



East Meon Weekly Newsletter

'Love, Courage, Hope'

11th September 2026

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we settle into the new school year! It has been wonderful to see the children back in school, full of energy and enthusiasm for learning. There is so much to celebrate and look forward to in the coming weeks.

This week has been filled with moments of courage across the school! Our students stepped out of their comfort zones to compose poetry, embracing the challenge of expressing themselves through verse and experimenting with figurative language and deep, meaningful themes. The result has been a wonderful collection of writing that showcases not only their creativity but also their willingness to take risks in their learning.

We also want to celebrate how beautifully our Reception children have settled into their new classroom at East Meon. They have made new friends and been active learners this week, showing wonderful courage of their own as they begin their school journey with us. Well done to everyone who has shown such bravery and enthusiasm!

Speaking of courage, we are thrilled to welcome Michael McGrath to our school on **Monday 14th September**. Michael successfully led expeditions to the North Pole (April 2002) and South Pole (January 2004), becoming the first and only disabled person in the world to have achieved this remarkable feat. As a true role model, Michael embodies our Christian value of courage in the most extraordinary way. His visit promises to inspire our children to believe that with courage, determination, and faith, anything is possible. We can't wait for the children to hear his incredible story!

Parents and guardians are warmly invited into the hall on Tuesday 15th September at 9:00 to learn more about the school's vision, teaching and learning, and upcoming community events. There will also be a food tasting! This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with the school community and hear about the exciting year ahead. We look forward to seeing you there!

I am resending the page of key events to include the **Harvest Festival** (5th October - TBC). Once this has been confirmed we will send out more details.

FEMS would also like to welcome all new and old families back to school for a new and exciting academic year! To help with the school start, FEMS will take unwanted school uniform donations from **Monday 14th September** and organise a FREE Uniform Swap on **Friday 18th September** alongside a Cake Sale at pick-up. There is no need to hand any uniform in to be able to take uniform home—it will be open to everyone who might need new items, and they will be completely FREE.

FEMS also have an AGM on **Friday 2nd October**. As all parents and guardians of children at the school are automatically part of the PTA/FEMS, you are all welcome to attend. If anyone would be interested in helping or joining the committee (it's fun!), please speak to the chair, Sofie Blood, on 07580 172603 or email eastmeonprimarypta@outlook.com for more details. The FEMS team wishes you all a wonderful weekend!

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your children's education. It truly takes a village, and we are grateful to be part of such a caring and engaged community.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend
Warmest wishes,

Mr Penarroja



East Meon Primary
School presents...

QUIZ NIGHT

THUR 15TH
OCTOBER

6pm to 8pm · £3pp

Hot and cold snacks for sale...

Bring your own drinks!

Location: East Meon Primary School

Stars of the Week

Adventurers: Grace and Milo

Explorers: Henry and Teddy

Voyagers: Lylah and Eyja

Dojo Winners of the Week

Adventurers: Harley/James

Explorers: Henry

Voyagers: Alice



Our speaker for Monday's
Collective Worship, Mr Michael
McGrath MBE



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Did you guess the storybook character from page 1?



YEARLY OVERVIEW 2026-2027

AUTUMN TERM

Date	Event	Times
Tuesday 15th Sept	Heads Welcome	9:00-9:30
Friday 25th September	Mufti Day	All Day
Monday 5th October (TBC)	Harvest Festival	TBC
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 4th November	Year 4 Times Tables check Parents Information Meeting	9-9.30
Wednesday 11th November	Explorers trip to Butser Farm	All day
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
1st December	Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball 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