

4TH SEPTEMBER 2026

EAST WARD'S WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER



Miss Jarvis' Update

It has been a real pleasure to welcome our pupils, families and staff back to school as we begin a new academic year; especially as I begin my first year as headteacher of East Ward.

For our new pupils and families, I hope you have already begun to feel part of our school community. Starting a new school can be both exciting and daunting, and we have been particularly impressed by the confidence and enthusiasm shown by our new starters. For those returning to us, it has been wonderful to see pupils reconnect with friends, settle back into routines and begin the year with such positive energy.

I would also like to thank our staff for the care, preparation and commitment they have shown in ensuring such a smooth start to the year. Their enthusiasm has helped create a welcoming and purposeful atmosphere across the school. There is already a real sense of positivity around the school.

Here's to a happy, successful and memorable year ahead!

Spotlight On: Settling In!

Across the school, teachers have been spending valuable time establishing and revisiting our routines, expectations and ways of working.

These first few days are an important opportunity to make sure everyone understands what successful learning looks like, from entering the classroom calmly and being ready to learn, to listening carefully, contributing positively and showing respect to others.

Whilst there has been lots of excitement and catching up with friends, there has also been a clear focus on creating calm, purposeful classrooms where pupils feel secure and ready to learn. Establishing these routines now will help our pupils to build confidence, develop independence and make the very best possible progress throughout the year.



Find out what your child has been learning about this week on Instagram @eastwardprimary

If you need to speak to a member of staff, please call the school office on 0161 7646065 or drop in.

Be Ready. Be Respectful. Be Safe.

PE Days Autumn 1 2026

As we begin the new academic year, we would like to remind families of our PE kit expectations and PE days for each year group.

On their designated PE day, children should come to school already dressed in their full PE kit and remain in their PE kit for the whole school day. This helps us to maximise learning time and avoid the need for children to change during the school day.

Our PE kit is:

- White T-shirt
- Black joggers, leggings or shorts
- Black jacket OR the child's school cardigan/jumper

Please ensure that children are wearing a full, appropriate PE kit on their designated day. PE day is not a non-uniform day, and children should not come to school wearing everyday clothing, brightly coloured sportswear or other non-school clothing.

If a child arrives without the correct PE kit, parents/carers may be contacted and asked to bring the appropriate kit into school. We appreciate your support in helping us to maintain clear routines and high expectations across the school. Thank you for ensuring your child is ready for PE each week!

What day will my child have PE?

Reception - Wednesday
Year 1 - Monday
Year 2 - Wednesday
Year 3 - Thursday
Year 4 - Wednesday
Year 5 - Monday
Year 6 - Tuesday



Attendance

As part of our attendance monitoring to ensure all children are in school on time, the school gates will open from 8.40am. Please note if your children are arriving through the office, they are missing learning. If they arrive after 9.25am they have an Unauthorised Absence mark.

If you have any questions or require advice or support, please speak to Miss Jarvis or Miss Sheridan.

Our whole school attendance this week is 89%. This must improve.

Please ensure you do not arrive early to collect your child unless there is a valid reason.

We will be contacting parents to offer support, please engage in these meetings.

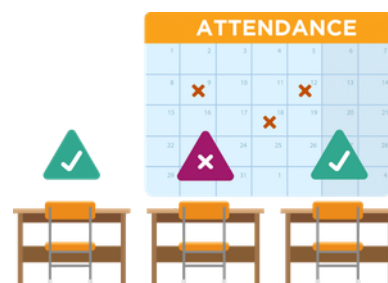
ATTENDANCE IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.



Find out more about attendance by clicking [here](#)

Weekly Attendance

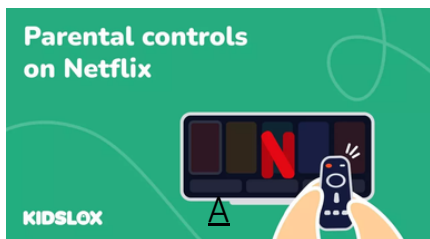
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Stars: -
Rainbows: -
Honey Pot: 80%
1B: 90%
1G: 91%
2J: 96%
2W: 100%
3S: 90%
3W: 96%
4A: 93%
4W: 92%
5M: 94%
5T: 96%
6UR: 87%
6W: 95%
6C: 92%





All of your child's uniform, PE kit and personal belongings (including their coat and lunchbox) should be clearly labelled with their name.

Safeguarding Update: Netflix



Netflix allows parents to create a Kids profile, set an appropriate maturity rating and block individual programmes or films from a child's profile.

Programmes to check carefully

Some popular programmes contain strong language, violence, frightening themes, sexual references or other mature content that may not be suitable for younger viewers. Parents

may wish to check the suitability of:

- Stranger Things – violence, frightening scenes and mature themes
- Wednesday – horror, violence, death and darker themes
- Cobra Kai – fighting, violence and strong language
- Outer Banks – violence, crime, relationships and strong language
- Squid Game – extreme violence, death and mature themes

This is not an exhaustive list, so please check the age rating and content information before allowing your child to watch a programme.

How can I block a programme?

You can manage your child's Netflix profile through Netflix → Account → Profiles → Parental Controls, where you can set a maturity rating and block specific titles. Netflix may ask you to verify your account before making changes.

We also recommend locking adult profiles with a PIN and using a separate Kids profile where appropriate, preventing children from simply switching to an unrestricted profile.

A few minutes checking these settings can make a real difference to your child's online safety.

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Rock musician
of the week...

The Beatles

Music genre of the
half term:



Diary Dates

Monday 7th September

Year 1 and Year 2 Meet the Teacher in classrooms
at 3pm

Tuesday 8th September

Year 3 and Year 4 Meet the Teacher in classrooms
at 3pm

Wednesday 9th September

RSHE Parent Meeting at 2.30pm in the Lodge
(booked places)
Year 5 and Year 6 Meet the Teacher in classrooms
at 3pm

Thursday 10th September

Year 6 Parent/Carer Robinwood Residential
Meeting at 3.30pm in Year 6

