

# Eastgate Academy

## Newsletter 2



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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful start to the academic year we have had so far! We are incredibly proud of the children and their continued efforts, enthusiasm and positive attitudes towards learning.

Here is some lovely feedback from our STARS of the Week:

- ★ Kadie: "I am really enjoying learning my 2x tables and learning about ones, tens and even going to 100!"
- ★ Marshall: "I am really enjoying maths and counting numbers."
- ★ Phoenix: "I am really enjoying being in Year 5!"
- ★ Isla-Mai: "I'm really enjoying my new class because we're learning Year 4 maths. It's hard, but I like it!"

On 17th September, we held our SATs Parents' Evening. Thank you to everyone who attended. If you missed the session, you can find useful information for parents on the Department for Education's Education Hub here: [KS2 SATs 2026: What parents need to know](#)

On Friday 25th September, from 2:00pm to 2:45pm, we will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Event in our dining hall. Please come along, enjoy a coffee and cake, and make a small donation to support a wonderful cause. Parents attending the event will be able to collect their children at 2:45pm.

Our Harvest Festival will take place on 5th October. We would be very grateful if families could donate a **non-perishable food item**, such as tins, pasta, rice, cereal or other packaged goods. Please send donations into school before the festival so that we can pass all the goods to local food bank. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Finally, it is with a heavy heart that we let you know that our wonderful colleague and friend, Mr Callaby, will be leaving Eastgate in at the end of October. Although Mr Callaby will continue to be part of the Eastgate family as a school governor, he is moving on to pursue a new career in foster care, supporting some of the most vulnerable children. I hope you will join all of us at Eastgate in thanking him for everything he has done for our school over the 18 years of his work here and wishing him every success and happiness in this very special new chapter.

### Our Vision

#### Respect

Yourself, others and our environment.

#### Pride

In your achievements, community and heritage.

#### Wellbeing

Make healthy decisions for your mind and body.

#### Courage

Be brave and learn from your mistakes.

#### Aspire

Be passionate about your future.

#### Honesty

Be truthful and accountable to yourself and others.

As a result, we are currently advertising for an HLTA/PE Lead. Please help us spread the word within our community!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Parker  
Principal  
Eastgate Academy

## Calendar dates for Autumn term 2026

| Month                                 | Activity                                                                                                                       | Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>September</b>                      |                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>               | MacMillan Coffee morning                                                                                                       | Parents welcome to come into assembly hall for 9am coffee and cake – donations for MacMillan charity                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>October</b>                        |                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>National Black History Month</b>   |                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>                       | Harvest Festival                                                                                                               | Children to bring in food donations for local foodbank.                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>                       | Phonics workshop for parents                                                                                                   | EYFS and KS1 parents welcomed to join phonics lead in the assembly hall for a practical workshop on supporting your child with phonics.                                                                                                             |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>                       | World Mental Health Day                                                                                                        | Mental Health – Eastgate values assembly for children                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>                      | Flu Vaccination                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Parents evening                                                                                                                | 1:30-5:00 bookable via Pupil Asset- 10-minute slots only<br>No children are allowed to be collected before 3pm.                                                                                                                                     |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>               | OCTOBER HALF TERM                                                                                                              | Pupils return 2 <sup>nd</sup> November                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>November</b>                       |                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>                      | National Anti-Bullying Week<br><br>Values ambassadors lead assembly- values ambassadors parents welcomed to join our assembly. | Daily activities in class. Values ambassadors to do Monday assembly on Anti bullying. All pupils and adults to come to school wearing odd socks on Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November to mark that it's ok to be different.                           |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>              | Open morning for new Year Reception 2027 class                                                                                 | Parents can book a visit in advance. 9 am start with presentation from EYFS team and then tour of EYFS learning area.<br>Values ambassadors support school tours                                                                                    |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>              | Open morning for Highgate parents                                                                                              | Parents can book a visit in advance via school office. 10:30 am start with a presentation from Assistant Headteacher and Principal introducing Eastgate Academy values. Values ambassadors will offer an opportunity to do tours around the school. |

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| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>             | Parents open coffee morning                             | Parents welcomed to come and join SLT for a relaxed chat from 8:45 to 9:30am. |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>                    | Flu Vaccination                                         | Alternative date                                                              |
| <b>December</b>                     |                                                         |                                                                               |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> | School Christmas Discos                                 | Run by the staff and Friends of EA-<br>parents helpers welcomed               |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>                     | Dress rehearsal for Nativity Play                       | KS2 to watch                                                                  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>                     | KS1 Nativity Play at school<br>(or church if available) | Ticketing system for parents.                                                 |
| Friday 11th                         | Christmas Jumper Day                                    | Whole School Non-School uniform day<br>- £1 donation.                         |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December    | Christmas cake sale                                     | Cake donations welcomed.                                                      |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>           | Christmas Dinner                                        |                                                                               |
| Friday 18th                         | Last day of school                                      | INSET Day 4 <sup>th</sup> January<br>Pupils return 5 <sup>th</sup> January    |