



Dear parents,

Welcome back. I hope you have had good family time together in the Summer holiday. It is wonderful to be back at school, learning together and seeing friends. We are really enjoying teaching your children and are looking forward to working with you this year.

Reception children

What a wonderful start to school. The new Reception pupils are settling well under the guidance of Mrs Parsons and Mrs Williams. Thank you for making the transition to school smooth by arriving on time and offering positive words when needed. Parting in the morning might be difficult for a few children but children quickly start smiling when they become engaged with their learning activities. Be reassured we will always contact you if we have a concern or they remain unsettled. Eastington has a kind and committed staff team and I know we will work together to ensure your child is settled.

Bikability

The Year 6 pupils relished their safe cycle training with the Gloucestershire Road Safety Team. The children learned an array of skills including ensuring their bikes are safe, recognising potential road hazards, turning right on a road and understanding the basics of the highway code. They worked in the playground and the local roads. The trainers said our children as a group had a very high level of skill and were great learners. Well done Year 6.



Rec, Y1 and Y2 Reading & Word Skills Parent Information Evening

We value reading and word skills very highly as a school - we know the impact it can have on the future of children, as well as being a real source of joy for life. Thank you to all the parents who came to the word skills evening—the staff team loved having time with you to talk about word skills and your child. Our school motto is 'aiming high together' and the more we work together the more your child will thrive.

School Library

We are really pleased at Eastington to have a well stocked school library as well as class reading areas with a wide selection of books. Our school library is open each break/lunch time so children can enjoy a quiet space to read or listen to stories. We are delighted that so many of our Y6 children wanted to be part of the library team this year again. The job of the library team is to help children select books, read to and with children and encourage a love of reading. Our new library team is: Thea, Charlotte, Emmy, Tess, Callum, Antoni, Sakura, Liv, Olivia, Alice, and Sophia. It has been wonderful to see our new librarians already settling into their role. They have encouraged our youngest children to read and enjoy books already—they are doing a super job. Well done to all the library team.





Gardening Delights!

Class 4 children sow, plant and grow vegetables and flowers each year - a great opportunity to learn outside as well as to connect with the food they eat. Last year, Class 4 did a brilliant job and many of the children loved tending and watering the garden during break/lunch times—especially on hot days when the odd splash of water was a welcome relief!

On return to school the children have harvested the beans, tomatoes, potatoes, courgettes and marrows. They really enjoyed selling some of the produce to parents too—thank you to all the

parents who generously bought produce and encouraged the children. A few of the children have collected sweet pea seeds from the present plants ready to sew next year. Well done to all the children involved.

Curriculum information

We know many of you want to find out more about what your child is learning this term, please head to our website: <https://www.eastingtonprimary.co.uk/subjectinformation/>

Look for the '**Curriculum**' tab and click on a class. You will find a summary of learning for each subject.

Allergy/Food intolerance and Medical Information

As with most schools, we have children onsite who are allergic to nuts. Just a reminder, please do not send in lunch/break snacks which contain these products to help us ensure we can keep these children safe. Many thanks.

We know a lot can happen in a Summer. If you have any updated medical, food allergy/intolerance information, please do collect a form from the reception area to let us know (we know many parents have done this already). Many thanks.

Parking

There has been a concern raised from a local resident at drivers parking on the white lines on Churchend - they could not enter/leave their property to support an ill member of their family when needed. We know it can be tricky at busy times on Churchend and around school but please be considerate to local residents. Many thanks for your help in these matters.

DIARY DATES:

Autumn Term 1

September 2nd : INSET day for staff

September 3rd : First day of term for children

30th September: Clubs start this week

October 1st– 3rd: Book fair

October 4th: PA Cake sale—3.15

October 9th: Parent evening— 3.30—6.30 Information to follow

October 14th: Parent evening— 3.30— 6.30 Information to follow

October 16th: Open morning for new parents—Reception 2025 - 9.15-12.00—by appointment

October 18th: PA Quiz night 7-10.30pm - tickets on sale from School Office now

October 21st: School Photographer visiting

October 22nd: Harvest celebration, St Michael & All Angels Church—2pm—parents welcome

October 23rd: Flu immunisation in school

October 24th: Last day of term 1 for children

October 24th: PA Halloween Film Night 6-65 / 7.8.30

October 25th : INSET day for staff

Autumn Term 2

November 4th : First day of term for children

November 5th: Open afternoon for parents—2.50—3.05

November 12th: Open morning for new parents-Reception 2025 –9.15-12.00—by appointment

November 15th: PA Cake sale 3.15

December 6th: PA Christmas Bazaar 3.15

