

Eastgate Academy

Newsletter 3

Friday 2nd October 2026



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Academy**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have another busy and exciting month ahead at Eastgate, with lots happening across the school. Here are a few important reminders and upcoming events.

Our Harvest Festival will take place on **Monday 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 your donations into school. All items collected will be donated to our local food bank, helping to support families within our local community. Thank you, as always, for your kindness, generosity and support.

We would like to invite parents and carers to a Phonics Workshop on Tuesday **6th October at 9:00am** in the main school hall, led by our Phonics Specialist and Reception teacher, Miss Stratton.

The session will explain how we teach early phonics and reading at Eastgate, as well as providing practical ideas and tips on how you can support your child with phonics and reading at home. We hope you can join us for this useful session and find out more about how we can work together to help your child become a confident and enthusiastic reader.

Throughout October, we are celebrating Black History Month across the school. There will be a range of activities taking place in every class throughout the month, giving our children opportunities to learn about, recognise and celebrate Black history, culture, achievements and significant historical figures. We look forward to sharing some of the children's learning and celebrations with you throughout October.

Thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of our Eastgate community.

Mrs Parker
Principal

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.

Other important information

Individual School Photos – Order Reminder

Have you ordered your child's individual school photograph yet?

A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Sunday 11th October 2026.

Please order through the Tempest website using the unique link emailed to you. If you received a paper order form, you can order online at www.tempest-orders.co.uk.

If you need any help with ordering your photographs, please contact Tempest at customerservice@htempest.co.uk.

Please Label School Uniform

A gentle reminder to please clearly label all of your child's school uniform and belongings with their name.

We currently have a growing number of lost jumpers, cardigans and other items of uniform that have no names in them and therefore cannot be returned to their owners.

Please take a moment to check that your child's uniform is clearly labelled, particularly jumpers, cardigans, fleeces, coats and PE kit. A clearly written name makes a huge difference and helps us reunite lost items with children quickly.

Thank you for your help and support.

Bonfire Lunch – Thursday 5th November

To celebrate Bonfire Night, we will be having a special **Bonfire Lunch on Thursday 5th November**.

On the menu:

-  Bangers & Mash
-  Veggie Bangers & Mash
-  Vegetable Medley
- Gravy
-  Marshmallow-Filled Cupcakes

We hope the children enjoy this special autumn treat!

Calendar dates for Autumn term 2026

Month	Activity	Information
October	National Black History Month	
5 th	Harvest Festival	Children to bring in food donations for local foodbank.
6 th	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 th	World Mental Health Day	Mental Health – Eastgate values assembly for children
16 th	Flu Vaccination	
21 st and 22 nd	Parents evening	1:30-5:00 bookable via Pupil Asset-10-minute slots only

		No children are allowed to be collected before 3pm.
Friday 23 rd	OCTOBER HALF TERM -	23 rd October- no pupils attending school; training day for teachers Pupils return 2 nd November
November		
16 th	National Anti-Bullying Week 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 th November to mark that it's ok to be different.
Tuesday 17 th	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. Values ambassadors support school tours
Tuesday 17 th	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.
Friday 20 th	Parents open coffee morning	Parents welcomed to come and join SLT for a relaxed chat from 8:45 to 9:30am.
Friday 20 th	PTA movie night	3pm to 5pm- £5 per child All children attending movie night need to be collected in person over 18 years old. No children will be allowed to walk home alone. Enjoy your late-night shopping!
25 th	Flu Vaccination	Alternative date
December		
1 st and 2 nd	School Christmas Discos	Run by the staff and Friends of EA- parents helpers welcomed
8 th	Dress rehearsal for Nativity Play	KS2 to watch
9 th	KS1 Nativity Play at school (or church if available)	Ticketing system for parents.
Friday 11th	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School Non-School uniform day - £1 donation.
Monday 14 th December	Christmas cake sale	Cake donations welcomed.
Thursday 17 th	Christmas Dinner	
Friday 18th	Last day of school	INSET Day 4 th January Pupils return 5 th January

