



EASTWAY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2024



Welcome back to a new school year. A wobbly start to the new year as we have had a lot of change and I have unfortunately been unwell so had to take some time away from school. I know that this has led to some instability and inconsistent communication and I can only apologise for this. I am hoping that things are more settled now and we can make a strong start to this new school year and build upon our successes. The good news is, our children have settled well and are working hard, they really have made us all proud.

A huge welcome to our new families, I know you will be made to feel part of the Eastway family in no time. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Meet the Teacher sessions but remember, you are always welcome into school and to speak with us, so just let us know. We pride ourselves on our amazing relationships with our families and our 'open door approach'. We know that the success of our school is the partnership between home and school and long may this continue! Here's to another amazing year in our wonderful school! See you all soon, Mrs Morris

Our New Classes

As well as welcoming many new families this year, we have also opened a new class. Lunar Base opened last week and is a Wirral Local Authority Specialist Resource Provision Unit for early years children with complex difficulties. We are so proud of our SEND provision at Eastway and how inclusive we are, we know that our new pupils will thrive in Lunar base and we welcome all our new families. There were some changes to classroom staff over the holidays that were unfortunately unavoidable but I am aware that many of you were not told this, I am truly sorry about the poor communication and if any of you felt that your child was not prepared for this change. I hope this has not impacted on the start to their school year. A list of staff and class contacts are included below to help you. The best way to communicate is always talking to your child's class teacher at pick up or drop off. If you do need to email, please make sure you are not doing this outside of their working hours. We want to protect our staff and make sure they avoid any work creeping into their free time. If you are not sure who to contact, email

schooloffice@eastway.wirral.sch.uk

We welcome our amazing new staff and congratulate Ms Tankard (now Mrs Walberg) who got married over the summer and Mrs Stewart who found out she is expecting her second child in February next year. We also have Mr Cobain joining us as site manager and Miss Blake joining as an Academic Mentor to support pupils with catch up programmes. Support staff with brackets after their names indicate the inclusion support.

Eastway Explorers (2 year old provision)	Claire Crossley	Kelly Williams Catherine Walberg Janine Taylor	explorers@eastway.wirral.sch.uk
Nursery (3-4 years olds)	Natasha Billington	Amie Morris Lisa Wharton (YN/R)	nursery@eastway.wirral.sch.uk
Reception	Rebecca Cray	Halima Ahmed Holly Anderson	reception@eastway.wirral.sch.uk
Year 1	Nicole Goddard	Anne Marie Wade	Year1@eastway.wirral.sch.uk
Year 2	Rebecca Brown	Ali Downey	Year2@eastway.wirral.sch.uk
Year 3	Ryan Saunderson	Trina Jones	Year3@eastway.wirral.sch.uk
Year 4	Nicky Stewart Charlotte Whittingham	Loraine Tomlinson	Year4@eastway.wirral.sch.uk
Year 5	Adam Billing	Michelle Cox	Year5@eastway.wirral.sch.uk
Year 6	Chris Sinnott Vanessa Nice	Taylor Gumley	Year6@eastway.wirral.sch.uk

Lunar Base	Kelsey Lowe	Louise Williamson Lucy Pemberton Platt	lunar@eastway.wirral.sch.uk
Apollo Base	Claire Holmes	Alice Carrington (YR) Jo Hancox (Y1) Jayne Lasnier (Y2)	apollo@eastway.wirral.sch.uk
Discovery Base	Naomi Grabe	Jo'Anne Spamer (Y3) Emma Stanley (Y4)	discovery@eastway.wirral.sch.uk
Enterprise Base	Liam Thomas	Francesca Forsey (Y6) Steve Monks (Y5)	enterprise@eastway.wirral.sch.uk

* Information correct as at 9/9/2024. Staffing is always subject to change.

Wraparound Care

We have had significant building work over the holidays and changes to the layout of our school and use of some rooms for Family Hub. This means that Early Risers breakfast club and Swashbucklers After School Club (SAS) have now moved to Feastway canteen. Access will be via Gate E on Oundle Road. Apologies again as I have been made aware that this was not communicated and caused upset to some families. The room is set up beautifully and the children have a long shopping list for us already of some extra things they would like in the room. A huge thanks to the wraparound staff for working hard to make all this happen! Please remember to book online via ParentPay if you need before or after school club childcare or inform the school office if you would like to use childcare vouchers.

Meet the Teacher

These sessions will take place in school in the week beginning 16th September. It will be the perfect opportunity to meet the staff working with your child, class teachers will share their expectations and give you further information and a tour of their classroom. For our Early Years classes (Explorers and Nursery) and Lunar resource base provision, we will arrange a stay and play session for families to be given information when their children are more settled in school.

Swimming

Our swimming pool will return this half term. Lessons and fun splash sessions will start for all children during the school day for two weeks. We will send a separate letter to families informing them of the plans when sessions start from Monday 7th October. ParentPay will be open for you to book after school swimming lessons from 30th September. We are proud to have this opportunity for our children and we know they will be so excited to have the pool back in school.

Looking Smart, Acting Smart

It is lovely to see so many children return to school so smart and ready to learn this week. Your child is welcome to continue wearing summer uniform if they wish as the weather is still warm. A reminder that all children **MUST** be in full uniform. Trainers and jewellery, especially earrings are **NOT** part of our school uniform. We will be sending individual reminders next week to all families if your child is not in uniform. We understand that many are struggling financially at the moment and we do not want any child disadvantaged or looking different from their friends. We have free uniform available for all children, please ask how we can support you and ensure that all our children are happy, well presented and smart for school with their Eastway Pride! *Any family can access our Eastway Uniform Store and pick up anything you need. We have a range of new shoes, pumps, coats and lots of uniform in all sizes.*

If your child has had their ears pierced and you do not want to leave them without earrings, they can use the silicone retainers which are safe for school. You can get 100 for £3.99 from Amazon: https://www.amazon.co.uk/Earring-Retainers-200pcs-Rubbers-Stoppers/dp/B07YY1GP8K/ref=sr_1_1?crd=1QMX0QGCR5KV4&keywords=silicone+earrings+for+school&qid=1694876904&sprefix=silicone+earring%2Caps%2C71&sr=8-1

Attendance & Punctuality

We were so proud of our children's brilliant attendance last year and are really pushing for perfect attendance and punctuality again this year. We will continue doing daily checks on all our families and expect all children in on time, every day. Our children thrive when they are in school with their friends and disruption to their schooling really affects their development both educationally and socially and emotionally. We want the best for them all. Please note that holidays WILL NOT be authorised and must always be requested. There have been recent government changes that we will share with you at Meet the Teacher sessions.

Clubs

All clubs start again after October half term. This half term we will focus on getting all our children and staff settled back into the routine of school. Swimming lessons and splash sessions will be available to book from 6th October. Homework club will start again every Monday from 16th September. If your child has been chosen to receive additional after school lessons to help them 'catch up', please make sure that they attend Homework Club or use it as an opportunity to support you with completing home learning tasks. If you or a family member has any talent or interest and would like to run a club for us, please let us know.

Family Hub

We still have a significant amount of food in our Hub. There is enough for a store cupboard hamper for every family so please pop in and fill a bag! Our team is busy booking courses and events for our families and community. Keep your eyes peeled- we cannot wait to have you in soon.

Things from Home

We are requesting again that children do not bring in any items from home. This includes any oversized bags, toys, stationery or fidget/sensory items. If children need anything in school, we will provide it and be responsible for them. Children should bring in a book bag, water bottle and a coat daily. If they are in Key Stage 2 they can bring in a healthy snack for morning break (fruit or cereal bar- not crisps or chocolate). We provide milk/ milkshake for everyone and bagels in the morning, all children in Early Years to Year 2 receive fresh fruit every morning too.

Starting Secondary School 2025

We have a meeting for our Year 6 families on Thursday 19th September 2.30pm to discuss transition and how to apply for a place at secondary school. If you cannot make the meeting, all information is shared on our school website. We urge you to visit all schools when they have their open evenings, please note that we will not authorise any absence for pupils to visit schools during the day. You can find more information here: <https://familytoolbox.co.uk/resource-list/secondary-school-open-events/>

Privacy Notice

As a school, we keep information about pupils on computer systems and sometimes on paper. We have a Privacy Notice that describes how we collect and use personal information about pupils, in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), section 537A of the Education Act 1996 and section 83 of the Children Act 1989. Except as required by law, we only retain information about pupils for as long as necessary in accordance with timeframes imposed by law and our internal policy. Full details on what personal information we hold on you and your children and how long we keep personal data for is set out in our GDPR and data retention policy, this can be found on the school's website.

Communicating with School

We are so proud of our open, welcoming and happy school and the relationship that we form with all our families. If you need to speak to someone, we always make sure that someone is available. If you have a concern regarding your child, always speak to the class teacher in the first instance. They are the ones working with your child every day and are best to answer any questions. If you need support as a family, Mrs Dennett can help, anything relating to Special Education Needs or worries about your child is best for our SENCo, Mrs Harrison. Our Head of School, Mrs Nice, Assistant Headteacher Mr Haughey and our Early Years Lead, Mrs Billington can also help when needed. Only in exceptional circumstances would our headteacher, Mrs Morris be available for parents without a prior booking request for a meeting. Again this year Mrs Morris has taken on additional

responsibilities outside of our school and may not always be available. If you have a serious concern or complaint, the headteacher will deal with this within the set timeframe but all other lines of communication must be used initially. We communicate with all families via My Child At School App. If you haven't downloaded and signed up, please speak to the school office. We will be reinstating our Parent Class Reps this term and cannot wait to all work more closely together to further improve our amazing school.

Reception, Year 1 & 2 ONLY

I sincerely apologise that there have been mixed messages and confusion over pick up and drop off arrangements for our youngest pupils during the first week of school. Now that breakfast and after school clubs are now using our canteen and to help your children settle in the new school year, all children can be dropped off at their classroom external doors and picked up from there too until October half term. If your children are already settled and independent then we would still encourage them to walk into school by themselves. We will continue to have staff on the gates to meet and greet you each day. We hope this helps.

Term Dates 2025/26

Upcoming Events & dates for your diary 2024- 2025		
AUTUMN TERM 1 2024	Friday 13 th September	Election of School Councillors
	w/c 16 th September	Meet the Teacher events all week
	Thursday 19 th September	Y6 Secondary Transition Meeting 2:30pm
	Week Beginning 7 th October	Swimming Pool- whole school lessons and afterschool Splash Fun
	Wednesday 2 nd October	Year 5 Harvest Assembly Reception Reading Meeting
	Wednesday 16 th - 18 th October	Year 6 Colomendy Residential
	Wednesday 23 rd October	Parents Evening
	Thursday 24 th October	Monster Ball School Disco
	Friday 25 th October	Last day in school
AUTUMN TERM 2 2024	Monday 28 th October - Friday 1 st November	October Half Term
	Monday 4 th November	Children return to school
	Friday 8 th November	Individual and Sibling School Photographs
	Friday 15 th November	Children in Need Day, Cake & Christmas Jumper Sale
	Wednesday 27 th November	Rock Kidz Day
	Friday 29 th November	Non Uniform Day- Bring a Bottle
	Friday 6 th December	Christmas Fair
	Tuesday 10 th December	Moreton Santa Sleigh
	Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas Dinner
	Thursday 12 th December	Early Years Stay and Play
	Thursday 12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
	Monday 16 th December	Reception, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Production 2.30pm
	Tuesday 17 th December	Reception, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Production 9.15am Key Stage Two Festive Showcase 2.45pm
Thursday 19 th December	Class Christmas Parties	

Friday 20 th December	LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30PM
Friday 20 th December- 6 th January 2024	Christmas Holidays
Monday 6 th January 2025	School Closed- INSET Day

Wirral Council have now agreed their term dates for the next school year. We have planned ours and they will be published on the school website and will be emailed to all families.

Please keep these dates for the year and we will update on our Monthly Newsletter so that you have events and diary dates well in advance. If you are unsure of any dates, they are all available on the calendar section of our school website. We also post regular updates on Twitter and Facebook so please make sure you follow us for more and ensure we have your correct email and mobile number to get all communication from school. Scan the QR codes to view all our online content.



Eastway Website



School Facebook



School Twitter/ X

