



EASTWAY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2025



A busy start to 2025 and it has been lovely to see the children really working hard and trying their best in a new term. We have two weeks left until the end of this half term and a well-deserved rest for a week. Thank you all so much for all your support throughout January as we managed the frosty weather, bugs and viruses. Let's all hope for a calmer February! Mrs Morris

New Headteacher

Our school governors and the local authority interviewed for our new headteacher last week. After a rigorous process and lots of help from the children, they appointed Faye Benson who will join us after the Easter holidays. I know that you will all make her feel incredibly welcome and she will continue to make Eastway an amazing place to be and learn.

Managing Illnesses

We have had an external cleaning company in again this weekend for a thorough deep clean of all areas in school. We continue to follow the Infection Prevention Control advice on managing bugs in school. We have enhanced cleaning throughout the day and lots of preventative measures like extra handwashing, social distancing and not sharing resources in class. Please can we remind families not to send their children into school if they are unwell. The advice for this sickness and diarrhoea bug is that children must not return to school until two days after their last episode.

World Book Day Thursday 6th March 2025

We LOVE reading at Eastway and are looking forward to the annual World Book Day celebrations after the half term holidays. Mrs Brown will be sending further information and sharing how we promote and celebrate reading across school. We will all come to school on Thursday 6th March dressed as our favourite book character

Year 6 and Enterprise Chester Zoo Visit to Chester Zoo

The children will be travelling by coach to and from Chester with members of staff. We will depart school at 9.15am prompt. Please collect your child from school at the usual time of 3.15pm. Transport will also be at the usual time. Your child should come to school wearing their full school uniform and a warm waterproof coat and suitable walking shoes. This will be a full day visit, your child will also need a packed lunch and a drink (no fizzy drinks or glass bottles please). Your child will be provided with a school packed lunch if they currently receive FSM. It is very important if your child's medical information has changed that you inform school immediately. Please do still visit ParentPay to give consent for the trip, thank you.



Comic Relief - Red Nose Day Friday 21st March

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday 21st March. Children can wear red and we can do 'something funny for money!' a voluntary donation of 50p for wearing their own clothes will go straight to Comic Relief.

Eastway Explorers and Nursery Closure - Thursday 1st May

Due to Local Elections taking place on Thursday 1st May 2025 Eastway Explorers, Navigators and Nursery will not be open on this day as Wirral Borough Council will be using our school as a Polling Station. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Colder Weather

As the weather gets colder, we are encouraging our children to dress appropriately for outdoor play. They must have a coat and cardigan/ jumper in school every day. If you do not have any items, we have loads to give you for FREE! We have been donated lots of uniform, coats and shoes. Pop into the Family Hub to pick up what you need. Just as you are experiencing at home, we have been hit hard by the rising costs of energy. We have committed to ensure that our school remains warm and comfortable for our children as we know the importance of children being in an environment that promotes happiness and good conditions for learning. This cost of heating our school is phenomenal again this year but something that we have budgeted for. We also have windows open to ensure fresh air and good circulation to stop bugs from spreading at this time of year, so make sure your child has layers on if they feel the cold.



Attendance & Punctuality

As you know, at Eastway, we are committed to ensuring that every child makes the most of their learning opportunities. With this in mind, we kindly ask for your support in minimising any disruption to your child's education.

Wherever possible, we encourage families to arrange medical, dental or other appointments outside of the school day. This helps to ensure that children can fully participate in their lessons and continue to make progress without interruption.

We understand that in some cases, appointments during school hours are unavoidable. If this is the case, we kindly ask that you inform the school office in advance and aim to arrange them at the start or end of the school day to minimise time away from class. We would also expect evidence for any appointments, this may be in the form of a letter or text message.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we work together to provide the best learning experience for all our pupils.

If you have any questions or require further support, please don't hesitate to contact the school office on 0151 677 1235.

Valentines Cake Sale & World Book Day Costume Swap

Feel the love after school next Friday 14th February and buy a tasty treat on our key stage one playground after school or pick up a costume for World Book Day. If you have any costumes from previous years, please drop them into the Family Hub.

Mid-Year Reports

Class teachers are busy writing your child's Mid-Year Report. This will provide you with a quick view of how your child is doing, how they are working towards their end of year targets and how we are supporting in school. We will be having an open evening for you to pop in and see your child's work and speak with the class teacher. Mrs Harrison, SENCo and Mrs Dennett, Family Support will also be available in the school hall if you need any advice or guidance.

Things from Home

We know that some children need additional support and we make reasonable adaptations for all children as and when they need them. However, we must ensure that our school is a calm, orderly and germ free environment. Lots of items are coming into school and being lost, misplaced and shared with other children. This is a concern for many reasons. If your child needs anything for transition into school, to reduce anxiety or to help them focus, this must be approved by the headteacher and part of your child's SEND Plan. All stationery is provided by school and children do not need to bring anything in. We have also noted that lots of children are bringing in a wide range of bottles and many contain juice, these are a huge distraction in class and also not acceptable as a healthy school. Water only is provided during the day in school. All children have milk/milkshake at break time and juice at lunch. If your child has a medical condition and needs to drink something other than water, Mrs Harrison should have this information on a Health Care Plan and it must be approved by the Headteacher. Thank you for your support with this.

Toast and Swashbucklers Club

If you would like your child to attend Toast or Swashbuckler's Club, please book via ParentPay in advance. If it is less than 24 hours' notice then please still book by calling the school office.

We currently have children turning up that are not booked so our numbers are incorrect; we must ensure we have enough staff and food ordered.

Family Hub

We now have a regular Stay & Play session every Friday morning 9.30am-10.30am; 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. Family Hubs have teamed up with Solihull approach and now provide a brilliant platform for training. There are wide variety of different online courses available to suit everyone, complete at your own pleasure and it is completely free! Pick up a leaflet from the Family Hub to get yourself signed up.

Family Works

Mrs Billington would love to see Reception class families in school on Wednesday 12th February at 1.15pm in the Small Hall (Family Hub entrance). Your child will be taking part in a play called "THE ENORMOUS TURNIP", which introduces the FAMILY WORKS PROGRAMME. There will be a short talk about the programme before the play. We would like to invite you to stay after the play for refreshments followed by lots of fun activities for you and your child to take part in together as a taster session of the fantastic Family Works Programme.

We would then like to invite you to participate in the FAMILY WORKS PROGRAMME. We feel this programme is beneficial to all parents and carers of children in Reception. During the programme we look at practical and fun ways to help your child develop the skills that will enable him/her to be happy and successful in school. Your child will join you each week for part of the session.

The sessions will be on Wednesday afternoons in the Small Hall on the following dates:

Week 2: Wednesday 5th March

Week 3: Wednesday 19th March

Week 4: Wednesday 26th March

Week 5: Wednesday 2nd April

Week 6: Wednesday 23rd April

Week 7: Wednesday 30th April

Week 8: Wednesday 7th May

Week 9: Wednesday 14th May

Week 10 Wednesday 21st May

All sessions start at 1.15pm and finish by 3.15pm.

Refreshments will be provided. We look forward to you and your child joining us on this amazing Family



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 you diary 2025		
	Monday 3 rd February	Year 3 Family Quiz 2:30pm
	Tuesday 4 th February	Year 2 Family Quiz 2:30pm
	Monday 10 th February	Year 1 Family Quiz 2:30pm
	Friday 14 th February	Valentine's Day Cake Sale World Book Day Costume Sale
	Friday 14 th February	Last Day of Term (Please check MCAS app permissions)
	Monday 17 th February-Friday 21 st February	February Half Term

Spring Term 2 2025	Monday 24 th February	Children Return to School
	Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
	Friday 21 st March	Comic Relief
	Thursday 3 rd April	Church Service-Year 3 & Year 4 (awaiting confirmation from church)
	Friday 4 th April	LAST DAY OF TERM-SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1.30PM (Please check MCAS app permissions)
	Monday 7 th April-Monday 21 st April	Easter Holidays
Summer Term 1 2025	Monday 21 st April	Easter Monday- School Closed
	Tuesday 22 nd April	Children Return to School
	Thursday 1 st May	Polling Station-School Closed to EYFS Children
	Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday-School Closed
	Tuesday 13 th May-Friday 16 th May	Year 6 End of Key Stage Two SATs
	Friday 23 rd May	Sports Day
	Friday 23 rd May	LAST DAY OF TERM
	Monday 26 th May-Friday 30 th May	Spring Holidays
Summer Term 2 2025	Monday 2 nd June	Children Return to School
	Monday 2 nd June-Friday 6 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Table Check Tests
	Monday 9 th June-Friday 13 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Tests
	Friday 4 th July	Non-Uniform Day-Bring a bottle
	Friday 11 th July	Summer Fair
	Wednesday 16 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
	Wednesday 16 th July	End of Year Disco & Year 6 Prom
	Tuesday 22 nd July	School Closes for Summer Holidays at 1:30pm
	Friday 11 th July	Summer Fair
	Wednesday 16 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly End of Year Disco Year 6 Prom
Tuesday 22 nd July	LAST DAY OF TERM- SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1:30pm	

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

