

Friday 17th July 2026



Dear Parents and Carers

Hope this finds you well.

Firstly, please can I take this opportunity to personally thank you all for welcoming me into your community and making me feel part of the school family so quickly. I have loved every moment of it, and feel lucky to be in a position to help develop your children and the community. We have had some amazing events this year, and it has been so nice to have families involved as much as we do. The energy and happiness that you bring to every family event has made them all so special.

It has been a whirlwind year, not least with Ofsted in the middle of it, but I am so pleased that they saw and recognised the hard work, and dedication of a staff team that truly care about your children, and will do what it takes to make sure that they get the best possible experience both inside and outside of the classroom. EYFS outcomes, Phonics, and MTC results are the best results that the school has seen over the four years, and the KS2 results are well above national and equal to the best results the school has had in recent years. This is all down to the amazing work of the team.

I would like to wish the leaving staff good luck for the future. They have all done an amazing job and will be dearly missed by both staff and children.

Thank you to all the children for their brilliant attitudes and hardwork, they show us how wonderful they are each and everyday. I hope you all have a lovely holiday and we cannot wait to see you back in September.

Happy holidays everyone!

Mr Phillips

School Reports

Annual school reports were handed out to children yesterday. Huge thanks for all the lovely comments we have received, this really means so much to us.

The Gallagher Cup:

This year we have created a new cup to celebrate a leaving Year 6 pupil who has shown the best of Eastington throughout their time here. As an acknowledgement of Mrs Gallagher's hard work and commitment to the school over so many years, we have named the cup after her. This cup is voted for by every single member of staff, and while there were many different children who were voted for, we say a huge congratulations to **Charlotte** for being the well-deserved inaugural winner!

School Athletics Record Holders:

To enhance our PE offer, and increase an even greater excitement around sport at Eastington, we have introduced school record holders for athletics: Sprinting, throwing and jumping. We hope that this will create a buzz around sport, and inspire children to want to practice, take part, and enjoy physical activity more, as well as keeping a connection with those who hold/beat records but leave the school.

Our first record holders are

Boys:

Throwing: **Charlie G** – 29m 50cm

Jumping: **Ethan** – 2m 4cm

50m Sprint: **Henry** – 6.8 sec

Girls

Throwing: **Lily WW** – 27m 59cm

Jumping: **Olivia** – 2m 7cm

50m Sprint: **Ava** – 6.42 sec

Congratulations to all of our initial record setters. We wonder if the records will still stand this time next year?

‘Cinderella & Rockerfella’

Our terrific summer concert was performed to families on Tuesday. Thank you to everyone involved in making it a huge success. The costumes, songs, dance routines were brilliant; thanks for your support in providing those wonderful outfits. A million thanks to staff for all the work that goes on behind the scenes, and our PTFA for raffles. A great team effort which is very much appreciated.

‘Eastrington School’s Got Talent’

We had so many fantastic entries, but after a very difficult decision, our finalists were –

EYFS	Blake and Chester
KS1	Eliza
KS2	Jessica Howcroft and Edith Meadow

Well done everyone, you are all amazing and gave us a truly entertaining morning.

KS2 SATS results – great news

79% Combined in Reading, Writing and Maths. (The national average is usually around 62%).

This is a fantastic set of results that I am extremely proud to share –

83% in Reading
79% in Maths
83% Writing
61% Spelling Punctuation and Grammar

The Greater Depth Scores

50% Reading
44% Maths
22% Writing
28% Spelling Punctuation and Grammar

Thank you to everyone for all the care and support you have shown the children, and all the teaching that has been given, but particular thanks and well done to Mrs Hardcastle for all of her hard work with these children. These results complete a year of a very good set of results across the board! Well done!

FS2 Reception Graduation Ceremony

Many thanks to all who attended our very special FS2 Reception Graduation event yesterday. We've had some very appreciative comments, which is really lovely. Thanks to staff for putting everything together and for all the support from parents.

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly which took place this afternoon is always such a sad and emotional event. Our team of Year 6 children have shared so much in their time at Eastington, we are all such a close little family. However, whilst very sad, this is also an exciting time, for pupils when they embark on their next educational journey.

Thank you to all our family members for attending, it was lovely to have you in school. Our PTFA very kindly bought each child a Leavers' Hoody, for which we are enormously grateful. Good luck everyone, and please keep in touch; we love to hear how you are all getting along.

Staff Leaving

As mentioned previously, at the end of each academic year, we have children moving onto secondary school and some children to other settings, including specialist provisions. As a result, we often have to say goodbye to some of our much-valued staff and today, we are bidding farewell to the following staff:

Mrs Laura Welbourne, Mrs Vicky Coates, Mrs Hayley Knight and Ms Claire Welbourn. Gifts have been given to show our huge thanks for being such an important part of our school, and we send our love and good wishes.

Mrs Lynda Wilkinson has also recently secured another job, so another great team member leaves us.

We will miss you all enormously, hope you enjoyed your gifts.

Jamie from Fit4Fun will still be with us, but just for before school and after school Fit4Fun clubs, **see poster attached**. Jamie has been a fantastic addition to our school team, and we are delighted to still have him around each Thursday for the clubs.

A reminder for children who will be in Year Three in September

Just to point out that whilst children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will still qualify for the universal free school meal, children who move into Year 3 in September will no longer qualify for the universal free school meal. Therefore, if your child requires a cooked school meal you will be charged £2.75 for each meal (£13.75 for a full week). Unfortunately, there has been an increase due to our suppliers. You can pay for your school dinners via our Parent Pay facility. Please ask at the office if you require any help with this. If you are on any benefits and you think you may be entitled to a free school meal, please see Joy or Gill in the office for further advice. Thank you.

Snacks for children moving into Year Three in September

Once pupils are in Key Stage 2, they are allowed to bring a snack for morning playtime – not sweets or chocolate, but perhaps a cereal bar or piece of fruit.

We also have a range of snacks in school that pupils can purchase for 30p per day, if that is something your child would like to do. This facility is run by our School Council and it's a little venture they run themselves, getting children used to handling money. The School Council will often purchase small items for the school with the small profit they make.

Please give any money to the class teacher – some children bring the full amount at the beginning of the week, to save remembering daily. Many thanks for your support.

Also, please can we ask that all payments owed on Parent Pay are made before the weekend, thank you.

Sports Trophy Phillips Family Cup for Sporting Achievement 2026

The Phillips Cup, is an individual award for Sporting Achievement and whilst we could give this to many pupils in this group, we have had to think specifically at school sport and individual performance.

This year the cup will be shared between Olivia Tester and Lily Whitaker-Wright. Well done girls!

Wraparound Care

We are asking Parents/Carers to use Parent Pay to book their child on to sessions, with the deadline being 3.30 p.m. on the Friday before. If you wish to use tax free child care vouchers, you are able to book using an option that identifies this as such.

All bookings should be made by the Friday please, for the following week, in order to adequately plan our staffing.

Thank you for your support with this in advance.

If you have any problems during the first week, please email us, we will make every effort to accommodate your childcare needs.

School Meal Rota – Autumn

Our existing school meals rota will continue for week commencing Monday 7th September - this is 'week two'. There will still be a jacket potato option, but not on Wednesdays roast day. After the first week back, a new menu will be sent out. Thank you to everyone who supports our hot meal service.

All that's left now is to thank everyone for their continued support: our pupils and parents/carers, a great team of Governors who give many hours of their own time which is greatly appreciated and our PTFA for all your hard work and dedication. To our prefects for doing a fantastic job. Thank you to our volunteer Elaine who comes in to listen to readers, we truly appreciate this. We have had some really kind gestures from parents and carers this week, with some lovely treats for the staff room, which is greatly appreciated.

To our casual lunchtime staff member Dot, who is always willing to lend a hand and stand in when we are short staffed.

To each and every one of my amazing staff who have been superstars this year in more ways than you will ever know. Thanks for absolutely everything, including the tuition classes, after school clubs, extra lunchtime duties, extra meetings, etc. you all go above and beyond every single day and this is hugely appreciated! Now it's time for you to have a well-deserved rest, recharge your batteries and enjoy precious time with family and friends.

We will see you back at school on Tuesday 8th September – have a wonderful summer.

With kindest regards,
Mr Phillips and staff

Things we have been asked to share

Howden Warhorses

Please see flier attached for Howden Warhorses basketball team. They are doing amazing things, but would like to encourage more girls into sport. Thanks.

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Attached are dates for events in August and September, that may interest some families.

Skylark Centre, Drax

Some lovely activities taking place over the summer – see attached if interested.

Read to the Beat – Summer Reading Challenge

A local library event that sounds fun; visit your library to sign up. See flier.

HAF Connect Sensory Summer Camp and SEND Fun Day.

Poster attached that may interest families over the summer.

Thanks everyone.