

East Allington Primary School NEWSLETTER



Active - Bold - Caring

Friday 12th September 2025

Attendance to date	
Beech	98%
Hazel	99%
Willow	91.3%
National expectation	96%

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well.

We have had the most amazing week here at East Allington Primary School – so much learning has already taken place and there have been so many achievements to celebrate. What a fantastic start to the term!

It's exciting to be sharing with you our first full week back at school. In this newsletter you'll find our class Snappy News, Forest School update, curriculum news, term dates and wider curriculum highlights. Next week I will share with you our 'key dates' for the academic year to help you plan for events with as much notice as possible..

Hopefully you have received the Autumn term's curriculum letter for your child's class. We hope you find these helpful in giving you a clear picture of what your child will be learning over the coming weeks. Each letter outlines the main topics for the term, key learning objectives and broader curriculum themes. Our aim is that these letters not only keep you informed, but also give you the opportunity to talk to your child about their learning at home and celebrate their progress along the way.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping to make East Allington such a vibrant and successful school community.

Best wishes,

Liam Fielding
Headteacher



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Tuesday 16th September 2025	Devon Waste Audit with Hazel Class
Tuesday 16th September 2025	PTFA Annual Meeting @ 8pm Fortescue Arms
Monday 22nd September 2025	River Dart Parent meeting @ 3:30pm in Willow Class
Friday 26 September 2025	European day of languages
Sunday 28th September 2025	East Allington Fun Run
Monday 13th October 2025	Open Parent and Carer Forum @ 2:30pm in the Hall
Friday 17th October 2025	Junior Life Skills Year 6
Friday 24 October 2025	Last day of term
Monday 3 November 2025	Back to school
Tuesday 11th November 2025	Remembrance assembly
Friday 21 November 2025	Children In Need
Friday 19 December 2025	Last day of term
Monday 5 January 2026	Back to school

Please note—More dates to come.

Further school trips being organised, tbc.

Finer details will be sent closer to events.

CLASS 'SNAPPY' NEWS

“ Once there were Giants...”

Saplings

The children have settled back into nursery really well. We have been talking about families and who lives in our house.

A couple of children have had some exciting news of new additions to their families over the summer. We would like to enhance our home corner to enable more roleplay this term. If anyone has an old dial telephone, a Standard lamp, Adult dressing up hats (straw hats ,Boaters ,flat caps or occasion hats) Lightweight scarves or magnetic catch necklaces etc we would love to give them a new home !

Beech

Beech Class have settled well into the new term. The reception children have enjoyed the company of their older buddies and are quickly getting used to the school routines.

We have observed the children in the 'doctors', playing with trains and construction and getting muddy outside. We have talked about families using the story, 'Once there were giants' and made huge spiral pictures. Mr Barrett and I feel very fortunate to have the most brilliant class. Thank you, Mrs Partridge.

Hazel

Hazel class have had an exciting first full week back. In Geography, we started our work on maps - looking at line of latitude and longitude on a globe.

In music, we used a variety of instruments to create a call-and-response rhythm.

We enjoyed reading Gregory Cool, re-told the story and used drama to understand the character's feelings. In Science, we have been thinking nutrition and what makes a balanced meal. We are excited to have sandpits outside the classroom now and are starting to use these to extend our math's learning about place value and shape.



Willow

Willow Class have made a fantastic start to the term! In maths, we've begun exploring place value and have been revising our Roman Numerals – our challenge is to try and spot them in everyday life.

In science, we have begun our work on 'Forces' and have researched and written some brilliant fact files on the life of Sir Isaac Newton, discovering how he came to understand the laws of gravity.

The dry weather meant we could get outside for netball; we practised our balls skills and worked hard to keep that landing foot firmly on the ground! In art, we've been inspired by the work of Georgia O'Keeffe, and we're learning from her powerful words: *"I've been absolutely terrified every moment of my life – and I've never let it stop me from doing a single thing I wanted to do."* We'll be keeping this in mind as we continue our exciting journey in Willow Class. Watch this space!





In Other News

Welcome Back to Forest School!

We're so excited to welcome all our wonderful children back to Forest School for the autumn term! After a summer of sunshine and play, it's time to pull on our wellies, wrap up warm, and step into a new season of adventure.

This week, our Forest School sessions have been buzzing with energy and exploration!

- **Beech Class** built a water slide and had lots of fun experimenting in the mud kitchen.
- **Hazel Class** had a go at using different fire-lighting technologies, including friction fires and flint and steel — a brilliant opportunity to learn about resilience and perseverance.
- **Willow Class** began brainstorming their exciting projects for the coming term, sharing ideas and working together to plan what they'd like to achieve outdoors.

It's been wonderful to see the children developing independence, teamwork, and creativity as they connect with the natural world. We can't wait to see what they get up to next week!



Sparx



What an amazing start to your SPARX home learning, well done everyone and thank you for all your hard work and effort.

Your child will have brought home a letter or log-in card containing a link to the SPARX website and their unique username and password . Please support your child to regularly complete their SPARX home learning independently, so they are confident with their multiplication facts, for their current and future learning. SPARX home learning will be set every Friday; all children on SPARX need to get to 100% by the following Friday. Please support children to answer questions independently, so the subsequent questions remain relevant to their learning; if overly supported the questions may become too difficult.

The expectation for Year 3- Year 6 is to get 3 tokens, which means answering 30 questions correctly each day, over at least 3 days. Recalling facts more often will increase your child's learning by building and strengthening brain connections. Knowing multiplication facts will support their future maths learning and free up space in the working memory, allowing them to tackle and enjoy more complex problems and increase their confidence. Thank you in advance for supporting your child to complete their weekly SPARX home learning. If you have any questions or we can help in any way, please contact your class teacher.



Sparx Maths

East Allington Primary School SEND Signpost



Emily Risby
SENDCo

The correlation between glue ear and language development

Glue ear happens when sticky fluid blocks part of your child's ear. This makes sounds seem muffled, like having fingers in your ears. Your child might find it harder to hear you or friends, especially when it's noisy. Listening can take lots of effort, so they may get tired, distracted, or struggle to hear words clearly. This can sometimes affect their talking and understanding.

Glue ear is very common – about 8 in 10 children in the UK will get it at some point. It often happens after a cold and usually clears up on its own within a few months.

How you can help

- Turn down background noise like the TV or music.
- Get face-to-face with your child so they can see your expressions.
- Say their name or gently touch them to get their attention before talking.
- Speak slowly and break instructions into small steps. Repeat if needed and give them extra time to respond.
- If your child says something incorrectly, repeat it back the right way as a model. For example, if they say "I see lil' tat," you can say, "Yes, you see a little cat!"
- Tell your child's nursery or school so they can support them too.

Most children catch up once glue ear clears, but if it lasts a long time it can affect speech and learning new words.

If you're worried:

- Talk to your child's nursery, school, GP, or audiologist.
- Try the **Progress Checker** on speechandlanguage.org.uk.
- In some cases, children may need hearing aids or grommets if glue ear doesn't go away.

Visit: www.speechandlanguage.org.uk/help-for-families/resource-library-for-families/glue-ear/ for a great video clip giving more information.

East Allington Primary School PTFA

Dates for diary

16th September PTFA meeting . 8pm at Fotescue arms.

28th September Fun Run

11th October Auction of Promises

14th PTFA AGM

16th December KS2 Panto trip to Sleeping Beauty



News from the PTFA

We hope you have all had a lovely summer.

We have come back with a bit of a bang at the start of the new school year starting with the 'Fun Run', Sunday 28th September. This is a lovely family morning walking or running through the footpaths through East Allington Village

This year there is the added fun of a 'story trail' for the younger children run by Nikita of Story sense.

Please do come and join in, whether walking, running or just bouncing on the bouncy castle. There will be food and refreshments and medals for all Participants. This really is a lovely community event. Please see poster for more information.

We hope as many of you can join us for the PTFA Meeting on 16th September, all welcome and we will start from 8pm, to allow those of us at KCC meeting to get there.

The poster has a blue background with yellow and red text. At the top, it says 'EAST ALLINGTON 3K FUN RUN' in large, bold letters. Below that, it says 'SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER' in red. The middle section features an illustration of a diverse group of children and adults running happily, with balloons in the background. Below the illustration, it says 'FOOD • GAMES • BOUNCY CASTLE' in white text on a dark blue background. Further down, it says 'REGISTRATION 9:30AM • RACE STARTS 10:30AM' in white text on a yellow background. The bottom section is red and contains the following text in white: 'EARLY BY FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER TO PAY ONLY £5, USUAL GOST £6' (note the typo 'GOST' for 'COST'), 'EMAIL PARTICIPANT NAME, YEAR GROUP (IF U16) AND GENDER TO: EAPTFA@GMAIL.COM', and 'AND TRANSFER ENTRY FEE TO EA PTFA ACCOUNT: S/C 309472 ACC NO 24962268'. There is a small logo for 'FD' (First Direct) next to the email address.

Maths Problem of the Week - Family fun!

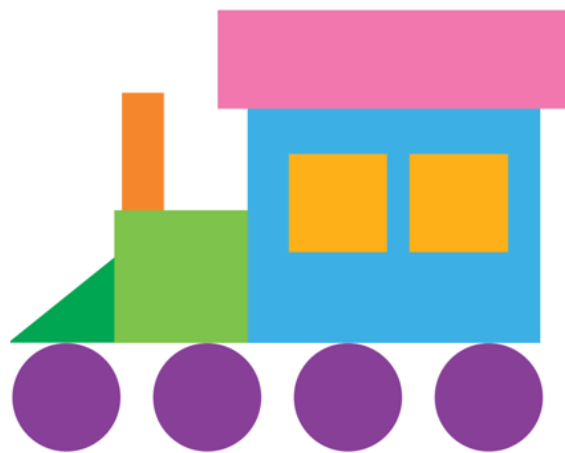
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Can you create your own forms of transport out of shapes? What about a bus or a car? A plane or a boat?

Challenge: Can you name the shapes?



Recommended Read:

Dog really tries his best to be a *Good Dog!* for his owner, Melvin.

But unfortunately it's just not that easy. First there's the case of the missing extra-delicious-smelling pizza slice - but that's really nothing to do with him. Then there's giant surprise SNIFFLE SNUGGLES when Melvin is lying down asleep. Then there's the smashed lamp... and the wee-wee on the floor... But it really is SO DIFFICULT to be a Good Dog. Will Dog ever succeed? Find out in this hilarious, heart-warming story of one lovably clueless dog and his owner.

From the team that brought you My Mum Always Looks After Me So Much.



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EAST ALLINGTON 3K FUN RUN

SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER



FOOD • GAMES • BOUNCY CASTLE

REGISTRATION 9:30AM • RACE STARTS 10:30AM

**EARLY BY FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER
TO PAY ONLY £5, USUAL GOST £6**



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On behalf of these lovely parents Naomi and Scott whose daughter Nell used to go East Allington Primary School. Nell is now at KCC in year 8.

Nells teenage brother Sam suffered a spinal stroke a year ago and the family are raising funds through a coast walk to try and bring him home from hospital and get him the rehabilitation he urgently requires.

Betty will be walking with family and would like to invite anyone to join in a part of the walk for Sam or to help raise money by donating.

The walk is over 4 days from Thursday 25th September 2025, you may like to join in over the weekend , if you can manage the school fun run too!

The link to their page is below.

[Our appeal is fundraising for Aspire](#)

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Our appeal is raising money for Aspire

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Junior Hockey Years 4 to 9

Tuesday's 5.00pm - 5.50pm

KCC AWP

Girls & Boys

Starting Tuesday 16th September



You will need to wear trainers, shin pads and a mouth guard. Hockey sticks can be provided. Please bring a drink.

Cost is £25.00 subscription for the year and £30.00 for 12 sessions, from September to December.

If you would like more information, please email Sarah Budgen at
slb1.home@outlook.com

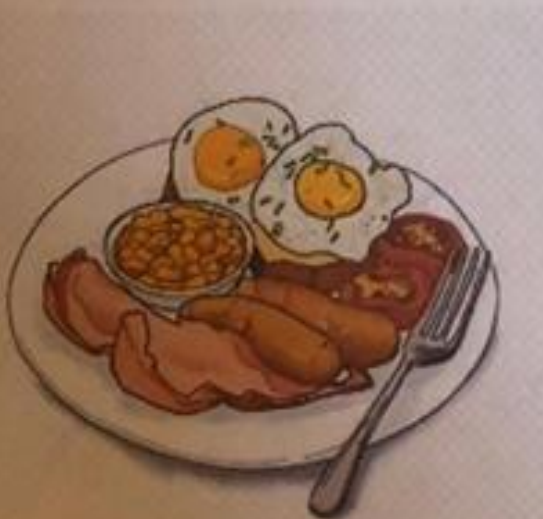
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Dartmouth Young Farmers

Invite you to our
Charity Big Breakfast
Saturday 20th September
9-11am

Moreleigh Village Hall
Raising funds for Devon YFC



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Buy tickets from the Fortescue Arms pub or text

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TICKETS £8 – Over 18's only

(to cover entry & baked potato supper)

Licensed Bar

Saturday

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At East Allington Village Hall: 6.30pm - late

All proceeds to be shared between village groups and charities:

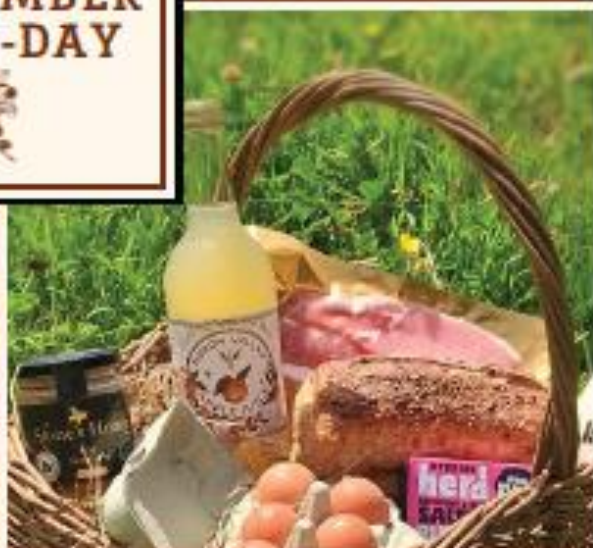
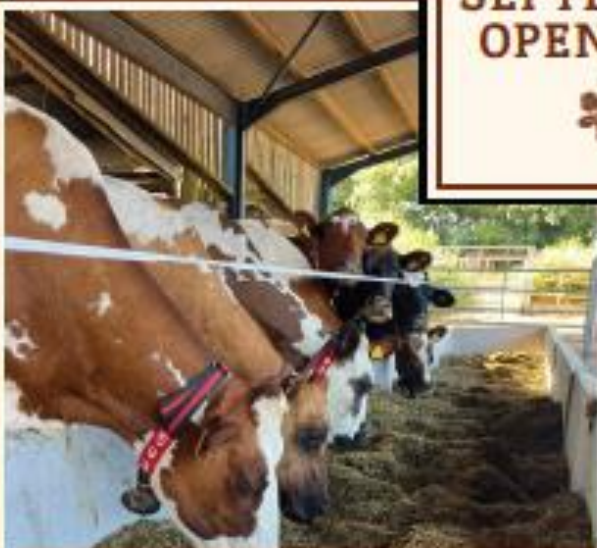
Primary School PTEA, St Andrew's Church, Football Club, Recreation Ground,

Youth Club, Knit and Natter, Church Strimmers, etc

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SEPTEMBER
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21st September

10:00 - 16:00

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The Children's Bookshow

showcases the **best children's books** with authors and illustrators live on stage. **Come and see**

Author, **Alom Shaha**, & illustrator **Sarthak Sinha**



Join us for a fun morning exploring Art, Science and Literature through the book, *How to Find A Rainbow!* Author and teacher Alom Shaha will bring the science of light to life on stage with some stunning demonstrations, and he'll read stories too. Indian illustrator, Sarthak Sinha, will draw for us live, talk about his process and materials, and reveal the important role of light when creating picture books. Don't miss it!

Venue: Northcott Theatre,
Exeter, Devon, EX4 4QB

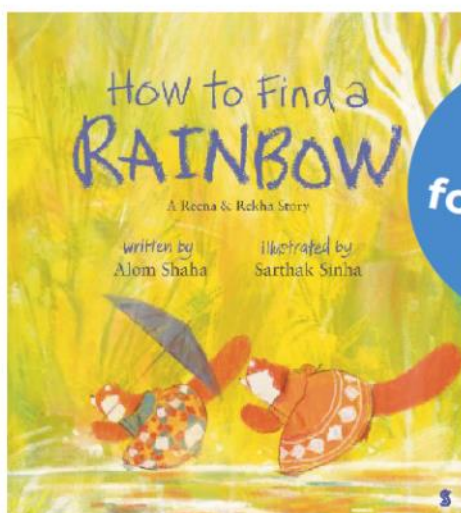
Date: Tuesday 11 November

Time: 10.30am

Duration: approx. 1 hour

Age: Years 1, 2 and 3

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(1.5 hour session)

Wednesday 8th October 2025

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HALF TERM FUN FOOTBALL DAY



FRIDAY 31st OCTOBER

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£20 | Age 5-14 Years | 10am-3pm



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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.