

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday's joint summer fayre felt like another huge success! It was so lovely to see both school communities joining together again and everyone having a great time – plus all our sun dancing for the last few weeks paid off!

Huge thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated and came to support in the event itself.

We're still counting all the takings and working out the overall profit so once we have this, we'll let you all know.

Online Safety – Techosaurus

Have you heard of Techosaurus? He is the new NSPCC Online Safety dinosaur!



Children are growing up in a time where screens are everywhere and the internet plays a big part in their lives, even from a very young age.

This can be beneficial as they can learn new things, connect with friends and family, and have fun. But it's important to have conversations on how to explore the online world safely.

That's where Techosaurus, our new friendly dinosaur comes in!

We understand that talking about online safety can seem daunting, but it doesn't have to be. NSPCC have created Techosaurus specifically to make these conversations as easy as possible for you and your child.

Techosaurus is aimed at little ones who are starting to use technology and the internet and keeps the conversation around online safety positive. Techosaurus will help your child to form healthy online habits, routines and behaviours from a young age, and build basic knowledge and skills related to online safety.

For further information about activity packs that you can order, please [click here](#).

REMINDER - Sports Day (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

Our school Sports Day is next Wednesday morning (26th June), and we would like to invite our parents and carers to come and watch and support this event (please note there will be a separate sports day for Nursery, details will be sent out separately).

If you have attended any of our Sports Days in previous years, this year will look a little different. We have been working with children from across school to help create some new activities. Due to the nature of these activities, we will be using more of the playing field space. The children will continue to rotate around the events and there will be areas for spectators.

All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will need to wear their PE kits to school on this day and be prepared for being outside with pre-applied sunscreen, a hat and a water bottle.

Children will need to arrive at school as normal and go into their classes to be registered. Staff will then bring the children out and organise them ready for their events. Parents and carers are more than welcome to wait on the field during this time. Sports Day should finish by roughly 11:30am.

Mrs Worth's Reading Round Up

Please [click here](#) to read Mrs Worth's next edition of "Reading Round Up".

Letter from the King!



Year 2 were very excited to receive a letter from the King last week. Back in February we wrote to the King conveying our concern about nature and in particularly endangered animals that we had been learning about. We were delighted to receive a reply from the King's post office saying that he was 'deeply touched'

by our letters and was 'heartened by our enthusiasm' for conservation.



Writing Competition

Thank you to all the children who took such care in their entries to the writing competition, we have had so many entries and are making our way through them.

We will announce the winners in the coming weeks, three children will receive prizes and everyone who entered will receive a certificate in celebration assembly.

The Spinney – Ensuring Safety and Enjoyment for All

We are fortunate to have The Spinney, a lovely, wooded area on our school grounds, dedicated to providing our children with enriching forest school activities during the school day. This natural woodland is continually being developed to create a safe and engaging environment where our pupils can explore and learn.

However, due to the nature of The Spinney, there are occasional overgrown patches, low hanging branches, and sometimes even items thrown over the fence from the adjacent public footpath. To maintain safety, a risk assessment is conducted before each use. As a precaution, both entrances to The Spinney are marked with "No Access Before and After School" signs to prevent unsupervised entry and ensure that children do not face unnecessary risks or harm.

Unfortunately, it has come to our attention that these signs are not being consistently followed, and some children are entering The Spinney unsupervised at the end of the school day. We kindly request that parents and carers ensure their children do not enter this area unless accompanied by a member of staff.

Your cooperation is essential in keeping The Spinney a safe and enjoyable place for our forest school activities. Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

ESA Events

Frozen Fridays



All Ice Lollies are £1 each and can be purchased from the main playground, just outside Hedgehog Classroom. Payments can be made either by using cash or scanning one of QR codes.

NB: If there is a bit of queue, please ensure the line veers towards the Nursery to avoid blocking parents/carers collecting children from Hedgehog Classroom 😊

ESA Film Night

Straight after school on the Monday 15th July, we would like to invite the children to stay in school to the final film night of the academic year. Reception will have the opportunity to watch a film in Rabbit Class whilst Year one and Year two will join to watch a film in the school hall. Popcorn and drink will be supplied too.

Reception	Year One & Year Two
Film TBC By 5 th July	Film TBC By 5 th July

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 15th July".

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

Reception – Rabbit Class

Year 1 – Owl Class

Year 2 – School Hall (from the courtyard)

The deadline to book film night is Thursday 11th July.

Penny Challenge (3rd to 28th June)

This year's PENNY CHALLENGE has one more week left!

This is our 3rd year running this event, and the children really enter the competitive spirit! The Penny Challenge is a fun way to raise funds for the Eastfield School Association, and as a way for each class to compete to win a class treat! From 3rd to 28th June, simply send your children in with coins (not notes), to donate to their class's jar, and the class in each year group with the most points at the end will win a class treat!

Not only can they win points for their class, but they can sabotage their partner class...[see the poster for details](#). This fantastic activity raises a lot of money for the school but is also great fun for the classes to compete!

Race Night

More information will follow soon but if this sounds like an adult only event you would like to take part in then please SAVE THE DATE – Friday 12th July. It will be a 6:30pm arrive for a 7pm start.

Eastfield Wishlist

The funding schools receive per financial year is based primarily upon pupil numbers and covers the essential aspects of running a school i.e. staff costings, utility bills, food for lunches, staff training and a minimal range of resources. All the extra things to enhance the school's curriculum provision is where the school's fundraising becomes so vitally important.

In addition to this, it becomes increasingly more difficult to ensure that the basic resources such as pencils, paints, glue sticks, whiteboard pens etc are provided for.

Therefore, the school has an [Amazon wishlist](#) of basic everyday school resources. There is absolutely no pressure or expectation from the school for people to donate through this way but if there should you feel that you can.

Recently the school has received generous donations through this platform of stickers, pencils, glue sticks, plastic wallets, file dividers and storage equipment for our new phonic resources. These are all hugely helpful and means that it lessens the burden slightly on the overall school budget. If you can donate, please add your name onto the order confirmation so we can say thank you to you when it arrives!



Houghton & Wyton Tennis Club Coaching

Houghton & Wyton Tennis Club are running a 6-week tennis coaching course for juniors and adults, starting this Sunday (23rd June).

For further information please [click here](#).

St Ives Community Choir

St Ives Community Choir are holding their next concert, "On Top of the World" at The Free Church on Saturday 6th July. For further information about timings and ticket sales please [click here](#).

Football Fun Camps

This Summer, Football Fun Factory are delighted to be working in partnership with Cambridgeshire County Council and are able to offer children places at their Football Fun Camps fully funded through the Holidays Activity and Food (HAF) Programme.

The HAF programme is open to all families eligible for benefit-related free school meals, families can receive funding for up to 64 hours this summer. They offer a range of exciting football-themed activities for boys and girls aged 5-12 and all abilities are welcome.

For a sneak peak at what the Football Fun Factory offer please check out this video - <https://youtu.be/-VD5VyqAS2A>

The Summer camp details are below. Children can attend the full 4 weeks in St Ives. Football Fun Factory will also provide a meal each day as well as entertainment and activities for the children!

Location: St Ives Outdoor Centre

Dates: 24th-26th July

Time; 9am-3.30pm

How to book: [Football Fun Camp - Summer - Week 1](#)

Location: St Ives Outdoor Centre

Dates: 29th-2nd August

Time; 9am-3.30pm

How to book: [Football Fun Camp - Summer - Week 2](#)

Location: St Ives Outdoor Centre

Dates: 12th-16th August

Time; 9am-3.30pm

How to book: [Football Fun Camp - Summer - Week 3](#)

Location: St Ives Outdoor Centre

Dates: 19th-23rd August

Time; 9am-3.30pm

How to book: [Football Fun Camp - Summer - Week 4](#)

Families not eligible for the HAF programme can book online at www.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk or using the links above.

Families wishing their child to attend will need to provide their 16 digit HAF booking code emailed to Lee Hayward (Head Coach) at lee@thefootballfunfactory.co.uk and he can then create a unique discount code allowing you to book via their new website and secure their child's place. **Parents can also email Lee with any additional needs or information that will be helpful to ensure the children have the best time possible**

Additional eligibility criteria for the Summer HAF Programme:

The HAF Team will issue booking codes for the following families by request only:

- A family which is financially struggling but not eligible for FSM (request from school)
- Ukrainian and other refugee families (request from school)
- A family open to Social Care or Early Help Services (request from Social Worker or Early Help professional)
- A family with FSM eligible and non-eligible children (request from parent)

Limitless Activities

Limitless Activities have **FREE places** for your children taking place at Thorndown Primary school, St Ives, this Summer Holidays, PE27 6SE for 2 full weeks 8:30-4:30PM a meal is also included at **No Cost** through the Holidays Activity and Food (HAF) Programme.

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[Click here to book](#) and secure your no cost place.

<https://limitless.thinkbooker.com/>

They offer a range of limitless activities which may include Arts and crafts, Animal experiences, Dancing, Music Therapy, Sports and Games, Cooking and Baking,

Giant inflatables, Magicians, Axe throwing, Laser Tag, Circus workshops plus many more!

These places will go fast, transport can be provided if you cannot get to the venue

No Cost places

Limitless Activities are a leading provider in the HAF programme meaning they can offer lots of **FREE** places for children who are in receipt of income related free school meals, Refugees, or a sibling who is starting school in September from the first two categories. To be eligible you will have received a 16 digit code from Cambridgeshire County Council (Please check spam)

If you need any help or support, please message or call their helpline on 07752810389

[Click here to book](#)

[Click Here to Friend them on Facebook](#)

<https://limitlessactivities.co.uk/>

Important dates for your diaries

- Wednesday 26th June – Sports Day
- Friday 28th June – Annual end of year reports will be sent home
- Tuesday 2nd July – Year 2 “end of Eastfield show” (2:15 – 3pm)
- Tuesday 2nd July – New to Year 1 parent/carer information session (3:30pm)
- Wednesday 3rd July - Year 2 “end of Eastfield show” (9:15 – 10am)
- Friday 5th July – Non uniform day for Rainbow hamper donations
- Monday 8th July – New to Year 2 parent/carer information session (3:30pm)
- Wednesday 10th July – Reserve Sports Day
- Friday 12th July – ESA Race Night (more information to follow)
- Monday 15th July – Transition Morning (for children to visit their new classes ready for September 2024)

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- Monday 15th July – ESA film night (3:15 – 5pm)
 - Tuesday 16th July – Problem Solving Day
 - Friday 19th July – Last school day of the Academic year
 - Monday 22nd July to Tuesday 3rd September – Summer Holidays
 - Tuesday 3rd September – School Closed (Inset Training Day)
 - Wednesday 4th September – New to Nursery Home visits (**Nursery closed**)
 - Wednesday 4th September – Official start of 2024/2025 Academic Year
 - Thursday 5th September- Nursery open

Yours sincerely

Summerfield

Mrs Summerfield