



EASTWAY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2024



What a super September! So much to celebrate and still so much to look forward to before half term. We appointed our new school councillors and parent class representatives and look forward to our first meetings. Children have been working so hard and it has been a delight for me to visit all the classes and see such fantastic learning taking place, we are so proud of them. Lots going on in the coming weeks, please make sure you have all diary dates available so you do not miss any upcoming events. See you all soon, Mrs Morris

****URGENT****

Due to some training needs for our staff and requirements of the school, we are having to move our INSET Days from Monday 21st July and Tuesday 22nd July to Friday 25th October and Monday 4th November. We apologise that this is late notice for you but this has been unavoidable and approved by Wirral Local Authority this morning. Please note this does not impact on our teaching days. We will still be open for our 190 days for pupils but we are changing 2 of the allocated 5 days of staff training days this year. To be clear:

SCHOOL WILL CLOSED FOR ALL PUPILS Friday 25th October and Monday 4th November 2024

SCHOOL WILL NOW BE OPEN FOR ALL PUPILS Monday 21st July and Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Parents Evening

Now our children are all settled Parents Evening will take place on Wednesday 23rd October 3:15-5:45pm. This will be an opportunity for our families to meet with staff and find out how well your children have settled and see how you can further support them at home. You can book your 10 minute appointment on the My Child At School app. These appointments will be for Years 1-6 and Apollo, Discovery and Enterprise bases. Lunar base and all Early Years classes will have Stay & Play events for families.

Nasal Flu Vaccination

We have the NHS nurses back in to administer the winter nasal flu vaccine on Wednesday 6th November. If you have not already done so please scan the QR code to give your consent preference. Once you have scanned the QR code you will be asked to input Eastway's school reference number WC105001



Poppy Appeal

The **Poppy Appeal** is the Royal British Legion's biggest fundraising campaign held every year in November, during the period of Remembrance. We will start selling Poppy merchandise in school from Tuesday 5th November until Friday 8th November. Please send our child into school with some money and they can buy at play times throughout the day or you can pop into the School Office any day after school.

Family, Individual & Sibling Photos

A reminder that the school photographer will be in school on Friday 8th November. Family photographs will start at 8.15am so if you would like a full photo of your family, including those that may go to other schools or babies and toddlers, please pop in at that time. All other photos will take place in school time and brothers and sisters will have their photos taken together during the day.

Clubs

All Clubs will start week commencing Monday 11th November and will run up to and including week commencing Monday 9th December. All clubs will start at 3.15pm and finish at 4.15pm. Please collect your child promptly at 4.15pm from the gate shown below. All Clubs must be booked via ParentPay. Places are bookable on a first come, first served basis. Once a club is full, you will no longer be able to book a place (although the club name will still appear on ParentPay). The total cost is £5.00 per child, per club. We are running Swimming after school lessons next week Reception to Y6 and you can book these on ParentPay. Apologies for the delay in launching our Homework Club, due to staff shortages this half term, we will start these after the October half term break.



Rock Kidz

On Wednesday 20th November we will welcome back Rock Kidz to Eastway. Everyone will dress to impress and get ready for a full day of rocking out and learning songs that promote acceptance, love and kindness. A great way to celebrate and promote anti-bullying week and our Eastway values.

Attendance & Punctuality

It is important that children attend school regularly in order to receive the education they deserve. When children miss school, they miss core learning and find it difficult to catch up.

It is vital that we receive a reason for absence if your child is absent from school. In order to update the codes on our registers appropriately, we must have this information. We will place an O code which indicates an absence has not been authorised if we do not have a reason for absence. We will use the I code for any absence where a child is unwell. If you call the school office and leave a message, we may call you back during the day for an update. This is to check in with you and ask how your child is getting on.

It is also important that medical appointments are made outside of the school day where possible. We may request evidence of this in the form of a letter or text message. We have had a few requests from families recently who have wanted to collect all of their children to attend a medical appointment for one child. If appointments are made during the school day, it is important that only the child who has the appointment attends. If you require wraparound care whilst you and your child attend the appointment, we would encourage you to use our Swashbuckler's Club (SAS club).

Monster Ball

On Thursday 24th October, we will be having a disco in school. Our Eastway Explorers, Nursery and Lunar Base children are welcome to come to school in Halloween costumes on Thursday 24th October for a spooky themed day of fun. Reception, Apollo, Years 1 and 2 children will get changed in school (if they wish) and go straight to their disco at 3.00pm and will need to be collected at 4.15pm from their normal exits. Please send your child's disco clothes/costume into school in the morning (in a named bag). If you do not want your child to attend, they can be collected at 3.15pm as usual.

Years 3, 4, 5, 6, Discovery & Enterprise Base children will go home as usual at 3.15pm, then return for their disco at 4.30pm, dressed to impress! Their entrance and collection will be from the Main

School Entrance. Please note that children will not be permitted to walk home alone after the disco. They must be collected by an adult at 5.30pm and must not bring mobile phones.

We will also have a low sensory, inclusive disco for our SEN pupils in the afternoon. The children who leave school on transport will be collected at the normal time at the end of the day but still be able to attend their disco during the school day. If your child has additional needs and would still like to attend with their friends in the allocated time, they are more than welcome to.



Children attending Swashbucklers After School Club will be taken around to the disco, should they wish to attend. Tickets will be £2 each (cash payment please) and this will include spooky crafts, face paint, tattoo and a goody bag.

Family Hub

Our Eastway Family Hub has lots of exciting training opportunities for families coming up, dates will be shared shortly so keep your eyes peeled! We now have a regular Stay & Play session every Friday morning 10am-11am; this is for children aged 0-5 Years. Jen from the ADHD Foundation will run the group and will have available 3x 1:1 sessions afterwards where you can get any SEN advice. These are bookable via Eastway Family Hub. Everyone is welcome so please do come along! We also have regular drop-in sessions from Citizens Advice Bureau and the Department of Working Pensions. These services are there for you to get free confidential advice and are available to everyone in the community.

Our Eastway Pantry is fully stocked thanks to NEO community. Pantry opening times are 8:30-2:30pm each day. As the Autumn weather has well and truly hit us, it's time to get the winter coats back out. The Family Hub has winter coats in stock as well as uniform, if you wish to take a look.

Starting Primary School 2025

For children due to start full time school, Reception Class, in September 2025 we have an open day on Wednesday 16th October at 10am-11am to welcome new families, so if you know anyone who is looking for a school place for their child, please spread the word! Mrs Billington has organised a lovely 'Ghoul School' advent, with Pumpkin picking! This will be a fantastic opportunity to take a look at our fantastic school and meet the team. Please book via school office.

Term Dates 2025-2026

Parents/Carers will have received the 2025-2026 Term Dates through My Child At School (MCAS) App. These are also available to view on our school website.

Upcoming Events & dates for your diary 2024- 2025		
AUTUMN TERM 1 2024	Week Beginning 7 th October	Swimming Pool- whole school lessons and afterschool Splash Fun
	Wednesday 2 nd October	Reception Reading Meeting
	Wednesday 16 th - 18 th October	Year 6 Colomendy Residential
	Monday 21st October	Explorers Stay & Play 10:30am-Please book
	Monday 21st October	Reception Class Ghoul School 2pm
	Tuesday 22nd October	Explorers Stay & Play 2pm-Please book
	Wednesday 23rd October	Nursery Stay & Play 10am
	Wednesday 23 rd October	Parents Evening
	Thursday 24 th October	Monster Ball School Disco & Last day in school
	Friday 25 th October	INSET DAY- School closed all pupils
AUTUMN TERM 2 2024	Monday 28 th October - Friday 1 st November	October Half Term
	Monday 4 th November	INSET DAY- school closed all pupils
	Wednesday 6 th November	Nasal Flu Vaccination (Reception-Year 6)
	Friday 8 th November	Individual and Sibling School Photographs

	Friday 15th November	Children in Need Day, Cake & Christmas Jumper Sale
	Wednesday 20th November	Rock Kidz Day- all classes, dress as a Rock Star!
	Friday 29th November	Non Uniform Day- Bring a Bottle
	Friday 6th December	Christmas Fair
	Tuesday 10th December	Moreton Santa Sleigh 6pm
	Wednesday 11th December	Christmas Dinner
	Thursday 12th December	Early Years Stay and Play
	Thursday 12th December	Christmas Jumper Day
	Monday 16th December	Reception, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Production 2.30pm
	Tuesday 17th December	Reception, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Production 9.15am Key Stage Two Festive Showcase 2.45pm
	Thursday 19th December	Class Christmas Parties
	Friday 20th December	LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30PM
	Friday 20th December- 6th January 2024	Christmas Holidays
	Monday 6th January 2025	School Closed- INSET Day
	SPRING TERM 1 2025	Tuesday 7th January
Monday 20th January		Year 6 Family Quiz
Tuesday 21st January		Year 5 Family Quiz
Monday 27th January		Year 4 Family Quiz
Monday 3rd February		Year 3 Family Quiz
Tuesday 4th February		Year 2 Family Quiz
Monday 10th February		Year 1 Family Quiz
Friday 14th February		Last day of term
Monday 17th February- Friday 21st February		February Half Term

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



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