Dates for the year ahead have been added to the calendar on the school website and can be viewed via the 'Parent' tab. Parents and carers can subscribe to their child's class, and whole school events, using the links at the foot on the page. The events will then be added to your own calendar automatically, and any new items added automatically too!

Kind regards

Mrs Sarah Moss
Headteacher

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS Week commencing 28.9.26	
MONDAY	
Young Health Champions - Mrs Moss (3.15 to 4.00pm)	Yes
TUESDAY	
Girl's Football—Miss Ward (3.15 to 4.00pm)	Yes
Magical Maths (3.15 to 4.15pm) starting 22.9.26	Yes
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	
Football Club—Elite (3.15 to 4.15pm)	Yes