



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 2nd May 2025

Dear parents and carers

It has been wonderful to have the consistent sunny weather during this week. The children have really enjoyed playing on the school field and within our woodland area; I have also noticed there have been more opportunities to take the learning outside during lessons - great to see and long may it continue!

This week, we have been focusing on Respect, thinking about how we can show respect to each other, all living things and the world around us; this has very much tied in with our value of 'Compassion'.

Some of the children have been out and about this week - Year 4 Toucans visited Wakehurst Place, Year 2 Leopards enjoyed time at Butser Farm and the school council were incredibly lucky to visit the Houses of Parliament yesterday. As always, my thanks goes to all staff and volunteers who enable these extra-curricular visits to happen.

We ended the week today with a fabulous assembly from the 'Terrible Toucans' - named by the children themselves! We heard about the Rotten Romans, Super Science, Wonderful Writing and the Rockin' Residential. It was particularly heartening to listen to the children talk so compassionately about neurodiversity and celebrating differences - thank you Toucans, we all thoroughly enjoyed your assembly!

Next week on Thursday 8th May, it is the VE day 80th celebration. As you are aware, the children are coming to school dressed in red, white and blue and we will be celebrating the occasion by watching a live assembly with many other schools, having a drink and a biscuit outside on the field, watching the flypast and listening to some wartime classics - a fun and celebratory day!

I hope you all enjoy the bank holiday weekend.

With best wishes

Emma Thorp
Headteacher

School Fund Donation Reminder

Thank you to all those who have already donated to our school fund.

As per our letter, these donations are vital to us in being able to continue to provide enriching learning experiences at school, for example subsidising visiting companies providing additional whole school experiences, cooking activities, Christmas events, making costumes, purchasing small pieces of equipment for the playground and many other day to day activities that we are unable to fund from the school's extremely tight budget. A suggested amount is £20 per child, but any support, large or small, which you can give is welcomed.

We are still able to claim gift aid on any donations from parents. This means for example, that for every £20 donated we are able to claim a further £5.00 from the Inland Revenue. Last year we claimed £463 in gift aid. In order that we can claim back gift aid, we are required to ask those making a donation to sign a gift aid declaration. Please let us know if you would like another form sending home.

Donations should be made using Arbor - Payments - School Fund Donations - Top-up Account but please ensure that you still return the Gift Aid form.

Term Dates

5th May

Bank Holiday

8th May

VE Day 80th Celebrations

12th-15th May

Year 6 SATs

16th May

Year R (Geckos) Sharing assembly for parents - 9.05 am

26th May - 1st June

Half Term

2nd June

Year 6 - Bikeability

2nd June

Year 3 - Visit to Nower Wood

4th June

Year 3 - Pizza Express, East Grinstead

5th June

Geckos - British Wildlife Centre

11th June

Year 3 Sharing assembly for parents - 9.05 am

24th June (25th Reserve)

Sports day

27th June

INSET Day

12th July

FOFPS Summer Festival - 1pm - 4pm

17th July

Jaguars Leavers' Party

22nd July

Jaguars Leavers' Assembly
Last Day of Term

Class Wishlists

[R Geckos](#)

[1 Monkeys](#)

[2 Leopards](#)

[3 Pandas](#)

[4 Toucans](#)

[5 Macaws](#) [6 Jaguars](#)





Toucans - Wakehurst Place

On Monday, Toucan's class took a trip to Wakehurst Place. We had a tour around the garden looking at different habitats for animals and then had a bug hunt and classified the insects we found by the number of legs. The children were amazing, asking engaging questions and showing a real enthusiasm for learning. Well done Year 4!



Leopards - Butser Farm

Year 2 have had a busy week with a trip to Butser Ancient Farm on Tuesday to kickstart their Stone Age topic! A HUGE thank you to all of the members of staff who made the trip happen despite the initial minibus hiccups and ensured that the children had the BEST day! I was incredibly proud of the children's resilience and patience when it came to arranging transport and for fully engaging in the fantastic activities in spite of the heat! We thoroughly enjoyed fire lighting, archaeological excavation, chalk carving and learning a lot of key facts! The children are all looking forward to applying their new knowledge to different activities over the next term.

KS2 School Council - Houses of Parliament

We caught the train to London and walked towards the amazing historical architecture of the Houses of Parliament. We were lucky enough to sit in the visitor galleries of both the House of Commons and House of Lords. We listened to debates on the education bill and Parkinson awareness month.

It was exciting to see some of our current politicians and learn the history of democracy in the United Kingdom.

A huge thank you to Mrs Sims and Mrs Warland for making the trip possible and well done to the school councillors for representing Felbridge so well. We all had a great day and learnt so much.





Values Champion

Well done to the following children who have received certificates this week:

Samuel for Curiosity - Geckos
 Elliot for Challenge - Monkeys
 Thea for Compassion - Leopards
 Tavi for Courage - Pandas
 Willow for Challenge and Josie for Courage - Toucans
 Jack for Challenge and Compassion - Macaws
 Amelia for Challenge - Jaguars



Well done!

Mathletics: Monday, 21st April to

Sunday, 27th April 2025

Mathletics

							
BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	PLATINUM	EMERALD	DIAMOND	EPIC	LEGEND
Monkeys Alessio V	Monkeys Phoebe III Luka V Ella V Lily IV Leopards Alexander III	Leopards Eloise V Pandas Zenia V Jaguars Amelie V	Pandas Oliver IV Macaws Autumn V Jaguars Jenson IV Amelie V	Monkeys Bethany II Joshua III	Monkeys Emilia I Iyla V Henry II Leopards Thea III Seb M V Pandas Martha II Toucans Alina V Freddie I Macaws Jack I Jaguars Alisha III Nathaniel I	Monkeys Lewis II Orson III Adaline I Rosie I Leopards Fionn IV Hollie IV Spencer IV Seb W IV Pandas Jasmine II Marietta II Naya III Oscar III Freya III Joel IV Quinn III Macaws Bella III	Leopards Ollie I Lexi IV Toucans Jared IV Macaws Evan IV

Attendance

Attendance this week:	Geckos:	Monkeys:	Leopards:	Pandas:	Toucans:	Macaws:	Jaguars:	Whole School:
	95%	97%	92%	97%	96%	96%	95%	95%



Smarties Challenge

How it works

- Eat some smarties - yum!
- Fill the tube up with silver coins (or £1 coins if you like!)
- UK money only please - no foreign currency
- Return the tube to school before half term - thank you

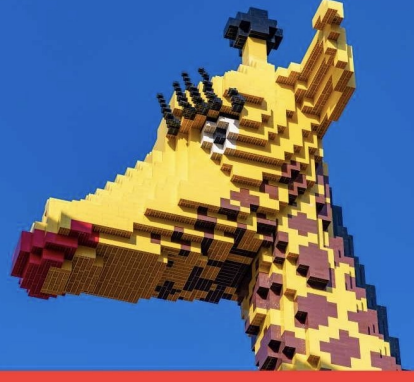
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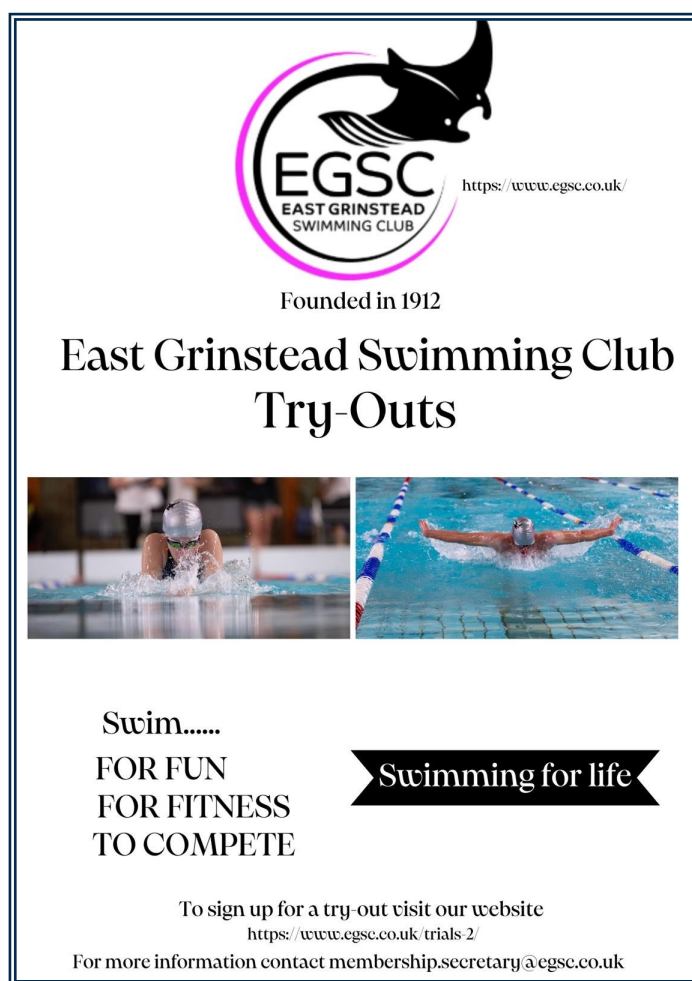


45th May Fair
1979 – 2025
Family Fun Day
Monday 5th May 2025
East Grinstead High Street 10am – 4pm **£2**

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