



East Stour Primary School  
**Newsletter**  
Friday 10th January



Dear Parents and Carers,

We wish you a happy new year and hope that you had a restful and peaceful Christmas. We have started off the term at pace and have had lots going on in school. We would like to thank you if you took the time to speak to the Ofsted inspector that visited this week or if you filled out the survey. It was so lovely to showcase all the amazing learning that the children do. They were an absolute credit to the school and we are so proud of them all. Some children met with the visitor showing their books and talked about their learning with confidence and demonstrated all our school values beautifully.

The report won't be with us till the end of term. We look forward to sharing it with you then.

We are also excited to share this week that some of our Year 6 children have been appointed as playground buddies. They are looking forward to playing games with children in a variety of year groups.

Our school value is tolerance this term. The children have enjoyed learning all about tolerance in our assembly this morning.

Many thanks  
Emma Blackmore  
Deputy Headteacher



**Concerned about your pre-school child's speech, language or communication skills? Talking Walk-ins are play-based drop-in sessions where you can speak to a speech and language therapist or other staff.**

## Just turn up – no need to book!

If the session is very busy, it might not be possible for everyone to speak to a speech and language therapist. On these occasions you can speak to one of our assistants who can signpost you to an alternative date if needed

**These sessions are only for families with pre-school-aged children. The service also runs in other parts of Kent.**

| Family Hubs  | Day/session  |
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| <b>The Willow Family Hub</b> , Brookfield Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 4EY Tel: 03000 418800          | 1st Thurs of month Time: 9.30-11:00am<br>3rd Friday of the month 1.30-3.00pm |
| <b>Waterside Family Hub</b> , Turner Close, Ashford, Kent, TN24 0PQ Tel: 03000 418700              | 3rd Weds of month Time: 1.00-2.30pm  |
| <b>Bockhanger Family Hub</b> , Belmont Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent, TN24 9LS Tel: 03000 418600 | 4th Monday of month Time: 9.30-11.00am                                       |
| <b>Tenterden Family Hub</b> , Recreation Ground Road, Tenterden, Kent, TN30 6RA Tel: 03000 418400  | 5th Wednesday of the month (when occurs) Time: 1.00-2.30pm                   |



Talking Walk-ins provide you with advice or ideas to try at home. We may signpost you to other support or invite you to a follow-up with the speech and language therapy service.

They run in school holidays, but not on Bank Holidays or between Christmas and New Year. Check the Ashford Family



# Best Class Attendance YTD

96.46 % Banjos



94.65 % Oboes



The class with the best overall attendance at the end of term will receive a reward!

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School Term and Holiday Dates  
Academic Year 2024/2025

**TERM 1 Staff Training Day Monday 2nd September 2024 and 25th October 2024 School closed to pupils**

Start Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

Finish Thursday 24th October 2024

**TERM 2**

Start Monday 4th November 2024

Finish Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**TERM 3**

Start Monday 6th January 2025

Finish Friday 14th February 2025

**TERM 4**

Start Monday 24th February 2025

Finish Friday 4th April 2025

**Bank Holiday Friday 18th April 2025**

**TERM 5**

Start Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Finish Friday 23rd May 2025

**Bank Holiday Monday 21st April 2025**

**Bank Holiday Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May & Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**TERM 6**

**Staff Training Day 2nd June 2025**

Start Tuesday 3rd June 2025

Finish Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Staff Training on Monday 21<sup>nd</sup> July & Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 School closed to pupils**

**Fully Funded  
School  
Support  
Course**

**Available  
in Levels  
, 2 & 3**

**Please go to our website  
for more detailed  
information.**



**6 Week  
Course  
Mon - Fri**

**Daily sessions**

**1st session 9:30 - 11:30am**

**2nd session 12:30 - 2pm**

**[www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online)**

**Available In the following levels:**

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| Level 1: | CACHE Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools                |
|          | CACHE Level 1 Award in Safeguarding in a Learning Environment      |
|          | CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Wellbeing                             |
|          | Level 1 Occupational Studies for the Workplace                     |
| Level 2: | CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent  |
|          | CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours  |
| Level 3: | Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs |

Please go to our website address above, for more information.

\*Please take note of the online live webinar sessions that MUST be attended to complete this full time 6 week course, and the ESFA's (Education Skills Funding Agency) eligibility criteria.