East Meon Weekly Newsletter

'Love, Courage, Hope'

4th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed a restful and happy summer break. It has been wonderful to see the children returning to school this week with such enthusiasm, ready for the year ahead and already settling confidently back into routines. Their energy and curiosity are a joy to witness.

Thank you to those parents who have already expressed an interest in the vacant Parent Governor role. Your willingness to support the strategic leadership of the school is greatly appreciated. If anyone else would like to be considered, please email me by next Thursday (10th September). We will then begin the selection process.

We also have vacancies within our staff team. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested in a full-time or part-time position, please do email me or contact the school office for further details. We would be very grateful if you could share this within the community.

As we begin the new school year, I would like to share our School Improvement Plan (SIP) priorities for 2026–27. These priorities guide our work and ensure that every child continues to thrive:

- Our first focus is to raise writing outcomes. We want to strengthen children's transcription skills(handwriting, spelling and sentence fluency) so they can write with greater confidence, independence and creativity, as well as exposing them to high-quality texts that have rich language and thought-provoking concepts
- Enhancing children's spiritual development: Through meaningful Collective Worship, high-quality RE teaching and the continued promotion of our Christian vision and values, we aim to deepen children's sense of reflection, connection and understanding of themselves and others.
- Ensuring everyone is safe and attends school: We remain committed to safeguarding every child and ensuring they feel secure, supported and ready to learn. Alongside this, we are working to improve attendance so that all pupils benefit fully from the rich learning experiences our school offers.

Due to the nature of having three classes, there may be occasions where your child's class receives an additional PE slot on either Wednesday or Thursday. To help us make the most of these opportunities, all children should come to school wearing their PE kit on both days. Thank you for your support with this. Please also take a moment to look at the staff list on the second page (as well as an updated House Team list), and the important school dates that follow on page three. These should help you plan for key events for the Autumn term.

We are very much looking forward to a positive, purposeful and enjoyable year together!

Warmest wishes,

Mr Penarroja



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EAST MEON TEACHING STAFF 2026-27	
Adventurers	Mrs Perkins (Mon-Tues) Miss Lambton (Wed-Fri) Mrs Deakin Mrs Bettles-Hall (am) Miss Goodship (pm)
Explorers	Mrs Bibby (Mon-Wed) Mrs Tebbutt (Thu-Fri) Miss Goodship (am) Mrs Bettles-Hall (pm)
Voyagers	Ms Stephens Ms Bloor (Mon-Wed)

			
Miss Lambton/Mrs Perkins Mrs Deakin	Mr Penarroja Miss Goodship	Mrs Tebbutt/Mrs Bibby Ms Bloor Mrs Bettles-Hall	Mrs Stephens Ms Bloor
Leonard Jax Ben Emily Alessia Natalia Otis Lula Grayson William F Teddy B Fletcher Orla Freddie F Hunter Lylah Jasper	Ayla Harley Harry Bonnie Maya Arrietty Freddie P Evie S Leo Robin Hattie Logan Aidan Ollie S Dominic Waldek	Herbie Jakob Rupert Max RW Merryn Joe Grace S James Arthur C Grace RW Jasmine Avril Thomas L Alice Eyja Teddy TG Tyr Bradley Jude Hawkes William L	Ellie William B Milo Sebbe Willow Arthur S Jude Hughes Henry Baker Xavier Annabelle Theo Josie Amber Alexander Ted B Bea H

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Did you guess the storybook character from page 1?

Important Dates for Autumn term

AUTUMN TERM		
Date	**Event**	**Times**
Tuesday 15th Sept	Heads Welcome	9:00-9:30
Friday 25th September	Mufti Day	All Day
Weds 7th October	Phonics meeting	9-9.30am & 3-3.30pm
Friday 9th October	Mufti Day	All Day
Thurs 15th October	Community Event: Quiz Night	6:00 - 8:00pm
Tuesday 20th October	Parents Meetings	3:45-6
Thursday 22nd October	Parents Meetings	3:45-6
Fri 23rd October	FEMS Spooky Disco	5-6:30pm
HALF TERM 26th October - 30th October		
Friday 6th November	Mufti Day	All Day
Wednesday 11th November	Year 4 Times Tables check Parents Information Meeting	9-9.30
Thursday 12th November	Year 4 Times Tables check Parents Information Meeting	3.3.30
Thursday 19th November	Community Event: Bingo Night	6:00 - 8:00pm
Friday 27th November	Mufti Day	All Day
Monday-Friday 7th -11th December	Christmas Jumper Swap Week	N/A
Thursday 10th December	KS1/EYFS Nativity	TBC
Friday 11th December	House team Christmas Day	N/A
Friday 18th December	Christmas Service	TBC
Friday 18th December	Last Day of Term	N/A