



Empower - Motivate - Aspire - Transform

13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this half term, I would like to take a moment to wish you all a wonderfully restful break. The children have worked incredibly hard, and we are so proud of everything they have achieved over the past few weeks.

I would also like to remind families that the **Mental Health Support Team** will be visiting school on **26th February**. This service is incredibly helpful, especially if your child is experiencing anxiety or showing signs of emotional distress, whether at home or in school. We would also strongly encourage parents of high school aged children to join us—these workshops offer practical, supportive strategies that many families with teenagers find beneficial —these workshops offer practical, supportive strategies that many families with teenagers find beneficial.-school-aged children to join us—these workshops offer practical, supportive strategies that many families with teenagers find beneficial.

A huge and heartfelt **thank you** for your incredible support with **Eastgate's first ever Bake Off!** Thanks to your generous contributions, our school community raised **£507**, which will go directly towards future events and school trips supported by the PTA.

A special shoutout goes to **Mr Callaby** and **Mrs Blayney** for baking wonderful cakes for our raffle. And speaking of cakes—when we saw the amazing creations brought into school, we truly couldn't believe the level of talent and generosity within our community. Many of your cakes were so fantastic that we simply had to include them in the raffle as well! Thank you to all our amazing bakers.-out goes to

Congratulations to **Marcel, Bella, Denis** and **Myla** for winning prizes in our Bake-Off competition! We are incredibly proud of all our young bakers who took part.

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.

Looking ahead, next half term promises to be a very exciting (and busy!) one. We have a range of events planned, including:

- **Science Week** with a special *Mad Science* assembly
- **World Book Day** and our Diorama Competition
- **Careers Week**
- **School discos**
- **Parents' Evening**
- ...and much more!

We would like to extend our warmest wishes to all families who will be celebrating **Lunar New Year on 17th February** and **Ramadan beginning on 18th February**.

To everyone celebrating **Lunar New Year of the Fire Horse**, we wish you joy, prosperity, and good health in the Year ahead. May this festive season bring happiness to your homes and wonderful moments shared with loved ones.

To all who will be observing **Ramadan**, we send our heartfelt wishes for a peaceful and blessed month. May this period of reflection, kindness, and togetherness bring comfort and spiritual fulfilment.

We are proud to be part of such a diverse and vibrant school community, and we hope these celebrations bring you warmth, unity, and many meaningful memories.

Finally, I would like to wish all our children, parents and carers a very peaceful, enjoyable and restorative half term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on the 23rd February.

Warm regards,

Ewa Parker

Principal

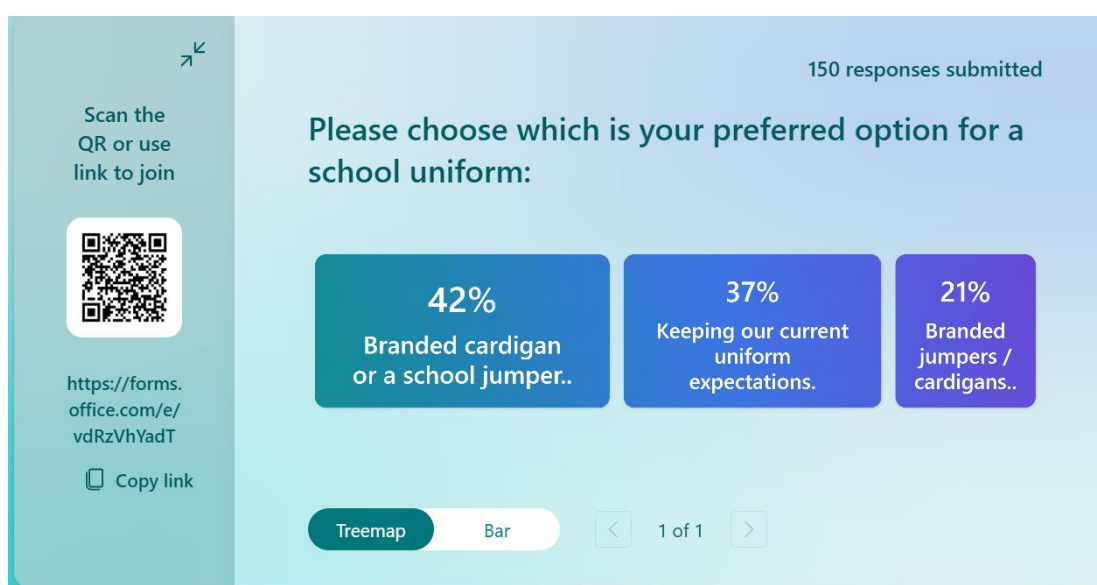


Uniform policy consultation with parents

So far, we have received **150 responses** regarding the potential changes to our school uniform. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to share your views, please use the link or scan the QR code below to choose one of the three available options.

From the feedback received so far, **42% of parents are in favour of changing the uniform to polo shirts across the whole school with no ties**, while **37% would prefer to keep the current uniform policy**.

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National Careers Week – Call for Parent & Community Volunteers – 12th March 2026

Careers Fair – Key Information for Professionals

- **All classes will visit the school hall at set times** throughout the afternoon for the Careers Fair. - Y5/6- 1:00- 1:30; Y3/4- 1:30-2:00; Y1/2/ EFS- 2:00- 2:30
- Children will take part in a **carousel of conversations**, rotating between each professional.
- We ask all professionals to spend **around 10 minutes max** with each group of children.
- During your time with each group, please explain:
 - **What does your job involve?**
 - **What training, qualifications, or skills** are needed for your role.
 - **How your job helps or supports other people.**
 - **Fun facts or interesting insights** about your work.
 - **What makes your job special or meaningful** to you.

Diorama

Thank you to all the children who already brought in their dioramas to school! They will be displayed in classes, and on the World Book day, we will present them in the main school hall.

A reminder to all parents and children that Thursday 5th March is World Book Day, and we will have a dress up day – your favourite book character!



✿ Eastgate Academy Attendance News Bulletin

EASTGATE ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REWARDS

PUPIL SPECIFIC
ALL PUPILS ACHIEVING 98 - 100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE ENTIRE ACADEMIC YEAR WILL BE REWARDED WITH A CINEMA VISIT TO SEE A NEWLY RELEASED MOVIE.

CLASS SPECIFIC
THE CLASS IN 1ST POSITION AT THE END OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR WILL RECEIVE AN AFTERNOON OF "GOLDEN TIME" AT THE KINGS LYNN WALKS & WILL RECEIVE AN ICE-CREAM.

EASTGATE TERMLY ATTENDANCE REWARDS

OPTION 1
A CLASS PARTY OR DAYTIME DISCO (WITH NON-UNIFORM)

OPTION 2
AN AFTERNOON OF ARTS, CRAFTS OR COOKERY

OPTION 3
A CLASS MOVIE AFTERNOON (WITH NON-UNIFORM)
BRING MOVIE SNACKS FROM HOME

EASTGATE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REWARDS

THE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE MONITORING PERIOD RUNS FROM FRIDAY TO THURSDAY & WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED DURING FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

ANY CLASS ACHIEVING 100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK WILL WIN THE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE CUP!

IN ADDITION THEY WILL RECEIVE 15 MINUTES OF "GOLDEN TIME" AFTERNOON PLAY.

IF NO CLASS ACHIEVES 100%, THE CLASS WITH THE HIGHEST OVERALL WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WILL ACHIEVE THE ATTENDANCE CUP, BUT NO GOLDEN TIME.

Upcoming Events for the Spring Term - please be advised that dates and events can change

Month	Activity	Information
Monday 16 th	FEBRUARY HALF TERM	Pupils return 23 rd February
23 rd	Celebrating Lunar New Year	Children will immerse themselves in rich and beautiful Chinese culture. Throughout the day, we will be reading traditional stories from China and do some art activities to reflect that. Traditional Chinese food served at lunch that day.
26 th	Mental health Support Team at Eastgate Academy We will be supporting parents with various strategies to support pupils with anxiety issues. If you are interested, please come to the assembly hall at 9-10. Please come through the main school office.	
March		
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day	Dress up as favourite storybook character. Class book activities – inside and outside. Diorama’s project to be handed over on World Book Day.
9th March	Aspiration Assembly- who do you want to be in the future?	
Date change! 12th March afternoon in the main school hall	National Careers Week	Invited guest speakers to talk about their professions and careers. Parents who would like to support and take part in careers week, please contact school office as soon as possible.
6 th - 15 th	British Science Week	Mad Science @ School – more information to follow
Monday 16 th	KS1 school disco	
Tuesday 17 th	KS2 school disco	
20 th	Red Nose Day	Non-uniform and donations to charity
24 th - 25 th	Parents Evening Face to Face appointments from 1:30pm- 5:00pm Advance notice- all children are dismissed at the end of the day at 3pm as usual.	

	No children will be allowed to be collected earlier, unless for medical or emergency reasons.	
April		
30 th March to 13 th April	Easter Holidays	Pupils return on 14 th April