



Love, Courage, Hope

24th April 2026

Good afternoon, families and friends of East Meon,

As we move further into the term, I wanted to share some reflections from the week and highlight a few moments that have brought our school community together.

We were pleased to welcome Father Tony for Collective Worship, where he concluded the Easter Story with the children. His message about Jesus rising from the dead invited them to think about the power of belief—belief in hope, in renewal, and in the possibility of positive change. The children listened with real focus, and it was encouraging to see how thoughtfully they engaged with the themes he explored.

In our other Collective Worship, we listened to the story of Solomon, who was asked by God what he wished for. Solomon chose wisdom so that he could serve others well, rather than seeking something for himself. Together, we reflected on what it means to make wise choices and how our words, actions, and decisions shape the kind of community we create each day. The children shared thoughtful ideas about how they can show wisdom in their friendships and learning.

Our school value, courage, also guides my own leadership. I am committed to developing a curriculum that is ambitious, engaging and accessible to every learner. I want to lead a curriculum that sparks curiosity, reflects children's interests, and encourages them to think deeply and creatively. This is a journey we will take together, ensuring that every child feels inspired, challenged and supported.

Another important part of school life is recognising the many talents and achievements our children develop beyond the classroom. In our Celebration Assembly, children are warmly encouraged to share something they are proud of, whether it's a hobby, a performance, a sporting achievement, or a personal milestone. They simply need to let me know what they would like to present, and we will make space for them to celebrate their successes with the whole school.

I continue to enjoy meeting families at the school gate and look forward to getting to know many more of you over the coming weeks. Thank you for the warmth and openness you have shown since my arrival; it is greatly appreciated.

If you would like to talk, please feel welcome to arrange a time with the Office Team. I am always happy to listen.

Wishing you all a peaceful and enjoyable weekend.

Warmest wishes,

Marcel Penarroja

Headteacher



Dates for your Diary:

Fri 24th April Y2 Cross Country at Froxfield Primary School 3:45-4:30
Fri 1st May FEMS (PTA) Mufti Day
Sun 3rd May—East Meon Village May Fair
Fri 8th May Explorers trip to Fishbourne Palace
Mon 11th-Thurs 14th May SATs (Year 6)

Stars of the Week

YR: Ayla
Y1: Avery
Y2: Maya
Y3: William
Y4: Teddy T-G
Y5: Bea
Y6: Elliott



FEMS Update and Village Events

- Sunday 3rd May—East Meon Village May Fair.
- Saturday 16th May—East Meon Regatta (Boat Race) at the River.

Mufti Day
Friday 1 May

Children can wear their own clothes to school in exchange for donating a pre-loved puzzle, toy or game that is in good

EAST MEON MAYFAIR
SUNDAY 3RD MAY FROM 12 NOON

Maypole Dancing
Bouncy Castle
Stalls, Food & Tea
Beer Ten
Brass Band & Live music
Fair games
The Great Fun Dog Show
Something for everyone!

The Friends of East Meon School presents
EAST MEON REGATTA
SATURDAY 16th MAY 11:30 AM - 3:14 PM

Riverside events 11:30 - 15:00
• Food and refreshments
• Games stalls
• Boat races
• Lucky dip
• 'Duck dump'

Registration 11:30
Races 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

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EAST MEON FLOWER FESTIVAL
22-25TH MAY 2026
All Saints' Church East Meon GU32 1NJ
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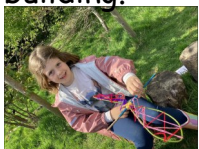
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Explorers carried out an investigation for their current science topic - States of Matter. They explored the properties of solids by crushing a biscuit into small particles. They then compared their biscuit crumbs with water to look for similarities and differences between solids and liquids.

Forest School

In Forest School the children made dragonflies using sticks, willow and wool wrapping as well as enjoying some digging and den-building.



Discoverers have been learning about Saint George and the story of George and the Dragon.



Voyagers have been learning how to play the steel drums in Music.



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Did you guess the storybook character from page 1?