Eastgate Academy

Newsletter 11

Empower - Motivate - Aspire - Transform

6th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had an incredibly vibrant and joyful few weeks in school, filled with celebrations, achievements, and wonderful community moments.

Our children enjoyed learning about Lunar New Year and created some fantastic artwork, now proudly displayed in classrooms. The creativity and enthusiasm they showed really brightened our corridors!

As part of our multicultural learning, we read traditional stories from China and explored their meanings. We also discussed the importance of **Ramadan** for our Muslim friends, focusing on values such as kindness, gratitude, and community.

We are incredibly proud of our **Year 6 Girls' Football Team**, who secured **second place locally**! Today, they travelled to Norwich to take part in a wider tournament—another fantastic achievement. A very special **thank you to Mrs. Russell**, who generously donated football kits for our Estate Team. We are truly grateful for your support and kindness!

World Book Day was a huge success! Our entire school community came together dressed in **amazing costumes**, filling the day with imagination and excitement. The **diorama projects** were absolutely phenomenal—thank you to everyone who worked so hard on them.

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.

Congratulations to the children who won the £10 book vouchers or runner up certificates: EYFS KS1 winners: Casper, Gunes and Polly; LKS2: Sapphire, Esli, Zayanah and Alynah; UKS2: Jasmine, Hatch, Amelia and Faith.

A big **thank you to our PTA** for purchasing the vouchers and helping us celebrate reading in such a meaningful way.

Last week, a group of selected children had the wonderful opportunity to visit **MART**. It was an extremely enjoyable and engaging experience for everyone involved — the children returned full of enthusiasm and excitement about what they had seen and learned.

We are very grateful to the **Rotary Club** for inviting us and making this visit possible. Their generosity provided our pupils with a memorable and enriching experience.

Please remember to check the dates listed in this newsletter and on our usual platforms for upcoming events, initiatives, and important information.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us make our school such a vibrant and friendly place for all.

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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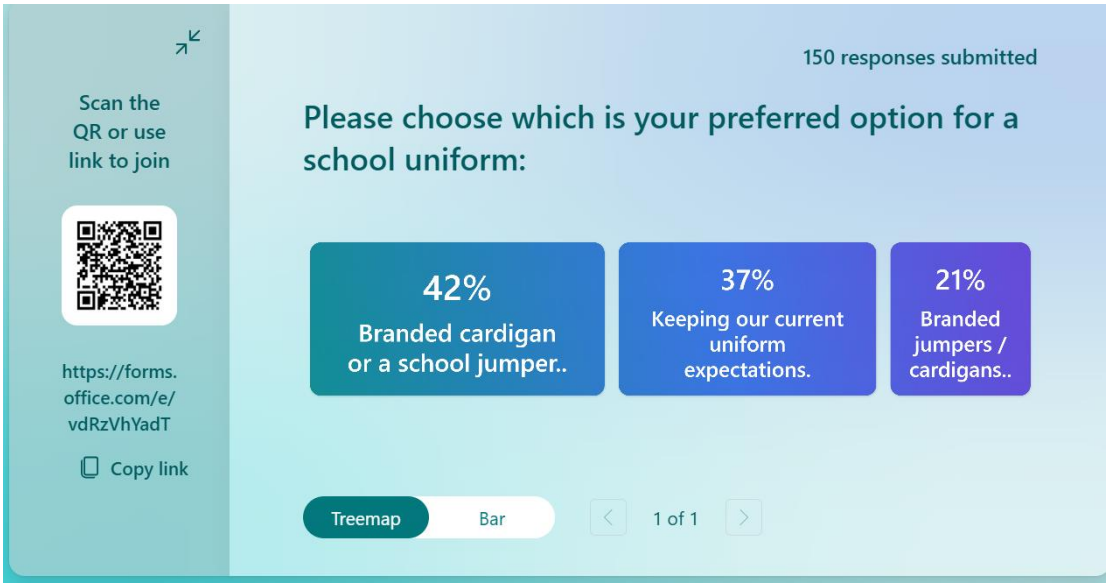

National Careers Week – Call for Parent & Community Volunteers – 12th March 2026

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.

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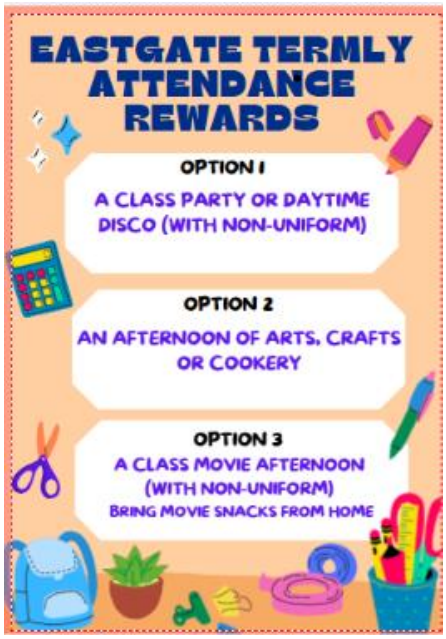

Upcoming Events for the Spring Term - please be advised that dates and events can change

Month	Activity	Information
March		
Thursday 5th	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	Writing Assembly- writing competition announced.	
Date change! **12th March afternoon in the main school hall**	**National Careers Week**	**Values ambassadors lead aspiration assembly in the morning.** **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.**

6th- 15th	British Science Week	Mad Science @ School – more information to follow
Monday 16th	KS1 school disco	
Tuesday 17th	KS2 school disco	
20th	Red Nose Day	Non-uniform and donations to charity
24th- 25th	**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		
30th March to 13th April	Easter Holidays	Pupils return on 14th April