# EASTLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

## MID NOVEMBER 2026

Hello all, as we move into the middle of November, there has certainly been a noticeable change in the weather, with colder days and darker nights now upon us. Please can you make sure children come to school with a warm coat every day so that they can continue to enjoy learning and playtime comfortably outdoors. We have seen a real bout of poorly children sweep through the school, so please continue to take care and help us minimise the spread of illness wherever possible.

The excitement of the Christmas season is beginning to build across Eastlands, with children already starting to learn songs and receive their performance parts. Costume information will be coming home soon, so please keep an eye out for this. Our PSA Christmas Raffle tickets have been sent home. Thank you so much for supporting this important fundraiser by returning your tickets. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 4th December at 3.30pm in the school hall, and everyone is welcome to join us.

Finally, thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our recent TLC meetings. It was wonderful to see so many of you in school. We have also been delighted by the fantastic response to our parent survey and we will share the findings with you in a future newsletter once the results have been fully analysed.

**Term Dates:**

**Friday 20th November** Year 2 Celebration Assembly
**Friday 27th November** Year 1 Celebration Assembly
**Tuesday 1st December** Rock Steady performance 2:30pm
**Tuesday 1st December** Year R & Nursery Theatre visitors in school am
**Wednesday 2nd December** Y1 -Y6 visit the Belgrade - Beauty and the Beast Panto
**Friday 4th December** PSA Christmas Raffle - coloured boxes/non uniform day 3:30pm (hall)
**Tuesday 8th December** Y1 Interactive Nativity at Paddox
**Thursday 10th December** - Save the Children - Christmas jumper Day/Santa Dash
**Monday 14th December** EYFS Christmas Performance 9:15am
**Monday 14th December** Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Performance 2pm
**Tuesday 15th December** Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 9:15am
**Tuesday 15th December** Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Performance - 2pm
**Wednesday 16th December** School Christmas Dinner Day
**Thursday 17th December** Rugby Elim - Christmas perfomance (Temple Speech Rooms)
**Friday 18th December** Last day in school.
**Wednesday January 6th 2027**- Children return to school (Please note Monday & Tuesday are Teacher training days)

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## Attendance

November attendance so far- Whole school -93.2 %

R– 95.9%
Y1–89.7 %
Y2–92.3%
Y3– 94.7%
Y4–89.6%
Y5– 94.1%
Y6– 96%

Overall attendance for the Whole school was averaging at 96.4**%**
This is **just above** our Target of **96%** which is fabulous. Please help us to keep this % high or higher yet by ensuring your child's attendance is good or better.




To all our children who celebrate their birthdays in **November**
**Rec-** Noah, Layla, Logan, Adam, Dexter
**Yr 1-**Birdie, Jacob, Amogh
**Yr 2**-Samarth, Aadam
**Yr 3**-Florence
**Yr 4**-Felicity
**Yr 5**- Imani, Ellie, Maveesh
**Yr 6**- Heidi, Leo, Durphine, Amelie, Yashwanth, Greyson.

# Big thanks from Pudsey




A huge thank you to everyone who supported BBC Children in Need on 13th November. Thanks to your generosity, Eastlands Primary School will be sending £214.13 to this wonderful cause, which is a fantastic achievement.
We would also like to give a special mention to one of our pupils who was inspired by the appeal and decided to continue fundraising over the weekend. On Saturday morning, he set up his own little shop outside his home, selling his drawings and sweets to raise money for Children in Need. Through his hard work and determination, he raised an incredible £37, which he proudly brought into school on Monday. The idea was entirely his own, and he spent nearly two hours outside raising funds for others. We are incredibly proud of the kindness, initiative and resilience he has shown. What a wonderful example of our school values in action!




Eastlands was transformed into a sea of yellow and spots as children and staff came together to support BBC Children in Need. It was wonderful to see everyone embracing the occasion and helping to raise money for such an important cause.
One of the highlights of the day was our Strictly Come Dancing Challenge, where every child took part in learning and performing a dance routine. The challenge was a huge success and great fun to watch, with plenty of enthusiasm, smiles and impressive dance moves on display!

A big thank you goes to all the children and staff who threw themselves into the event with such energy and encouragement. A special mention must go to Mrs Dickson-Davies who, through teaching PE each afternoon, became remarkably skilled at the routine. Her enthusiasm was infectious and, after seeing her performance, we think she may well have a future on Strictly Come Dancing herself!







# PSA Christmas Raffle Reminder

A gentle reminder that our much-loved Eastlands PSA Christmas Raffle is fast approaching. Raffle tickets have already been sent home and we would be grateful if families could support the appeal if they are able. The raffle boxes have become a wonderful Eastlands tradition and help to raise valuable funds that directly benefit the children in our school.
On **Friday 4th December**, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform and bring an item to contribute to the raffle boxes. We are incredibly grateful for any donations received.
The raffle will be drawn at **3:30pm** in the school hall, and parents and carers are warmly invited to join us. It is always a lovely occasion and, if you're lucky, you may even leave with one of our fantastic raffle prizes! Thank you, as always, to our dedicated PSA volunteers and to all families for your continued support.




# Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day and Eastlands Santa Dash - 10.12.26

On **Thursday 10th December,** children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers to support Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. To add to the festive fun, Miss Evans will be organising an Eastlands 'Santa Dash' for all children to take part in during the school day. We thought it would be wonderful to have this event so that all of our children can join in the excitement and enjoy a fun, active festive challenge together.

We are very mindful that families have already been generously supporting several fundraising events recently, including BBC Children in Need, our own PSA raffle and the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. As always, any donations for Save the Children are entirely optional, and we are incredibly grateful for the kindness and generosity our school community continues to show in supporting worthwhile causes throughout the year.

# Music provision at Eastlands






We are delighted to announce that Eastlands Primary School has once again been awarded the Music Mark Certificate of Recognition for Dedication and Improvement. This award celebrates our commitment to providing a high-quality music education for all pupils and recognises the work we do to ensure that every child has the opportunity to develop their musical skills, confidence and creativity.

Music plays an important role in school life at Eastlands. All children take part in weekly National Curriculum music lessons, while pupils in Years 3 and 4 benefit from bespoke weekly recorder lessons as well as Warwickshire Music Service weekly keyboard lessons, helping children develop instrumental skills and a love of performance. In addition, all pupils have the opportunity to join a Rocksteady Rock Band, taking part in paid weekly music lessons where they can learn an instrument and perform as part of a band. If you would like more information about Rocksteady, please contact the school office.

We are incredibly proud of this achievement and of the wide range of musical opportunities available to our pupils. We look forward to continuing to develop music across the school and inspiring the next generation of musicians.

# Safe and Active travel

Thank you for your continued support in encouraging children to travel safely and actively to school. Eastlands is proud to be part of the Living Streets WOW Walk to School Challenge, the UK's largest walk-to-school initiative, with more than 2,000 schools taking part nationwide. We are therefore delighted to share that, for Autumn 2026, Eastlands Primary School ranked 4th in England for active travel participation.

This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the commitment of our children and families to choose healthier, more sustainable ways to travel to and from school. Thank you for helping us to promote positive habits while reducing traffic and improving air quality around our school.

*Congratulations!*

