



Love, Courage, Hope



1st May 2026

Good afternoon, families of East Meon,

As we reach the end of my third week at East Meon, the sunshine has certainly helped lift everyone's spirits. The warmer weather has brought a real sense of joy across the school, and it has been wonderful to see the children making the most of it.

Last weekend, Alice and Orla from Explorers showed a beautiful example of our values in action. With the sun beaming down, they set up their very own lemonade stand and chose to give out drinks for free. Their kindness, bravery in taking the initiative, and optimism throughout the afternoon were a true reflection of Love, Courage and Hope. We are incredibly proud of them.

This week has also been full of rich learning experiences. Adventurers enjoyed a local walk around the village, using their literacy skills to describe different places they visited. Their thoughtful observations and descriptive language brought each location to life.

We were also treated to some very special visitors. Lambs from Farmer Joe's farm made a delightful appearance, much to the children's excitement. Not to be outdone, Miss Goodship introduced us to her newly hatched chicks, which sparked plenty of curiosity and gentle hands-on learning.

In Forest School, the children embraced outdoor exploration with den-building and time around the fire. Their teamwork, creativity and enthusiasm were clear to see.

We also enjoyed some delicious meals prepared by Roxie and Sarah this week. From BBQ chicken to pizza to roast chicken, the children have certainly been well fed. If you'd like to see what's coming up next, the full menu is available on our school website.

Looking ahead, we are very excited about the upcoming May Fair. Our children will be taking part in the traditional May King and Queen parade, followed by Maypole dancing and a series of races. All children attending the fair are warmly invited to join in the races—just come and find me on the day to register. We will also be inviting parents and other adults to lace up their running shoes and take part in a race of their own. It will be great fun to see who claims the title of the fastest in East Meon.

Thank you once again for your continued support and for the warmth you have shown me during these early weeks. It is a privilege to be part of this community, and I look forward to all that lies ahead.

Wishing you a restful and sunny weekend.

Warmest wishes,

Marcel Penarroja

Headteacher



### Dates for your Diary:

**Fri 1st May** FEMS (PTA) Mufti Day  
**Sun 3rd May**—East Meon Village May Fair  
**Mon 4th May**— May Bank Holiday  
**Fri 8th May** Explorers trip to Fishbourne Palace  
**Mon 11th-Thurs 14th May** SATs (Year 6)  
**Sat 16th May**— East Meon Regatta

### Stars of the Week

Explorers: Harry and William  
Adventurers: Bonnie and Joe  
Explorers: Leo and Amber  
Voyagers Bradley and Lyla



### FEMS Update

Uniform Swap - Thank You! Thank you to everyone who donated uniform recently. We had an overflow of girls' items (still plenty left!) but far fewer boys' bits — clearly they wear theirs out well. It was lovely to see so many pieces being taken home and remember, everything is always FREE. We've built up lots of 3-5 year items that rarely get taken, so FEMS has donated two bags (girls and boys) to the nursery to support children moving up to our school in September. The nursery was delighted and very grateful. You can donate uniform at any time, and you're always welcome to ask to look through our stock if you need something. Just speak to me or your WhatsApp FEMS rep..

**Discoverers** have been seen lots of animals come to their class the. We had three lambs on Tuesday and four chicks on Thursday! How exciting!

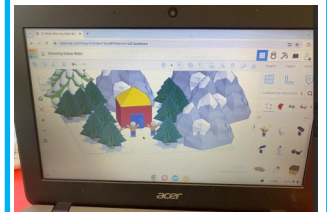


### Forest School

In Forest School the children made bows and arrows, and collaborated brilliantly to create dens from large logs.



**Voyagers.** created 3d models using Tinker-cad in Computing and explored gravity, using Newton meters in science.



Here are some photos of the Adventurers local walk and the learning in their Enhanced Provision:



**Email:** [adminoffice@eastmeon.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@eastmeon.hants.sch.uk)

**Website:** [www.eastmeon.hants.sch.uk](http://www.eastmeon.hants.sch.uk)

**Address:** East Meon C of E (Controlled) Primary School  
Chapel Street, East Meon, Petersfield, GU32 1NR

**Telephone:** 01730 823218 **Headteacher:** Mr M Penarroja

Did you guess the storybook character from page 1?