

# East Allington Primary School NEWSLETTER



Active - Bold - Caring

Friday 3rd October 2025

Attendance to date	
Beech	95%
Hazel	96%
Willow	93%
National expectation	96%

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well.

Wow – we really are whizzing through this first half-term! Before we know it, we'll have completed one sixth of the academic year already. This part of the year can often feel like a turning point: the weather is getting colder, the nights are drawing in earlier, and the initial excitement of September begins to give way to the steady rhythm of school routines. These routines, however, are what give children a sense of stability and enable them to feel confident, happy, and ready to learn each day. Thank you for your support with this.

There are many exciting things coming up over the next few weeks. A key date to note is our **first Parents and Carers Forum on Monday 13th October at 2:30pm in the school hall**. As previously shared, this session will focus on our **11 by 11 offer**, which is all about the experiences and opportunities we want every child to have access to during their primary years with us. There will also be time at the end for wider discussion, questions, and feedback – both positive and constructive. We really value your voice and hope many of you will be able to join us.

Thank you, as always, for the way you support your children in engaging so positively with school life. It has been a real joy to see them embracing their learning and routines so well. The energy, curiosity, and enthusiasm they are bringing into school is wonderful to witness. Of course, at this time of year, illness is sometimes unavoidable, but we would encourage children to be in school whenever they are well enough – even small breaks in learning can make a difference to their confidence and progress.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support of both the children and the school. It really does make such a difference. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,

Liam Fielding  
Headteacher



We educate children so they can lead great lives





<b>Monday 13th October 2025</b>	Open Parent and Carer Forum 2:30 - 3:15pm
<b>Tuesday 14th October 2025</b>	PTFA AGM at Fortescue @ 8pm
<b>Tuesday 14th October 2025</b>	Visit to Energy from Waste—Plymouth
<b>Friday 17th October 2025</b>	Junior Life Skills and swimming gala, Yr6
<b>Wednesday 22nd October 2025</b>	Visit by Annual Flu Vaccination Service
<b>Thursday 24rd October 2025</b>	Open Classroom @ 2:30pm
<b>Friday 24th October 2025</b>	Last day of term
<b>Monday 3rd November 2025</b>	First day back to school
<b>Tuesday 11th November 2025</b>	Remembrance Assembly
<b>Tuesday 18th/19th/20th November 2025</b>	Parents Evening
<b>Friday 21st November 2025</b>	Children In Need
<b>Monday 8th December 2025</b>	Open Parent and Carer Forum 5:30 - 6:30pm
<b>Wednesday 10th December 2025</b>	Christmas Dinner (whole school)
<b>Friday 12th December 2025</b>	PTFA Christmas Faye @ 2:00pm
<b>Tuesday 16th December 2025</b>	KS1 and KS2 Panto trips
<b>Wednesday 17th December 2025</b>	Reception and Nursery Nativity in the Church (PM)
<b>Thursday 18th December 2025</b>	Candlelit Service in the Church
<b>Thursday 18th December 2025</b>	Open Classroom @ 2:30pm
<b>Friday 19th December 2025</b>	Last day of term

# CLASS 'SNAPPY' NEWS

## “Rain, rain go away!”

### Saplings

This week the children have been exploring our Nature tray, seeing what they could sort and Identify, getting messy, making mud pies and mark making in the mud.

As the weather looks set to change please remember those waterproofs and wellies to allow our fun to continue outside.

Julie and Suzie your Nursery team.

### Beech

In Beech, this week we had a RWInc visitor to our class phonic sessions who, not surprisingly, was very impressed with the behaviour and learning of the children.

The children have made some super spiral pictures using craypas and have discussed the importance of 'saying sorry' with meaning when we have done something wrong. The Y1 children have finished off their feelings books; they concentrated really hard to write simple sentences using a capital letter and a full-stop.

We have also been looking at the different places in East Allington village- the park, village hall, football pitch, church, school, housing estates and pub- please see if the children can identify these places with you on your travels.

### Hazel

We have had another fantastic week of learning and achievement. In English, the children have been working hard on their creative writing. We used the story *Gregory Cool* as inspiration, exploring how an author structures a narrative and develops ideas. The children then applied this to their own stories, producing some imaginative and thoughtful pieces of writing. It has been wonderful to see their confidence as writers grow, and to hear them share their ideas with the class. We have also begun exploring our new text, *Dare to Care, Pet Dragon!*, which has already captured the children's interest and sparked some lively discussions.

In PE, the focus has been on netball. The children have been putting into practice the skills they have been developing over the past few weeks, such as passing, spacing, and movement around the court. This week, they had the opportunity to play in real matches, and it has been brilliant to see their teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship shine through. The Year 4 children have particularly impressed us with the way they have shown leadership and encouraged their teammates – a big well done to them! Overall, it has been a busy but very positive week.

### Willow

What a wonderful week it's been in Willow Class! We started Monday with a delightful surprise – madeleines baked by Amber, using a recipe card from our 'Sac à français'. *Merci Amber!* They were absolutely delicious.

In English, we have been hard at work on our explanation writing. Everyone has produced fantastic final pieces, packed with fascinating facts and a variety of writing techniques – we are so proud of the progress being made and can't wait to share these with the rest of the school.

Our class read, *Kensuke's Kingdom*, has kept us completely hooked. One highlight was enjoying a storytelling session outside in the sunshine on the field – a magical way to bring the book to life. Well done, Willow Class, for such enthusiasm, creativity, and teamwork this week!







# In Other News

## Forest School Update

Hands on with History!

Our Forest School sessions this week have focused on building skills and exploring how people in the past worked with tools and materials.

- **Beech Class** learned about different types of **hammer** and their uses, gaining confidence in handling tools safely and effectively. One child even made their own mallet!
- **Hazel Class** began designing and making their own **tools and weapons** inspired by **Neolithic technology**, giving them a taste of how early humans shaped their world.
- **Willow Class** continued developing their **self-directed projects**. They learned how to make **paracord nets** using different knotting techniques, while also working on fixing and strengthening their structures to keep them safe and secure.

It's inspiring to see how each class is combining creativity, practical skills, and teamwork, while also connecting with the knowledge and resourcefulness of the past.









*This weeks ABC Stars.*

*Beech*

*Aurora*

*Jack*

*Hazel*

*Nia*

*Rafe*

*Willow*

*Anna*

*Seb*



## European Day of Languages







## ECO News!

*As the autumn takes shape and the trees around us begin to turn colour, it's a wonderful reminder of the cycles of change and renewal in nature. Beneath the soil lies the promise of spring – bursts of colour that will brighten our school grounds after the winter months.*

*Over the next week, we would like to begin planting bulbs around the school in preparation for spring. This will not only make our outdoor areas more colourful and welcoming, but also provide valuable learning opportunities for our children as they explore plants, growth and natural cycles.*

*To make this possible, we would be very grateful for any donations of bulbs (spring or summer varieties), soil, or tubs/containers.*

*If you are able to help, please bring any items into school and leave them at the school office. Together, we can make our outdoor spaces brighter, more inspiring, and full of life for both children and nature.*



# We Need Your Help





# East Allington Primary School SEND Signpost



Emily Risby  
SENDCo



## **Supporting you every step of the way**

We provide pro-bono legal advice to men and women experiencing, or fleeing, domestic abuse. This advice is supported by our team of regulated barristers and solicitors.

We want this website to be an educational resource for legal options and advice when dealing with domestic abuse situations, which we will be updating on a weekly basis.

We're passionate about helping our local community. If you'd also like to support us, you can volunteer your time to help. Learn more on our volunteer page here. Alternatively, you can donate to us here.

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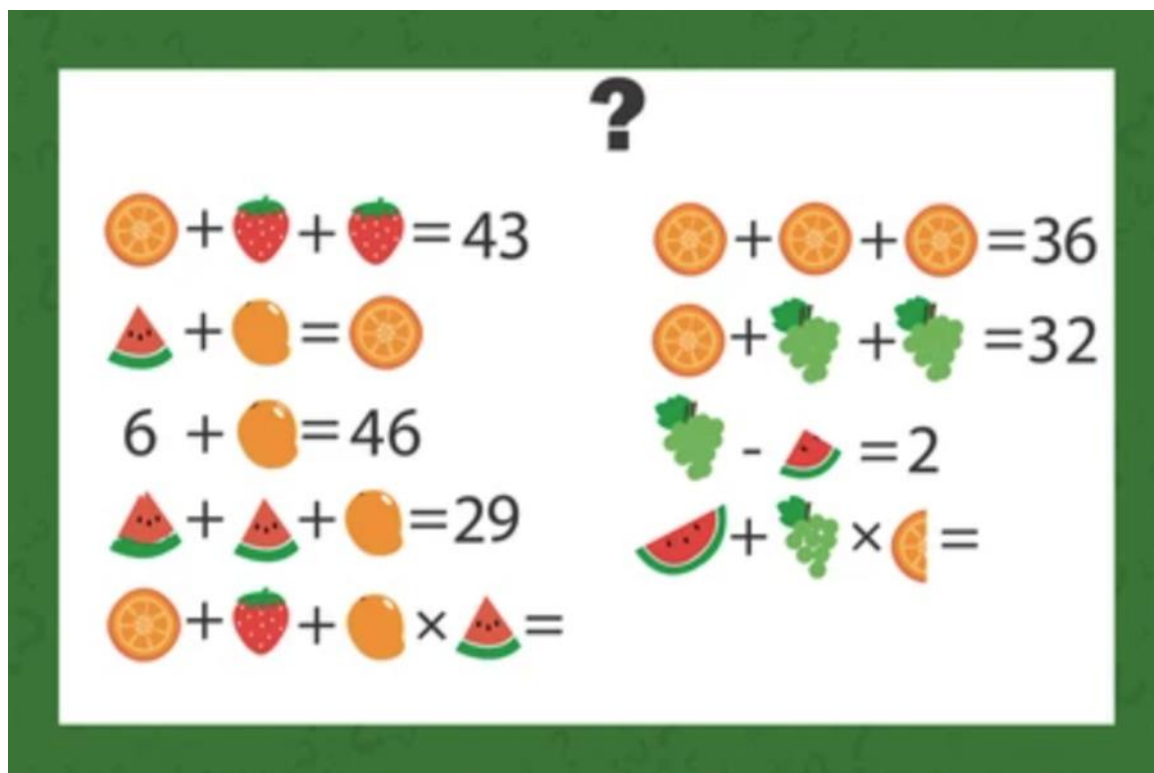
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## Maths Problem of the Week - Family fun!

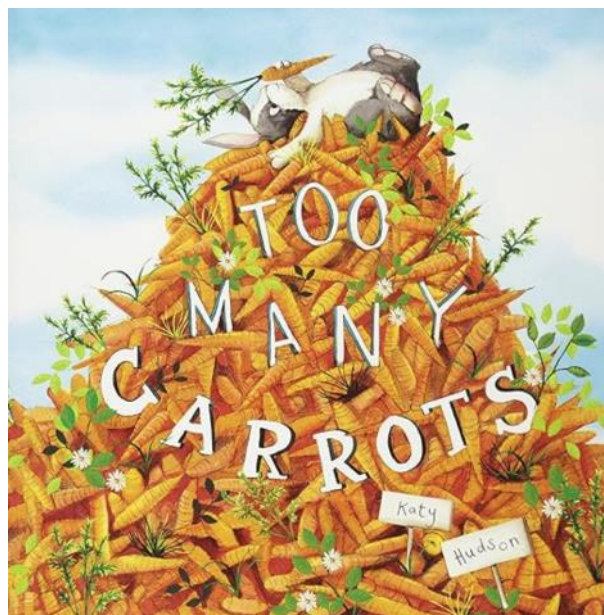
Have a go at this mathematical thinking to get your maths conversations happening at home.



### Recommended Read:

*This week's recommended is a great book to celebrate international carrot day, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.*

*We meet a rabbit who loves carrots so much that his burrow becomes too crowded, leading to a series of unfortunate events as he tries to find space for his collection. He learns the importance of sharing and how true friendship provides more than just a place to sleep. A wonderful story to share.*





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Support East Allington Village

# Auction of Promises

A wide range of promises, products and services.

Buy tickets from the Fortescue Arms pub or text

07768 428849 to book a place.

**TICKETS £8 – Over 18's only**

**(to cover entry & baked potato supper)**

**Licensed Bar**

**Saturday**

**OCTOBER**

**11**

**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



# East Allington Primary School PTFA

**14  
OCTOBER**

# **PTFA MEETING**

## **The AGM of the East Allington PTFA**

Friendly and welcoming meeting of the PTFA. Find out what the committee is doing, all the upcoming events and how can you help support your child's school.



**8PM**



The Fortescue Arms, East Allington  
[eaptfa@gmail.com](mailto:eaptfa@gmail.com)

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## Shoebbox Appeal 2025



A reminder that this year's Shoebbox Appeal is coming up just before half-term, this year channelled through cr2ee, (Christian Response to Eastern Europe), operating from Exmouth.

These shoeboxes will be heading to **Moldova** and **Ukraine**. Moldova is one of the poorest countries in Europe, and Ukraine is still in the grips of war. We know every single box will be gratefully received this Christmas!

**Please bring any completed shoeboxes, (or contributions to put into boxes), to school by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October (later than this will be too late!) So ideally, this date!!**

### Suggestions for contributions to children's shoeboxes:

Hat	Scarf	Gloves	Socks / tights
Hairbrush	Soap	Toothpaste	Toothbrush
Shower gel	Shampoo	Deodorant	T-shirt
Calculator	Colouring book	Paint Box	Pencils
Felt-tip pens	Wax crayons	Colouring pencils	Exercise books
Cuddly Toy	Tennis ball	Jigsaw Puzzles	Torch
Biscuits	Chocolates	Sweets	Pyjamas
<b>For girls.....</b>	Tights	Dolls	Beads
Friendship Bracelets	Craft Items	Glow Sticks	
Hair Clips & Slides	Lip Gloss	Purse	Jewellery
<b>For boys .....</b>	Lego Bricks	Toy Cars	Wallet
Glow Sticks	Airfix Type Models	Magnifying Glass	

**Please label each completed box with the approximate age and indicate BOY or GIRL.** You are welcome to include photos of your family and a covering letter, but **no address** please. There is **NO COST** for transport or need for a paid barcode!

cr2ee has been sending shoeboxes to Moldova for over 20 years, and those organising the boxes know the poorest families well. Since the outbreak of war, they have also been delivering boxes to children in Ukraine, where normal life for children has been totally destroyed, and so these boxes will make Christmas very special for them.



**Bless you and Thank you!**



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**YOUNGMINDS**

**Hello  
Yellow**  
FRIDAY 10 OCT

# **Wear it loud. Wear it proud.**

Wear yellow this World Mental Health Day, 10th October,  
and donate to YoungMinds to support young people's mental health.

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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

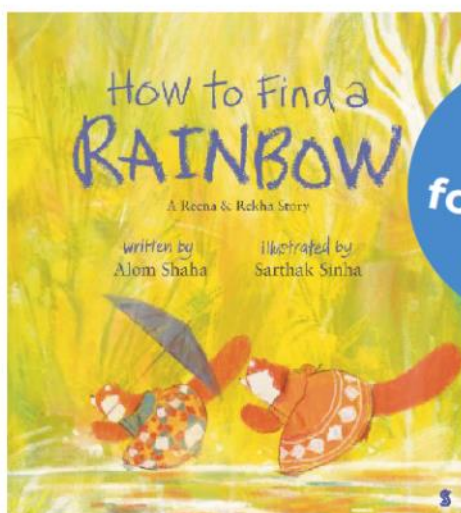
**Date:** Tuesday 11 November

**Time:** 10.30am

**Duration:** approx. 1 hour

**Age:** Years 1, 2 and 3

**Tickets:** £7 (includes free  
book for every child)



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Find out more and how to book at  
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County Council

Staying Healthy

Illness

Feelings

Getting Help

A fun and interactive resource  
for learning about health

Games

Activities

Quizzes

[www.healthforkids.co.uk](http://www.healthforkids.co.uk)

## Psst! Parents!

As well as enjoying the content with your child, you can get advice on supporting their health and wellbeing.



[www.healthforkids.co.uk/Devon](http://www.healthforkids.co.uk/Devon)

Follow us: Health for Kids: Grownups healthforkidsgrownups @HealthforKids1



ChatHealth

Text a school nurse for confidential advice and support

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Or scan the QR code  
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## Better Housing Better Health

The Warmth & Wellbeing Service

### HOME ENERGY ADVICE

Better Housing Better Health (BHBH) is a charity working locally to improve your warmth & wellbeing. In a preventative approach, our free helpline provides you with a single point of contact for services, advice and financial support in order to help improve the energy efficiency of your property.

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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](mailto:slb1.home@outlook.com)



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## HALF TERM FUN FOOTBALL DAY



FRIDAY 31st OCTOBER

VENUE: KEVICC, TOTNES TQ9 5JX

£20 | Age 5-14 Years | 10am-3pm



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UK Health  
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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>.