East Park News

Monday 2nd November 2026

RESPECT * GROW * BELIEVE * ACHIEVE

TOGETHER

A Super Start to the Autumn Term!

We have had a fantastic start to the Autumn Term at East Park Primary School!

Our new EYFS pupils have settled brilliantly into school life, and it has been wonderful to see children across the school happy, settled and fully engaged in their learning.

There have been lots of exciting curriculum enhancements to enrich the children's experiences, including our Year 6 visit to Eden Camp and Year 5's visit to Doncaster Heritage Museum to bring their current History topics to life. Year 1 also enjoyed a visit to the local shops within our community to support their Geography learning. Our Year 3 pupils performed wonderful Harvest assemblies for their families, and we were delighted to celebrate Harvest by collecting donations for two important local charities. We have also continued to develop pupils' understanding of British Values, particularly democracy, through the election of our School Councillors. To support our personal development curriculum, our Year 3 pupils undertook pedestrian skills training and we are incredibly proud of our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils who achieved runners-up in the Badger Sett Enterprise Challenge!

Our sporting success has been recognised in football and cross-country so far this term with East Park having a super medal sweep at the Cross-Country event at Burton Constable Hall.

We have continued to reinforce our East Park values of **Respect, Grow, Believe** and **Achieve**, alongside our three behaviour expectations: **Polite, Prepared and Proud**. We expect these values and behaviours to be demonstrated by all pupils, all of the time, and would really appreciate your support in discussing these expectations with your child at home. Parents of children in EYFS1 enjoyed the Harvest Stay, Play and Learn session as well as EYFS2 parents being invited into school to learn more about their children being in our EYFS2 setting. All families have had the opportunity to attend a parental consultation this term; if you have not yet had the opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

We are looking forward to another busy and exciting half term, filled with festive activities and Christmas celebrations. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being part of our East Park community.

Mrs J Rozenbroek
Head Teacher

Miss R Robinson
Head of School

HALLOWEEN FUN

What a fantastic way to end the half term!

Our pupils looked spooktacular in their wonderful Halloween costumes and had a brilliant day celebrating together.
















Happy Halloween












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Maths
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Read Write Inc






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Happy Halloween!






It's scary @ East Park!




Maths

FIREWORK SAFETY REMINDER

As Bonfire Night approaches, we would like to remind families that attending a pre-organised fireworks display is the safest way to enjoy the celebrations. By following simple safety advice, we can all help to keep our children safe and make the evening enjoyable for everyone.

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Bonfire and Firework Safety

Information for Parents and Carers

Bonfire Night can be an exciting time for families. To help everyone enjoy it safely, please follow the UK Firework Safety Code and these key reminders.

The UK Firework Safety Code

- Buy fireworks from a reputable retailer (in the UK, they must be CE or UKCA marked). CE UK CA
- Keep fireworks out of the reach of children.
- Follow the instructions on each firework (especially the lighting instructions).
- Keep a safe distance from lit fireworks (at least 8 metres).
- Supervise children with sparklers at all times, wear gloves and hold them at arm's length.
- Keep water nearby (e.g. a bucket) in case of an emergency.
- Never go back to a firework once it has been lit. If it doesn't go off, leave it for at least 30 minutes and then soak it in water.

Bonfire Safety

- Build bonfires in a safe, open space away from homes, fences, trees and overhead cables.
- Check the bonfire carefully before lighting it – it could be a home for wildlife such as hedgehogs.
- Keep children and pets well away from the fire.
- Never use petrol or other flammable liquids to light a bonfire.

Remember:

Attend organised displays where possible, as these are the safest way to enjoy fireworks.

SEND AND SEMH PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT COFFEE MORNING

On Thursday 15th October, we were delighted to host our latest SEND Coffee Morning. It was fantastic to see parents and carers from across our school community coming together to connect, share experiences, and access valuable guidance. The morning provided a welcoming, informal space for families to chat over a hot drink, ask questions, and learn more about the support available both within school and across the wider community.

Our school leaders were on hand throughout the event to offer personalised advice and guidance. Our **SENDCO, Mr Burletson**, spoke with parents about classroom adaptations, Individual Provision Maps, and how we tailor learning to meet every child's individual needs. Alongside him, **our Safeguarding and Wellbeing Officer, Miss Jones-Wedgner**, shared insights on pastoral care, emotional wellbeing strategies, and practical resources available to support families at home.

We were also privileged to welcome **Nicola from the Aim Higher Charity**, who brought a wealth of external expertise to the morning. Nicola offered invaluable advice on local community services, family support networks, and extra opportunities designed to empower young people and their families.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to making the session so positive and constructive. The collaborative partnership between home, school, and community agencies is vital in ensuring our children thrive.

If you were unable to make it this time, please do not worry, as we plan to hold regular coffee mornings throughout the academic year. Details for our next event will be shared soon in the school newsletter. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding SEND support, safeguarding, or student wellbeing, please feel free to reach out to the school inclusion team.





A NOTE ON ABSENCE AND WELFARE CHECKS

We want to thank all our families for working with us to ensure regular attendance and for contacting the school each day to keep us informed.

If your child is absent for three/four or more consecutive school days, a member of our attendance team, usually Miss Jones-Wedgner and Mrs Sanders, may complete a home welfare check. This is a routine part of our duty of care and is intended to be a supportive measure to check in with your family and offer assistance if needed, as well as to confirm the reason for the absence if it is unknown.

If we are unable to make contact during the visit, we ask that a parent or guardian present themselves at the school office to confirm the pupil's safety and well-being. Knowing where our pupils are is paramount, and your cooperation helps us keep everyone safe!

We have seen a rise in Friday absences where families are going away for the weekend and absences following school holidays, where families have extended their holidays, so we ask families to book holidays within the school holiday periods.

Please see the school website for the school attendance policy.

5 STAR FOOD HYGEINE RATING

We are delighted to announce that our school catering team has been awarded the highest possible 5-star Food Hygiene Rating following a recent inspection by local authority officers in partnership with the Food Standards Agency (FSA). This top rating reflects exemplary standards in hygienic food handling, cleanliness, structural conditions, and robust food safety management. Ensuring our pupils receive nutritious, delicious meals prepared in a safe, spotless environment remains their top priority, and this award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire kitchen staff.



CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENTS

YEAR 5 EXPLORE ANCIENT GREECE



Our Year 5 pupils enjoyed an exciting trip to Doncaster, where they took part in an engaging Ancient Greek workshop. Through hands-on and immersive activities, the children brought their history learning to life and discovered more about this fascinating ancient civilisation. It was a wonderful experience and a fantastic way to enrich their learning beyond the classroom!















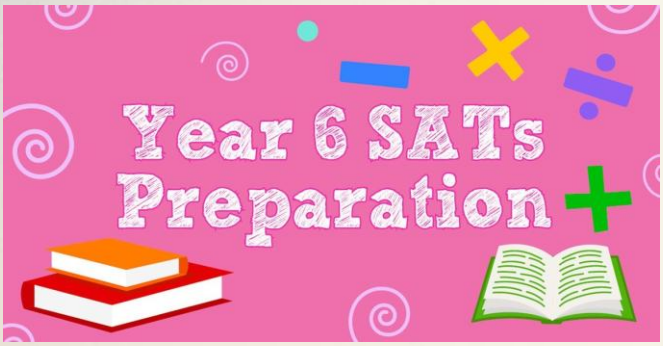




CONNECT WITH US ON INSTAGRAM

Did you know our school has an active Instagram page?
You can follow us at @eastparkps to see photos and posts about all the exciting things we've been doing and what we have planned at school. It's a great way to stay up-to-date with the schools learning journey.

SAVE THE DATE – YEAR 6 PARENT SEMINAR AND CLASSROOM TIME



We will be holding a SATs seminar for our Year 6 parents/carers on **Wednesday 4th November** at 8:45 am and 2:00 pm in the upper school hall.

This will be followed by time in the classroom taking part in some planned curriculum activities.

BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

We continue to support the British Legion Poppy Appeal and will be selling poppies and a range of merchandise to help support this important charity. Poppies and a range of other items will be sold on a first come first served basis.
Please can children bring their money in a named envelope identifying what items they would like.
We are not able to give change so please ensure the correct money is in the envelope.

They will be on sale from Monday 2nd November 2026

Poppy Sticker	20p
Poppy	50p
Slap Band	£2.00
Reflector Key	
Ring/Zip Pull	£1.50
Material Wristband	£2.00
Pencil	£1.00

E-SAFETY - AI

Deep fakes use AI to create convincing fake images, videos and audio recordings, making it appear that someone has said or done something they haven't. As this technology becomes increasingly accessible, young people face growing risks from online bullying, fabricated explicit images and sophisticated impersonation scam.

From bogus celebrity endorsements to cloned voices and digital blackmail, deep fakes can have serious consequences for unsuspecting victims. With children potentially becoming both targets and creators of this misleading content, understanding the dangers is essential. The attached information guide explores the risks and offers practical advice on spotting deep fakes, protecting personal information and encouraging responsible AI use.

If you have any questions or need any support with Ai, please see Mr Caton or Miss Vine, our E-Safety Leads.

An information poster will be sent out with the newsletter.

A SPECIAL HALLOWEEN VISITOR

We had a very special visitor on our Halloween Dress-Up Day when Mrs Thomsen came in with her beautiful little bundle of joy, Zac Philip Thomsen! Zac was the perfect visitor and certainly brought plenty of smiles to everyone at school. Mum and Dad are completely in love with their gorgeous little boy, and it was lovely to meet him and share in their happiness.
Congratulations to the Thomsen family – we can't wait to see you and Zac again soon!



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY WINNERS

16th October 2026 Focus – Reading

CLASS	PUPIL	CLASS	PUPIL	CLASS	PUPIL
RVB	Reeva	2CO	Louis	5EF	Tinashe
RCL	Rex	3JD	Fred	5MA	Ruby
RAF	Lillie	3HF	Jude	5VD	Jasper
1MA	Albert	3AM	Sienna	5PC	Ilse
1GG	Thea	4PB	Daisy	6CJ	Iris
1PB	Ezra	4RS	Daisy	6SD	Jacob
2SA	Freya	4MV	Enosh	6JD	George
2MJ	Aubrie	4NS	Brodie		

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY WINNERS

22nd October 2026 Focus – Teachers Choice

CLASS	PUPIL	CLASS	PUPIL	CLASS	PUPIL
RVB	Sophia	2CO	Finley	5EF	Oliver
RCL	George	3JD	Lilah	5MA	Mollie
RAF	Hope	3HF	Luke	5VD	Nancy-May
1MA	Dexter	3AM	Jax	5PC	Jaxx
1GG	Jack	4PB	Frank	6CJ	Oskar
1PB	Oscar	4RS	Connie	6SD	George
2SA	Victoria	4MV	Summer	6JD	Delilah
2MJ	Oakley	4NS	Ella-May		

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Respect Grow Believe Achieve

Opal Play

Better Playtimes Brighter Futures

We are disappointed!

We have noticed that some Key Stage Two pupils are damaging our play areas and equipment.

As part of our OPAL play, we are working hard to develop and improve our playtimes so that all children can enjoy fun, safe and exciting play opportunities.



Kicking the cafe kitchen doors



Smashing pans together until they broke



Snapping tennis bats



Throwing equipment on the floor



Standing on it and not showing any respect when asked to tidy things away

Please be aware that if your child is seen destroying equipment,
your child will not be able to access any play equipment or areas and this will need to be paid for.

Please speak to your child about respecting our school equipment so it can be enjoyed by others.

Respect Grow Believe Achieve

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

We are excited to be supporting **BBC Children in Need** once again!

Our School Council has met to discuss how we can get involved and has come up with some fantastic fundraising ideas.

On **Friday 13th November**, pupils are invited to wear their favourite **Pudsey clothing or non-school uniform** in exchange for a donation of **£1**.

We will also be holding a **Pudsey Bear Raffle**! Every class will have a Pudsey Bear to be won, as well as one very special **Star Giant Pudsey Bear**. Every child will be given a raffle ticket however additional raffle tickets will be on sale from **Monday 9th November** at **5 tickets for £1.**

BBC Children in Need's **Challenge Yourself 2026** campaign encourages people to take on a challenge inspired by the number 26 to help support children and young people across the UK.

More information about how our school will be taking part in **Challenge Yourself 2026** will be coming soon. Keep an eye out for further details?



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