

Dear Parents and carers,

Thank you to the parent/carers that were able to attend any of the face-to-face events we have held in school over the last couple of weeks. It's been lovely to see so many people and share some valuable information about the children's learning.

If you were unable to make any of these information sessions but would still like to know what was covered, please see the links below:

- [Little Wandle Parent Information](#)
- [Reception Phonics & Reading](#)
- [Life in the Early Years](#)
- [Supporting your child's learning at home](#) (for Early Years)
- [Year 1 Phonics & Reading](#)

Online Safety – Watching videos

From animals doing funny things, to slime-making and game-tutorials, the internet has lots of fun videos for children to enjoy. But the amount and availability of content online means that children may see something inappropriate.

To understand what type of content might not be suitable and advice on how to help your child watch safely, watch this short [video guide](#).

The internet is a public and open space where anyone can post and share content. This can be fun and entertaining for children, but it does mean your child may see something that is intended for adults.

Find out what to do if [you're worried your child might see something inappropriate online](#) or [what to do if they already have](#).

Children love to watch videos and YouTube is always a firm favourite! But sometimes children can be exposed to videos that are not meant for them. [YouTube Kids](#) is a safer way for children to explore their interests.

Remember, primary-age children should be supervised at all times when online.

Parent/Carer evening

The link for booking parent/carers evening closes today (Friday 6th October) at 8pm. If you have still not booked your slot, please do so as soon as possible via

<https://eastfieldschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>.

Below is a reminder of the days and times parent/carer evening will be taking place

- Nursery Parents Evening – Tuesday 10th October (3:50 - 7pm)
- Nursery Parents Evening – Wednesday 11th October (3:50 - 6:50pm)
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – Tuesday 10th October (3.30pm – 7pm)
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – Wednesday 11th October (3.30pm – 5.30pm)

If you are attending a parent/carer information session for Nursery, please head straight to the Nursery building to sign in and wait for your appointment.

If you are attending a parent/carer information session for Reception, Year 1 and/or Year 2, please sign in through the main school hall. Here you will have an opportunity to look through your children's learning whilst you wait for your appointment.

Open Evening

On Tuesday 7th November (5 – 6:30pm) we will be holding our annual open evening event where we open our doors to show our community our excellent school.




This is a chance for you and your children to see the school and gain further insight around what the children are learning, how they learn and the resources that are available to them. It is also a wonderful opportunity to travel further afield within the school; from Nursery through to Year 2. There will be a “scavenger hunt” challenge that the children can partake in during the open evening event and every child that takes part will be entered into prize draw.

If you know of any other friends or family that may also wish to view the school (especially if they have children who will be due to start school next September), then please share this information with them.

Please [click here](#) to see our Open Evening poster.

ESA film night

Straight after school on the Thursday 19th October we would like to invite the children to stay in school to have a year group film night. Reception, Year One and Year Two will have the opportunity to watch the following films (in one of their year group classes) and enjoy some popcorn and a drink.

Reception	Year One	Year Two
 <p>Early Man Rated PG</p>	 <p>Dr Seuss' The Lorax Rated U</p>	 <p>Elemental Rated U</p>

If your child wishes to take part in this after school ESA event, we request a donation of £3 per child made payable through the [Schoolgateway](#) entitled "ESA Film Night".

Deadline to book this is Monday 16th October

Children can then be collected from the following locations at 5:15pm

Reception – Rabbit Class

Year 1 – Owl Class

Year 2 – Raccoon Class

ESA Sparkle day

We would like to invite all children to come to school on Thursday 2nd November dressed down and wearing something sparkly in exchange for a donation towards our Christmas hamper raffle.

There are three hampers that we will be collecting for and raffle tickets to win these hampers will go on sale on Monday 27th November to Thursday 7th December.

We invite the children in each year group to make donation on the following themes (if you are in a position to be able to do so):

Nursery and Reception	Year One	Year two
<p>Pampering items e.g. face mask, moisturiser, bath salts, shower gel, candles etc</p> 	<p>Non-perishable food and drink e.g. biscuits, chocolate, hot drink sachets, fizz, crisps etc</p> 	<p>Children's activities, games and mini toys e.g. stationary, teddies, fidgets, craft kits, playing cards etc</p> 

ESA Sparkly Disco

On Thursday 2nd November, 3:15 – 5pm, the ESA will be hosting a Sparkly Disco for all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children.

Tickets are £5 per child and will include a snack, a drink and a glow stick.

Due to the hall capacity, there is a limit to how many children and adults can fit into the school hall and therefore this event will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. **Deadline to purchase is Friday 20th October.**

Tickets can be purchased via the School Gateway by selecting "Sparkly Disco".



Children can bring additional party clothes to school with them on the day of the disco (if they wish too) and there will be staff on hand to help them get changed before the disco begins.

Children can then be collected from the following locations at 5pm
Reception – Rabbit Class
Year 1 – Owl Class
Year 2 – Raccoon Class

ESA fundraising target

To help the school achieve its 5-year vision (which began 2 years ago) the ESA, alongside the school, has created a 5-year fundraising target. The ESA are supporting the school to

- increase our IT infrastructure across the whole school so that it can become an integral part of children's learning across subject areas. This equates to helping us achieve having 6 iPads per early years class and 15 iPads per key stage one class.
- continue to add to and replenish our decodable texts for reading practice and for supporting home reading

Here is how we are doing so far and what our aim is by 2026...

Thank you so much for however you have supported our ESA fundraising events over the last couple of years. Every penny of profit that is made comes directly back to the school to be spent on the children of Eastfield.

Harvest Celebrations – St Ives Foodbank Donations.



On Wednesday 4th October, we had a visit from Callum who is part of the team that works at the St Ives Food Bank within All Saints Church. He spoke to the children about Harvest through one of our daily assemblies.

For the past couple of years, we have collected and donated food to the St Ives Food Bank, which has been a great success and we would like to do the same again, this year.

We are asking for families wishing to donate to this charity, to send in non-perishable goods with your child to school between Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th October. The items that St Ives Food Bank are most in need of are listed below:

- Cream Crackers
- Fruit Juice Orange/ Apple
- Instant Mash
- Jam
- Meat Pies
- Microwave Rice
- Orange Squash



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- Packet Soup
 - Rice Pudding
 - Sugar
 - Tinned Carrots
 - Tinned Custard
 - Tinned Fruit
 - Tinned Green Beans
 - Tinned Mixed Veg
 - Tinned Potatoes
 - Tinned Rice Pudding
 - Tinned Spaghetti
 - Tinned Sweet Corn
 - Tinned Tomatoes
 - Toiletries (Shower Gel, Shampoo And Toothpaste) Not Sanitary Products
 - UHT Milk

The Food Bank have asked that should families be able to afford it, branded versions of the items above would be hugely appreciated however, they appreciate that donations are a good will gesture and would be more than happy with non-branded items also.

These items will then be delivered to the St Ives Foodbank, which helps many people in our community through difficult times.

Club4U October holiday club

During the October half term, the holiday club will open for 3 days, Monday to Wednesday 8-6:15pm.

For more information on booking and activities please [click here](#).

Huntingdonshire Child and Family Centres - What's On in October 2023

Please [click here](#) for the new What's On guide, which details the groups and virtual sessions that the Huntingdonshire Child and Family centre will be offering to local families throughout October 2023.

Education Inclusion Family Adviser Newsletter

Please [click here](#) for the latest Newsletter from our Early Intervention Family Adviser, Charlotte Dean & Katie Smith (who will soon be our new Early Intervention Family Adviser).

Michaelmas Fair 2023

October this year sees the return to St Ives of the Michaelmas Fair. Therefore, the St Ives Town Council would like to invite all children to join the Mayor and Councillors for the traditional reading of the Charter and coin tossing on Monday 9th October at 15:45pm. The Mayor and councillors will walk through the fair, down the Broadway, then entering Market Hill, for 15.45pm to the Miami ride which is approximately opposite the Di Ritas restaurant in the market square.

Please note: School will close at the normal time of 3:15pm on this day.

Cuckoo Bridge Pumpkin Patch

[Cuckoo Bridge 'PYO Pumpkin Patch'](#) of 2023 promise to be bigger and better than previous years! 🎃



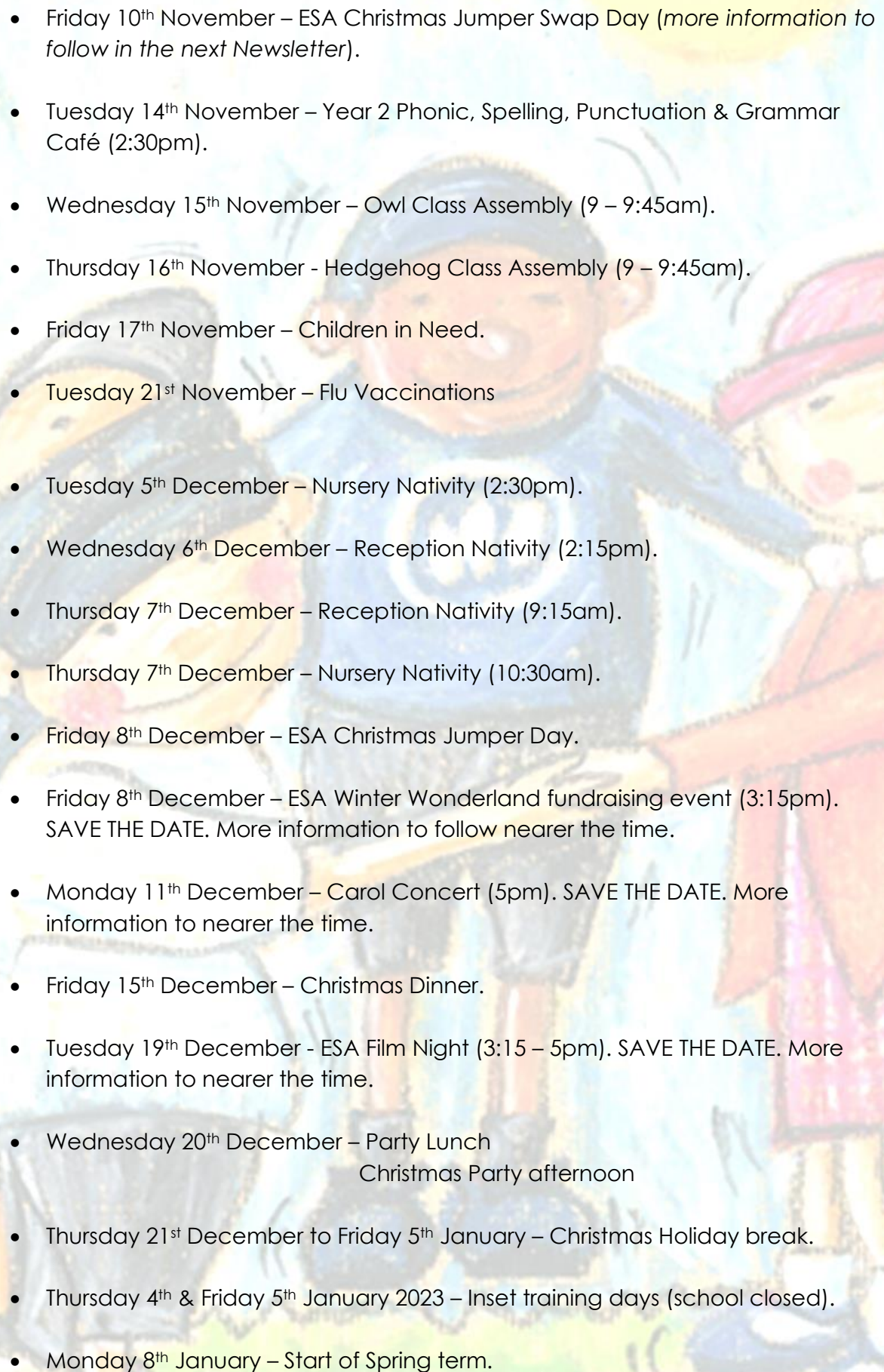
Tickets are £3.00 per person for entry.

Included in the ticket price: ★Parking ★Bouncy castles ★Straw Maze ★Graveyard ★Mini tractors ★ Barrel Train ★ Hot Food ★Refreshments

For more information on how to book tickets, [click here](#).

Important dates for your diaries

- Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th October – Parent/Carer evenings.
- Tuesday 10th September – Vision Screening for children in Reception. *Please see the email sent out on 12th September by Mrs Unwin for further information.*
- Thursday 19th October – ESA Film Night
- Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October – Half term break.
- Thursday 2nd November – Sparkle Day (*come to school dressed in something sparkly & make a donation to the Christmas hampers*).
- Thursday 2nd November – ESA Sparkly Disco (3:30 – 5pm).
- Tuesday 7th November - Otter Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am).
- Tuesday 7th November – Open Evening (5:00 – 6:30pm).
- Wednesday 8th November - Raccoon Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am).

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- A colorful illustration of three children in winter clothing. The child in the center is a boy with a blue hat and a blue jacket with a white circular emblem. To his left is a girl with a blue hat and a blue jacket. To his right is a girl with a red hat and a red jacket. They are all smiling and appear to be holding hands or standing close together. The background is a soft, light blue and yellow wash.
- Friday 10th November – ESA Christmas Jumper Swap Day (*more information to follow in the next Newsletter*).
 - Tuesday 14th November – Year 2 Phonic, Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar Café (2:30pm).
 - Wednesday 15th November – Owl Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am).
 - Thursday 16th November - Hedgehog Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am).
 - Friday 17th November – Children in Need.
 - Tuesday 21st November – Flu Vaccinations
 - Tuesday 5th December – Nursery Nativity (2:30pm).
 - Wednesday 6th December – Reception Nativity (2:15pm).
 - Thursday 7th December – Reception Nativity (9:15am).
 - Thursday 7th December – Nursery Nativity (10:30am).
 - Friday 8th December – ESA Christmas Jumper Day.
 - Friday 8th December – ESA Winter Wonderland fundraising event (3:15pm). **SAVE THE DATE.** More information to follow nearer the time.
 - Monday 11th December – Carol Concert (5pm). **SAVE THE DATE.** More information to nearer the time.
 - Friday 15th December – Christmas Dinner.
 - Tuesday 19th December - ESA Film Night (3:15 – 5pm). **SAVE THE DATE.** More information to nearer the time.
 - Wednesday 20th December – Party Lunch
Christmas Party afternoon
 - Thursday 21st December to Friday 5th January – Christmas Holiday break.
 - Thursday 4th & Friday 5th January 2023 – Inset training days (school closed).
 - Monday 8th January – Start of Spring term.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Summerfield

