



# EASTWAY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER APRIL 2025



*As we approach the end of this term, and my final few days as headteacher at Eastway, I wanted to take this time to look back over my last 8 years, reflect on all the positive and recall all the fond memories that I have. It has been a challenging start to this school year as I have balanced managing my ongoing ill health alongside supporting the team in school. I am incredibly grateful to have such a wonderful team who have continued to work so hard and be fully committed to the school. A special mention to Mr Thomas, Mr Saunderson and Mrs Brown who have been leading the school this half term, I think you will all agree- they have done us proud! A special thanks also to Mrs Dennett and Mrs Harrison for stepping up to help. I want to thank all our Eastway families past and present for allowing me to make such fantastic memories with your children. It truly has been an honour and privilege to lead the school and I will never forget my time at Eastway. Mrs Morris.*

## Headteacher Tea Party

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April we welcome parents join us at 9:15am in the main school hall. This will be a chance to say goodbye to Mrs Morris, current headteacher, and meet Mrs Benson, our new headteacher. We look forward to seeing many of you there. Tea, coffee and cake will be provided.

## Parking/ Dropping off

If you're driving your child to school please make sure you park safely, legally and considerately. Please don't park across household driveways near schools and always park safely. We don't want to see anyone hurt. It is illegal to park on 'School Keep Clear' markings, zig zag markings or double yellow lines. If you do have any concerns about road safety outside of school or parking issues, please speak to leaders who are available on the gates each morning or drop an email to [schooloffice@eastway.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@eastway.wirral.sch.uk). We can request support to monitor.



## Easter Service

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April we would like to invite families of children in Year 3 and 4 to join us for this service at 9.30am. The service will last for around 40 minutes. All children in these year groups must attend school on time and be well presented in full school uniform as they will be representing Eastway during the service.

## Easter Egg Tombola

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April we will be holding an Easter Egg Tombola at the end of the school day in the main hall at 3:15pm, please enter via Gate C.

## Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Last day of term is **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April** and school closes at **1:30pm**. We have consent for your end of term arrangements already saved on your My Child at School account. Please check your MCAS account and ensure all permissions for early closure are correct and up to date. If you require your child to stay until 3:15pm or our Swashbucklers after school club please book a place on via ParentPay or call school office.

## MCAS App

We have our MyChildAtSchool [MCAS] portal enabling you to view your child's Attendance and other information in real-time via a web browser and App. To login to the MCAS Parent Portal you will need to have a valid e-mail address registered with the school. An email will be sent to all parents/carers who are listed as being a Priority 1 or 2 contact and who are legally entitled to see this information. This email will provide the details of how to securely log in and set a password and security information. Please email the school office if you need to update your email address or make any changes to the Priority 1 or 2 contacts for your child.

Web Browser App a link to an introductory video providing a step by step guide to logging in and using your account is provided here. Additional guidance documents are available at: <https://docs.bromcom.com/articlecategories/for-parents/>. All school correspondence is now via the MCAS app, it is important that you download the app to keep up to date with important information and key dates at school. All your parental permissions can be accessed via the app.

## Easter Holidays

A reminder that school is fully closed over the Easter holidays and as Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April is a Bank Holiday for Easter Monday, school will reopen on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April for all children.

## We are open to Eastway Explorers, Navigators and Nursery Closure

We originally communicated that Early Years would be closed on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May to accommodate the polling station. We can now confirm there will be no polling taking place this year and school will be open as usual.



## Bank Holiday Monday

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May is a Bank Holiday so school will be closed as usual. We hope you have a lovely long weekend and enjoy some quality family time. School will reopen on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May for all children.

## Year 6 SATs Test week- 12th May- 15th May

As you may be aware, Year 6 have been working extremely hard to prepare for their statutory tests at the end of the year. The SATs week will take place from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May. **ALL CHILDREN MUST BE IN SCHOOL.** Year 6 will be invited into school early for a special breakfast each day to help them prepare for the day. Children can come into school from 8.30am via the Family Centre gate and go straight to the Feastway Canteen for breakfast.



## Sports Day

We will have our annual whole school Sports Day! Families are welcome to join us on the sports field from 1pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. This will be weather permitting.



## Summer Fair

Eastway will be holding our annual Summer Fair on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July. We are hoping to hold our fair on key stage one playground if the weather is kind to us but we need your help! We are looking for donations for our huge raffle no matter how big or small, please get in touch if you are able to help. All donations are very much appreciated. We are also now taking bookings for stall holders, if you would like a stall please get in touch with Mrs West in our school office.

### Staffing Update

We have loved welcoming our new teachers- Miss Hardisty Year 3 and Miss Billington Year 5 and are so pleased that they will stay with us until the end of the year. We will also say a sad farewell to Mr Monks this week as he leaves to join a new school after Easter. He has completed an amazing 7 years with us and has made a fantastic contribution to our school and expertly supported so many of our children. He will be greatly missed. We wish him good luck.

### School Uniform & High Standards

Children are now welcome to wear summer Eastway Uniform- grey shorts, red polo tops or red gingham summer dresses, red cardigans/ jumpers only. Please note that children should NOT wear sandals or trainers- black school shoes only. Earrings and jewellery must also be removed for school and strictly no makeup or nail varnish. We have exceptionally high standards for presentation at Eastway and will support you if you feel you need financial assistance in making sure your child is in full uniform. We have a limited amount of summer uniform available in our Family Centre. Pop in and see Mrs Jones for anything you need.

### Items from Home

We have a large amount of toys, make-up, sweets, chewing gum, fidgets etc. coming into school daily. As you can appreciate this causes a lot of disruption in class and often fall outs between the children. Children have all they need in school. If you have any questions regarding this or feel some items are necessary due to additional needs or reflect your child's plan- please speak to staff.

### Water Bottles

Now the weather is getting warmer the children will need a water bottle in school daily, they can refill their water from our water stations around school. You can purchase a water bottle from the main school office for £1.00 each.

**A reminder that drinks brought into school should be water only, no juice or fizzy drinks.**

### Early Risers and Swashbucklers Club

If you would like your child to attend Early Risers 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.

### Communication

A reminder that if you have any concerns about your child, you should always contact their class teacher in the first instance. They have class email addresses that they will pick up between 8:30am and 4:15pm daily. Please note that if it is regarding absence from school then you need to let the school office know 0151 677 1235 option 1.

### Family Works

As you know our sessions started on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Your child took part in a play called "THE ENORMOUS TURNIP", which introduces the 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 sessions.

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

Week 8: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Week 9: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May

Week 10 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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. Wirral schools are currently consulting and agreeing term dates for 2025/26 and we will let you know when they published.

Upcoming Events & dates for you diary 2025		
	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Church Service-Year 3 & Year 4 9:30am
	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Tombola 3:15pm Main Hall enter via Gate C
	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	LAST DAY OF TERM-SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1.30PM (Please check MCAS app permissions)
	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April-Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Summer Term 1	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Monday- School Closed
	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Children Return to School
	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>WHOLE SCHOOL OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN</b> - School will not be used for a Polling Station
	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday-School Closed
	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May-Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 End of Key Stage Two SATs
	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Sports Day
	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	LAST DAY OF TERM
	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May-Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Spring Holidays
	Summer Term 2 2025	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June-Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 4 Multiplication Table Check Tests
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June-Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Tests
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June		Class Photographs and Year 6 Leavers Photographs
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July		Non-Uniform Day-Bring a bottle
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July		Summer Fair
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July		Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July		End of Year Disco & Year 6 Prom
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July		School Closes for Summer Holidays 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

