



Eastbury Primary News

020 8477 9910
www.eps.barking-dagenham.sch.uk
office@eps.barking-dagenham.sch.uk
[@eastburyprimary](https://twitter.com/eastburyprimary)

Eastbury Manor event



Eastbury Manor House

Free live music

May Day

Sunday 5 May, 11am to 4pm, free event

Free Maypole dancing

Join us to celebrate May Day as the Tudor's once did.



For more information:
www.eastburymanorhouse.org.uk








Good luck to our year 2 and year 6 children!

Over the next three weeks the children in year 2 and year 6 will be sitting their SATs tests. At Eastbury, we do not want our children to become anxious about these tests – but your support and encouragement is really valuable in helping them to do their best. Further information about the SATs tests is on pages 2 and 3, including the test timetables and suggestions about how you can support your child.

Panathlon

On the 30th of April, eight children from year 3 and 5 were taken to the Barking and Dagenham Primary panathlon at Becontree Leisure centre. They came third and were very proud to show their medals on their journey back. Go Eastbury!

Star footballer: Alex in 4D

Congratulations to Alex in 4D who has been selected to represent West Ham Under 9s in the Torcy Cup, which is being held in Paris in May. Good luck in the tournament, Alex!



Year 2 SATs

The year 2 children started on Wednesday and their tests will continue for the rest of this half-term (with the exception of year 6 SATs week).

During this time, the children take the following tests:

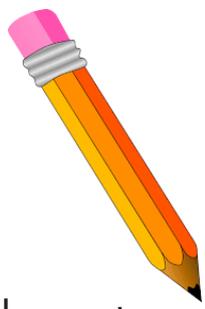
Test	Content	Date
Grammar, punctuation and spelling	20 spellings and 20 grammar/punctuation questions (this is an optional test)	Wednesday 1st May and Thursday 2nd May
Maths arithmetic	25 calculation questions (+, -, x, ÷ and fractions)	Tuesday 7th May
Maths reasoning	30 questions of various reasoning problems across the maths curriculum	Wednesday 8th May and Thursday 9th May
Reading paper 1	Text and questions on each page	Monday 20th May and Tuesday 21st May
Reading paper 2	Reading booklet and separate answer booklet	Wednesday 22nd May and Thursday 23rd May
Writing	This will be teacher assessed with a final judgement in June	See below

Teachers will use the results from these tests, along with the work your child has done throughout the year, to help them reach their own judgements about how your child is progressing at the end of Key Stage 1. These teacher assessment judgements will be reported to you by the end of the summer term.

Year 6 SATs

The year 6 SATs tests are from Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May. The timetable is as follows:

Test	Content	Date
Grammar, punctuation and spelling	50 grammar/punctuation/vocabulary questions and 20 spellings	Monday 13th May
Reading	Three reading passages, each followed by a range of comprehension questions	Tuesday 14th May
Maths arithmetic	36 calculation questions (+, -, x, ÷ and fractions, percentages and decimals)	Wednesday 15th May
Maths reasoning paper 1	A range of reasoning problems across the maths curriculum	Wednesday 15th May



At the end of the summer term you will receive test results for

- English grammar, punctuation and spelling
- English reading
- mathematics

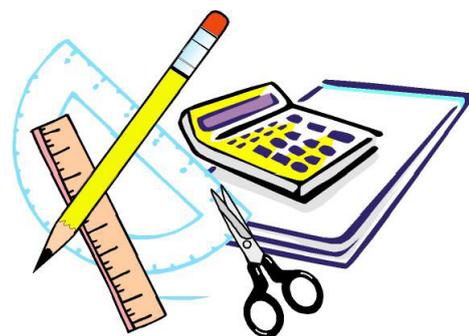
As there is no test for English writing, this will be reported as a teacher assessment judgement. This is a judgement teachers will make, based on your child's work at the end of Key Stage 2. You will also receive a teacher assessment judgement for science.

What can you do to help your child?

We want every child in year 2 and year 6 to reach their full potential in these tests. As a parent or carer, you can provide vital support in doing this.

You can help in the following ways:

- ensure your child has outstanding attendance and punctuality
- ensure that they do not stay up late the night before a test
- ensure they have a good breakfast on the day of the tests (if they are not having breakfast at school)
- access practice tests online to see the types of questions at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials>
- read with your child at home everyday and ask them questions about the story and characters
- support your child with homework (including any SATs revision guides given out by class teachers), spellings and learning times tables
- practise writing tasks with a focus on handwriting, spelling and punctuation (letters, book reviews, diary entries, write about what they did at the weekend, stories, instructions, information sheets)
- reassure your child that they just need to try their best and not to worry!



Stars of the Week Certificates

Every week one child to be the star of the week is selected from each class and receives a certificate in assembly. These certificates celebrate how that child has demonstrated one or more of the Eastbury values: creativity, respect, aiming high, teamwork, enjoyment and resilience.

This week's stars are listed in the table below - well done to all of them! Going forward, we will include the names of the stars of the week in each newsletter.

Grace	RA	for being a great mathematician.
Mariya	RB	for challenging herself solving problems including doubling.
Fatima	RC	for settling in RC so well and joining in all activities nicely.
Jonny	RD	for working well in literacy and using his phonics to improve his sentences
Absi	1A	for showing good understanding with place value in Mathematics.
Yvonne	1B	for making a fantastic over the holidays.
Maya	1C	for trying her very best in phonics.
Alex	1D	for his great maths work.
Hassan	2A	for displaying positive behaviour and independent learning during our ICT lesson.
Binul	2B	for fantastic maths work.
Dariush	2C	for working super hard in his reading interventions.
Muskan	2D	for writing an amazing character description in English.
Eva	3A	for being a great buddy to a new pupil and instructing her in all things Eastbury.
Harvey	3B	for making excellent progress in reading and always trying his best.
Amera	3C	for always being on task and presenting her work with pride.
Elif	3D	for making a great start in her new class and always contributing in the class discussion.
Dillon	4A	for applying concentrated effort to his literacy work, showing great improvements.
James	4B	for being a very helpful member of 4B and using his initiative to ensure his working environment is always tidy.
Jaida	4C	for showing excellent resilience in improving her standard of work in literacy.
Tia	4D	for working hard to improving her behaviour in class.
Reegan	5A	for improving is maths presentation.
Lamiah	5B	for improving her presentation in books.
Zaheer	5C	for trying his best in literacy and extending his sentences using conjunctions.
Amy	5D	for her hard work in guided reading and science.
Ruth	6A	for always trying her hardest in every aspect of her learning and not only being a good role model for her class but for the school.
Hafeez	6B	for the fantastic improvement he has made in maths over the course of the year. His hard work is really paying off. Well done!
Kristina	6C	for challenging herself with her writing, and showing perseverance when it is challenging.
Irina	6D	for the great effort put in her revision work.
Zain	6E	for staying focused and putting a lot of effort into his work.
Claudia	ARP	for trying hard in all lessons and helping her friends.

Every newsletter we share some of the children's rights set out in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. This issue we have Articles 13 to 15.

Article 13

You have the right to find out things and share what you think with others, by talking, drawing, writing or in any other way unless it harms or offends other people.

Article 14

You have the right to choose your own religion and beliefs. Your parents should help you decide what is right and wrong, and what is best for you.

Article 15

You have the right to choose your own friends and join or set up groups, as long as it isn't harmful to others.

Term Dates:

May

Monday 6th: Bank holiday

Friday 10th: Year 1 St Georges Day Assembly

Monday 13th - Thursday 16th: Year 6 Sats test

Thursday 23rd: Nursey closed

June

Monday 3rd: Return back to school

Wednesday 5th: Eid holiday school closed

Friday 28th June: Friends of Eastbury Summer Picnic

Wednesday 24th: Last day of term

Year 6 enjoy university taster day

On 26th April, a group of year 6 children visited the Greenwich TeachFirst site to meet university students and hear first hand what university life is like. The children had the opportunity to look around the prestigious TeachFirst offices, participate in a range of lessons and give feedback on six lessons.

We were extremely proud of their confidence and maturity presenting what makes a "good teacher" and giving strengths and areas of development for each individual lesson. Well done to the children, who are clearly Ofsted inspectors in the making!

Barking Abbey children visit to raise aspirations

Before the Easter holiday, a group of year 7 children from Barking Abbey visited year 6 to talk to the Eastbury children about what it is like at secondary school and to answer their questions.

The discussions really helped to motivate the children to think about their futures – not only in secondary school, but beyond. At the end of the session, the Eastbury children wrote down what they would like to do in their future careers.

Nursery closed on 23rd May

A reminder to all our Nursery parents and carers that the nursery will be closed on Thursday 23rd May because it is being

used as a polling station for the European Parliament elections. The closure will not affect the rest of the school and all other years from Reception to year 6 will be open as usual.

Ramadan

The Muslim holy month of Ramadan starts this bank holiday weekend. We understand that when children reach puberty they are expected to fast (children under the age of puberty are not expected to fast). However, to ensure that all children continue to learn to the best of their ability during Ramadan, we recommend that children fast at weekends and during the half-term holiday, rather than on school days.

We wrote in more detail to parents and carers about Ramadan earlier this week and attached a slip for you to complete and return to your class teacher if your child will be fasting. A copy of the letter is on the school website. For families observing Ramadan may we wish you Ramadan ul-Mubarak.

Votes for Schools

Last week's Votes for Schools topic was 'Should we have three-day weekend?'. Pupils discussed the impact that a three-day weekend could have on families and work-life balance and (perhaps unsurprisingly!) voted in favour by 82% to 18%. This composes to 78% and 22% nationally.

This week's topics are 'Is it fair to shut down a city over climate change?' (for Key Stage 2) and 'Would you go to a protest about climate change?' (for Key Stage 1). We will let you have the results in the next newsletter.

We would like to thank all the parents who already discuss the 'Votes for Schools' topics with their children as this is a great opportunity to develop children's speaking skills as well as their awareness of current affairs.

'Gangs and Negative Youth Culture' Awareness Workshops

The Police and the Youth Offending Service are running a workshop on 'Gangs and Negative Youth Culture Awareness' on Thursday 30th May between 10am and 12pm. The venue is Roycraft House, 15 Linton Road (entrance in George Street), Barking IG11 8HE.

At the workshop, they will talk about gangs and negative friendship groups, child exploitation, drugs, knives, violence and the peer pressure that young people may feel they are under. They will discuss how they can support parents and ways in which you can help prevent your child from engaging in negative behaviour.

If you would like to attend the workshop, please contact DC Anoushka Dunic at anoushak.dunic@met.police.uk or telephone 07769642015.