

# Eastgate Academy

## Newsletter 18



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

With only a few weeks remaining in this exciting academic year, I would like to share our transition arrangements for **30 June 2026**.

This year, we are moving away from ability-based classes. Research indicates that such groupings can limit academic progress and negatively affect children's self-worth, resilience, and attitudes towards learning. Instead, classes will remain named as they are, but will include a balanced mix of SEND needs, pastoral support, and attainment levels.

Our highly skilled and well-trained teachers use a wide range of strategies to ensure every child succeeds both academically and socially. Through regular classroom visits, I am confident in the consistently high-quality support provided to all pupils.

Children will be informed of their new class teacher and classmates on 30 June. These decisions have been carefully considered by staff and the Senior Leadership Team and remain an operational matter for the school. Each class will also have a patron—a local, national, or international historical figure—to inspire and enrich pupils' learning.

The classes are as follow:

Class name	Staff
Robins	Class teacher: Miss Stratton Support staff: Miss Smith-Ames and Mrs Collison
Puffins	Class teacher: Mrs MacMillan Support staff: Mrs Claridge
Eagles	Class teacher: Miss Snow Support staff: Miss Callum
Doves	Class teachers: Mrs Seville and Mrs Gosling Support staff: Miss Hanks
Kingfishers	Class teachers: Miss Rutter Support staff: Mrs Oliver and Mrs Clinch

### 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.

Penguins	Class teacher: Mrs Warren-Wright Support staff: Miss Pateman and Mrs Fyson
Canaries	Class teacher: Mrs Bussey Support staff: Miss Garrod
Magpies	Class teachers: Miss Roche Support staff: Mrs Satkauskiene
Owls	Class teachers: Mrs Blayney Support staff: Mrs Hubbard

To make it clear, please stick to the following:

- 1) Drop your child off to school as usual on 30<sup>th</sup> June.
- 2) At 9:30am in the school hall, we will hold a transition assembly, where children will be informed about their new class.
- 3) Children will stay with their new class teams and friends until 2:30pm.
- 4) Children return to their current class at 2:30-3:00
- 5) Please collect your child in the usual way.

**Highgate children will be dropped off to Eastgate at 9:15am at the Main Gate and will need to be collected at 3:00pm from the Red Door opposite Robins reception classroom**

Also, for the children in current Year 5, we are preparing their leaver hoodies already, so that they can be worn from September. We are just organising final arrangements, and you will soon receive communication regarding that with details how to order. Just a reminder, only a child's first name can be added on the hoodie, no nicknames please.

Thank you for your ongoing support, please stay safe in this heat!

Kind regards,  
Mrs Parker  
Principal  
Eastgate Academy



#### **Attendance Bulletin**

As we enter the final weeks of the summer term, we are delighted to report that attendance at Eastgate Academy remains strong. Thank you to all our families for your continued support in ensuring children attend school regularly and arrive ready to learn. We are also pleased to share that at least **96 pupils** have successfully secured their place on the **Majestic Cinema**

**Reward Trip**, which will take place on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July**. We will communicate with the relevant parents/carers during the week of 6<sup>th</sup> July. The children will be going to see "Toy Story 5". I am sure they will all have a fantastic time.

Achieving between 98 – 100% for an entire academic year is a fantastic achievement and reflects the commitment many of our pupils have shown towards excellent attendance throughout the year.

A reminder to parents and carers that all absences should be reported to the school by telephone or email. If your child is absent due to an ongoing illness, please contact us daily and provide any relevant health updates.



If you are planning to take your child out of school during term time, please ensure that a **Leave of Absence Request Form** is completed and submitted at least **two weeks before** the proposed leave date. This allows sufficient time for the request to be considered and processed.



Finally, we would like to thank all our families for their support with attendance throughout this academic year. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you in September and welcoming everyone back for another successful academic year.

### Upcoming Events for the Summer Term – please be advised that dates and events can change

Month	Activity	Information
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	MAY HALF TERM	Pupils return 1 <sup>st</sup> June
June		
30 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Transition Day- Children will find out on the day, who their class teacher and new class will be.	
July		
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pleasurewood trip for Y6 pupils	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS and KS1 Summer disco	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3, 4 and 5 Summer Disco	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Summer Disco- karaoke	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	School reports sent to parents	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Dress Rehearsal for the leaver's assembly to the rest of school.	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Y6 Leaver assembly to parents</p> <p>There will be two sessions for which you may choose to come. Due to health and safety as well as Fire Risk Assessment, we can only offer two entry tickets per family for a session at 9:15am or 2pm in the main school hall.</p> <p>This will be bookable via Pupil Asset from 1<sup>st</sup> July just like parents' evening now. (if you have a child with you, who can sit on your lap, it is fine too 😊 they don't need a special ticket. Please no buggies in the hall.)</p>	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Majestic Cinema Day for pupils who had 98%- 100% attendance	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	School finishes at 3pm for Summer Holidays	