



Newsletter

Easthorpe
school

Monday 21st July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Well, what a very busy year it has been here for us at Easthorpe! We have really grown in numbers this year, welcoming lots of new pupils and staff and we have had a fantastic year.

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New classes

Here are the class names and teachers for September:

Class	Teacher/s
1- Holly	Mrs Partlett & Mrs Bowater
2- Redwood	Mr Ross
3- Hawthorn	Mrs Simpson
4- Beech	Mrs Baker-Heath
5- Willow	Miss Simpson
6- Oak	Miss Clarke
7- Silver-Birch	Mrs Murray
8- Lime	Miss Gamble
9- Elm	Mrs Bradley
10- Chestnut	Mrs Drake
11- Lemon	Mrs Kim
12- Pine	Mrs McDowell

We will be welcoming more new pupils in September and we know that all of our current pupils will make feel them more than welcome.

Sad goodbyes

At the end of this term, we have to say a sad goodbye to Miss Anderson and Miss Freya. Valued members of the team, we will miss them and wish them all the best for their future endeavours.

Exciting Hellos-New staff

We have a number of new staff joining us in September. We have Mrs Murray & Mrs McDowell joining us as class teachers for Silver Birch and Pine classes. We will also welcome new Teaching Assistants- Mr Matt, Miss Leah & Miss Amy. Please feel free to come into the school office reception to look at the staff board and familiarise yourself with these new faces and their job roles.

School Dinners

We now have our menu for September through to the February half term which is available at the school office. By now, you will have had your menu choice links via Microsoft forms online for the first 3 weeks of the new term. We are going to be asking parents to help their child to make dinner choices once every 3 weeks or Class Teachers will complete them in school. We would like dinner choices back as soon as possible. Children can choose between the dessert or the fruit option for pudding. We will not be offering desserts/fruit to children who have bought a packed lunch that day. We do offer snacks to all children during the day and this includes fruit.

Potted Sports

All pupils and staff had a great time at our Potted Sports event last week. Here are some photos of us enjoying our day:



Barbecue time

Yesterday, we all enjoyed a fantastic barbecue organised by one of our pupils and cooked by the legend that is Mr Goodwin. Here are some photos of us enjoying the delicious food:



Football Fun Friday!

On Friday 11th July, Student Council raised money for new footballs and football pumps and other sports equipment. The children enjoyed the opportunity to take part in a "Beat the Goalie" activity against staff and loved wearing their football kits and colours of the flags to represent the teams in the Women's World Cup.



Class updates

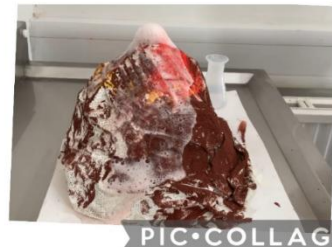
Holly



Holly class have had a very fun packed, hands-on term. Some of our key highlights this term have been our trip to Elms Park for our tree hunt as part of our science learning. Our DT learning has covered a variety of food preparation skills with our firm favourite being our fruit smoothies! We enjoyed getting crafty in history making our Stone Age houses and Stone Age desserts. In maths, we have been looking at capacity using a variety of objects to fill containers

Redwood

This term Redwood class have been learning about volcanoes in geography. We have learnt about how they are formed, different layers and where the most famous volcanoes are located. We built our own volcano to conduct an experiment to recreate an eruption, it went well. We enjoyed watching the 'lava' flow but we didn't like the smell.



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Hawthorn

This term has been full of exciting and engaging learning opportunities. The children have shown great enthusiasm while exploring World War II, including learning about the life of Anne Frank. In Design and Technology, they demonstrated fantastic measuring, cutting, and joining skills by making their own trucks.

We also enjoyed local visits to the library and nearby shops, which supported our learning in real-world contexts. In English, the children wrote biographies about Greta Thunberg, a climate change activist, and they now have a solid understanding of how to structure biographical writing.

In PE, there was excellent teamwork and cooperation during our rounders and cricket sessions. Forest School has also been a highlight, with children learning about plants and enjoying hands-on outdoor experiences.

It's been an exciting and productive term, and I am incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved.



Beech

It has been another busy half term of learning in Beech Class. In D&T we linked our learning to our WWII history topic and designed and made a moving vehicle. We had to construct a wooden frame and add a rubber band mechanism to allow it to move. We developed our woodwork skills by cutting 45° angles with hacksaw and a mitre block to create our frame. Later in the term we used our culinary skills to plan and make dishes that are traditionally British. The children decided on sausage rolls, scotch eggs, steak and chips, sausage and mash and potato cakes. Yum!

In Art, we have been learning how to print using carbon mono printing. After practicing our skills, we created Lowry inspired artwork.

In our Forest school sessions throughout the half term, we planted tomato and bean plants along with the sunflowers that we have had in pots in the classroom. We have created numerous water features and explored how to speed up and slow down the flow, had fun making bubble wands with natural materials, participated in tractor tyre racing and rubber band powered aeroplane flying!

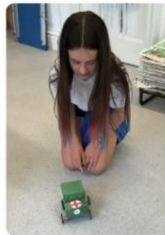
It has been 'music to our ears' throughout the half term as we continued our class recorder sessions, playing songs from Wicked and the Lion King and many Taylor Swift hits! Continuing with a musical theme, in our Makaton sessions we learnt to sign the 'Million Dream' song from The Greatest Showman.

Well done Beech class for a great end to our academic year, we are all very proud of what you have achieved.





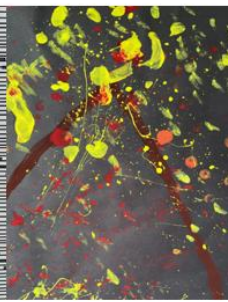
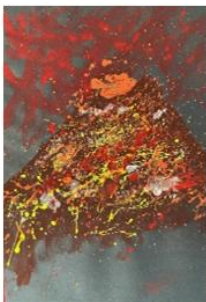
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Willow

This term in Willow we have made pizzas as part of our DT project. In Forest school, the class has taken part in lots of activities, they especially loved the water obstacle course they made as a team. At the beginning of the term, we had caterpillars that we released into the wild once they had transformed into beautiful butterflies.



Silver Birch

In PE, we have been testing our throwing and catching skills, working individually and within a team, through games like cricket, tennis, rounders and spike ball. In history, we have been looking at medicine through time and had our own go at making our own herbal remedies using plants found around the school grounds. As part of geography, we've been learning about natural disasters and learning about and demonstrating what to do in the event of these types of occurrences.



Lime

Lime Class participated in some fantastic activities throughout the whole year. Below are some highlights:

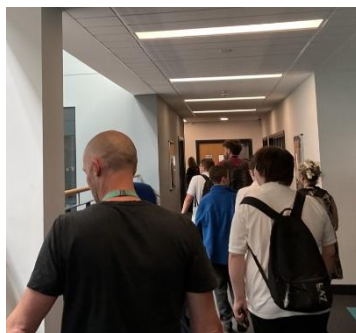


The highlight of Forest school this year was setting up the planters in March. With collective class effort, we watered them every week, adding compost where necessary, and had some amazing results in just a couple of months!

It also involved some leisure activities as well as building things using natural materials that we could find around forest school.



Recently, Lime Class also went for a trip to Nottingham College. Great representation of school by the students. They learnt about options available to them when the complete school life here at Easthorpe.



Some amazing costumes from Lime Class students and staff members on the world book day. A day to remember:



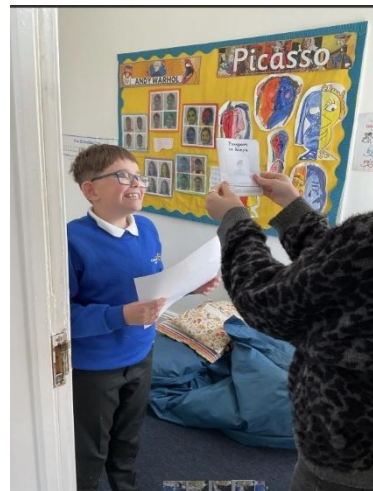
This year has been full of tasty food and DT projects in the kitchen, covering a worldwide variety of dishes. Lime class did not shy away from showing their amazing cooking skills. Here are some of the delicious dishes they made this year:



Elm

In Elm Class this Half Term, the children have been very busy.

In our Geography lessons we have been learning all about Kenya. We took a flight out to the African continent using our creative passports and arrived at the largest African Savannah where we researched and wrote about the Big Five animals we would see on safari and the Maasai tribal traditions. We made some amazing necklaces and had a competition to see who could jump the highest!



We have also loved our DT lessons, designing and making smoothies, rainbow fruit skewers and flapjacks which were delicious. Well done Master Chefs!



Chestnut



In Chestnut Class, we have been learning about patterns found in art. We focused on Kandinsky's use of shape patterns and had a go at creating our own using different mediums: paint, pipe cleaners, computers and pencils.

Lemon

If life gives you lemons, make lemonade! This is certainly the philosophy of the brand-new Lemon Class with brand-new students and brand-new staff. Yes, we feel nervous, but yes, we are taking opportunities to make new beginnings for ourselves. We have embraced the lemon theme and have lemon fairy lights, lemon Sherberts and a lemon reed diffuser (some people visit us just to eat sweets and smell the room!) and of course, we have an actual lemon tree which is really growing, just as we are.



We are a very creative class with a fantastic and ever-increasing gallery of our colouring – we are well-known around the school for this! We have made a handheld memory game console and built a pug jigsaw which is now on display. We have had a look to see what levels we are for English and Maths, so we know best where to start and what areas we need to work on, and we have now started to try a range of subjects in preparation for moving up to Key Stage 4 next academic year.

What a lot to have achieved in just a few short weeks!

School uniform/PE kit/Forest School kit

If you need to purchase any uniform for September, then please come to the school office who can help you with this. You are more than welcome to look at uniform and/or try it on before purchasing anything. Currently, all payments for uniform are to be made in cash. We also have a used uniform rail with uniform available for free. If you would like to donate any items then please bring them to the school office.

For PE lessons, please can you make sure that your child has a royal blue PE t-shirt, appropriate bottoms & suitable footwear in school at all times. PE t-shirts are available from the school office.

As we are now offering all pupils Forest School, they also need to have appropriate clothes to wear in all weather conditions (e.g. waterproof shoes) and these will need to stay in school.

Personal Information

Just another reminder, please can you let the school office know if there are any changes to information that you shared upon enrolment of your child, for example, if you have had a change of address, telephone number or anything else has changed that we need to be made aware of.

Holiday meal offers

We wanted to share this with you for lots of 'Kids Eat Free' offers:



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



<p>ANGUS STEAKHOUSE Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm</p> <p>ASDA Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend</p> <p>ASK ITALIAN Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays</p> <p>BEEFEATER Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer</p> <p>BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main</p> <p>BILLS Kids Eat Free weekdays, 21st July – 29th Sept</p> <p>BREWERS FAYRE Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer</p> <p>BREWDOG 2 Kids eat free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August</p> <p>BURGER KING From 28th July - 31st August, Kids Eat Free (via app)</p> <p>CHIQUITO Kids eat FREE Daily Until August 31st</p> <p>DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch</p> <p>FRANKIE & BENNY'S Kids Eat Free from 14th July – 31st August 2025</p> <p>FUTURE INNS Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal</p> <p>GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day</p> <p>HARVESTER Kids eat for £1, Mon - Fri via the App</p> <p>HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for £1 on Mondays</p> <p>IKEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am</p>	<p>LAS IGUANAS Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App</p> <p>MARCO PIERRE WHITE Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend</p> <p>MORRISONS Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend</p> <p>PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm</p> <p>PREMIER INN & TRAVELODGE 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast</p> <p>PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult</p> <p>PUREZZA Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal</p> <p>SA BRAINS PUBS Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays</p> <p>SIZZLING PUBS Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm</p> <p>TABLE TABLE 2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult</p> <p>TESCO Kids Eat FREE with a 60p spend until Aug 31st</p> <p>TGI FRIDAYS Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)</p> <p>THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend</p> <p>TOBY CARVERY Kids eat for £1 all day (weekdays) until Aug 29th</p> <p>WHITBREAD INNS 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast</p> <p>YO! SUSHI Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays</p> <p>ZIZZI Kids eat free this summer holidays (ex Saturdays)</p>
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Dates for your diary: Autumn term 1 (further dates to follow in September)

First day of term: Wednesday 3rd September

INSET days- Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd September

Half-Term Holiday- Monday 20th October – Friday 31st October

Last day of term- Friday 19th December

A Message from Mrs Austin

As we come to the end of another wonderful year at Easthorpe, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we've achieved together. It has been a year of exciting growth and positive change, and I couldn't be prouder of our children and staff. Their resilience, enthusiasm, and willingness to embrace new classes and challenges have been truly inspiring.

As we look ahead to September, we're thrilled to be opening our brand-new Key Stage 4 area and classes—an exciting new chapter in our school's journey. We can't wait to see the opportunities this will bring for our students.

Over the summer break, I hope you and your families enjoy a well-earned rest. Please do take time to relax, recharge, and stay safe. A gentle reminder to continue supporting your children in staying safe online, especially by monitoring their use of social media and encouraging responsible digital habits.

Finally, thank you for your continued support this year. Your partnership makes such a difference, and we're grateful to be working with such a dedicated community.

Wishing you all a safe and happy summer.

Yours Faithfully

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