



Love, Courage, Hope

8th May 2026

Good afternoon, families of East Meon,

It has been another uplifting week at East Meon, full of sunshine, hard work and those small but powerful moments that remind us what a special community we belong to.

I had the pleasure of welcoming our Stars of the Week, along with Orla and Alice, for a special Headteacher's Reward. We shared cookies and juice while celebrating the kindness, effort and resilience they have shown in living out our school values of Love, Courage and Hope.

It was truly heartwarming to see so many East Meon families come out to support the village at the May Fair. The sense of community was unmistakable, and our children shone throughout the afternoon. A special thank you goes to our wonderful Maypole dancers and to Ms Stephens, whose choreography and encouragement helped them perform with such confidence. Well done also to everyone who took part in the races – your enthusiasm added so much joy to the day.

Our Explorers enjoyed a fantastic visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace on Friday. They explored the remarkable mosaics, learned about Roman life and impressed staff with their thoughtful questions. It was wonderful to see their curiosity sparked as they connected classroom learning with real historical artefacts.

Next week marks an important milestone for our Year 6 pupils, who will be sitting their SATs. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and the maturity they have shown in preparing for these assessments. We wish them every success as they approach the week with confidence and courage.

To support the smooth running of SATs, we will be using several spaces across the school. As a result, Year 5 will follow a special, unique timetable during the morning test sessions. Once each day's test has finished, they will return to their usual learning.

Thank you for your continued support. Each week brings new moments of pride, joy and community spirit, and it is a privilege to share them with you. Have a wonderful weekend.

Warmest wishes,

Marcel Penarroja
Headteacher



Dates for your Diary:

Mon 11th-Thurs 14th May SATs (Year 6)
Fri 15th May FEMS in to help with boat building
Sat 16th May— East Meon Regatta
Fri 22nd—Mon 25th May—Flower Festival
Mon 25th—Fri 29th May— Half term
Mon 1st June Inset
Tues 2nd— Fri 5th June Y4 Times Tables Check

Stars of the Week

Explorers: Rupert
Adventurers: Willow and Henry Baker
Explorers: Fletcher and Freddie P
Voyagers: Hattie and Oscar



Photos from the May Fair



Here are some photos of the Adventurers learning this week. The children were exploring Victorian artefacts and learning about school life in the Victorian times. They were looking at toys, threading, writing on slates and playing playground games.



Forest School

In Forest School Year 2 were using a range of tools including saws, drills and hammers to make their own creations.



FEMS Update

FEMS would like to thank all of the families that attended the May Fair and our FEMS games. The games raised just over £270 for the school. Also, please be reminded that the Regatta is on Saturday 16th May. Children have the choice to wear their favourite trainers on Friday 15th May. On that day, please can they also bring in a £1 coin to cover the cost for some of the boat building materials and choose a duck for the Duck Dump, as well as bringing in a two-pint milk bottle to make a boat out of.

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