



27th March 2026

A Farewell Message from Miss Olver

I can't believe that this is my last newsletter as headteacher at East Meon School. The last two and a bit years have flown by and the reality of leaving still hasn't sunk in.

I feel so lucky and privileged to have had the opportunity to lead such a fantastic school. A school with a team of staff who are incredibly dedicated to their job and do everything they can to support the pupils. A school where families, friends and community members come together to raise money, volunteer time and get fully involved in further improving the school. And finally, a school with such an amazing group of pupils—who smile, work hard, enjoy learning and show kindness to one another.

Last night, when I was thinking about what to write today, I took the opportunity to reflect on some of the things we have achieved, as a whole school team, during my time at the school:

- New Phonics Scheme—lovely books, children more engaged in reading and phonics screening results continually improving;
- Grounds Day—the whole community coming together and getting to know each other;
- OFSTED—a fantastic report showing off the amazing school we are;
- Forest School—introducing this for all pupils as part of our curriculum and creating a beautiful, dedicated area for this with help from FEMS;
- Sports—raising the profile of sports and PE across the school, achieving our Gold School Games mark and so many children attending sporting events;
- Improving SEN provision—significant staff training, purchasing of resources and securing funding to recruit more staff to offer support for those who need it.

I know there is so much more, but these are a few highlights. A huge thank you to everyone who has helped with these developments and improvements.

Today will be a very difficult day for me, filled with emotion, as I have to say goodbye to children, staff, families and the East Meon community. Thank you to everyone who has supported me during my time as head—I really do appreciate everything everyone has done to help me along the way.

I wish the entire East Meon School community all the best for the future.

Lots of love, Miss Olver x

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Dates for your Diary:

Mon 30th March – Mon 13th April Easter Holidays and INSET Day

Tues 14th April—First Day Back and Y5 Forest School (final session)

Sun 3rd May—East Meon Village May Fair

Sat 16th May—East Meon Regatta (Boat Race)

Forest School Update

Apologies that we had to cancel the Year 5 Forest School session on Tuesday. We have re-scheduled this for Tuesday 14th April. This will be the last session for Year 5.

It will be Year 2's turn for Forest School next half term and they will have their first session on Tuesday 21st April. Please make sure that consent forms are returned ready for this.

Explorers Trip to Southampton Art Gallery

On Wednesday 25th March, Explorers Class visited Southampton Art Gallery. They took part in some different workshops which linked to their current topic on Ancient Greece. They listened to Ancient Greek myths, made Medusa heads out of clay and explored the gallery. A huge thank you Ms Stephens for organising and to Mrs Smith, Mrs Bettles-Hall, Miss Powney and Mrs Davies for helping.



FEMS Update

A huge thank you to everyone who donated sweets for last week's non-uniform day.

There are two very important upcoming dates for your diary. Please make sure that you keep these free so that you can support FEMS in raising funds for our school:

Sunday 3rd May—East Meon Village May Fair

Saturday 16th May—East Meon Regatta (Boat Race) at the River



The Friends of East Meon School presents

EAST MEON REGATTA

£1 per duck

SATURDAY 16TH MAY 11:30 AM - 3PM



Riverside events 11:30 - 15:00

- Food and refreshments
- Games stalls
- Boat races
- Lucky dip
- 'Duck dump'

Registration 11:30
Race starts 13:00
'Duck Dump' 14:15
Prize Giving 14:45

Class 1: Based on 1L plastic milk bottle
Class 2: Based on aluminium foil food tray
Class 3: Open - no restrictions

£3 per boat

ALL FUNDS RAISED SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

Full class specs/rules can be found on:
www.eastmeonmatters.com
Please park in the main village car park.

EAST MEON MAYFAIR

SUNDAY 3RD MAY FROM 12 NOON

Maypole Dancing

Bouncy Castle

Stalls, Food & Tea

Beer Tent

Brass Band & Live music

Fair games

Allsorts Motor club

THE GREAT FUN DOG SHOW

Something for everyone!

East Meon Village Hall