



1ST MAY 2026

EAST-THE-WATER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Key Dates

Last day of school is
Friday 22nd May

Please see your fridge
letter for other dates

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

We have some really exciting news to share with you all.

A cross-party parliamentary group is currently looking into the loss of love of learning in schools. As part of this work, they have commissioned a project to explore schools that are bucking the trend and, despite the many challenges currently facing education, are doing something truly special.

We are incredibly proud to share that East-the-Water Primary was selected as one of only 10 schools in the whole country to be visited as part of this project. These are schools where children continue to show a real love of learning.

Last Wednesday and Thursday, two highly respected professors of education visited our school to find out more about what makes East-the-Water such a special place, and what it is that our staff do so well to make such a positive difference to our children.

As part of their visit, they spent time observing all areas of the school throughout the school day. They also spoke with pupils, members of staff and parents, finding out what our children enjoy about school and how East-the-Water promotes, nurtures and develops a love of learning.

Their next step will be to create a report including the schools involved, and East-the-Water Primary will have its own special section within this.

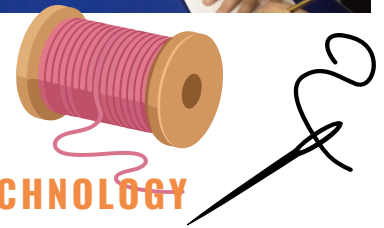
This was a fantastic opportunity for us to show, with real honesty and pride, what East-the-Water is all about. It gave us the chance to celebrate the excellent practice that happens across our school every day, the care and commitment of our staff, and the wonderful enthusiasm our children bring to their learning. We are incredibly proud that the work taking place here has been recognised in this way, and we look forward to sharing more with you when the report is published.





YEAR 2 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Year 2 had a very exciting visit from Ruth from the Church to conclude their learning in RE about 'Why is Easter important to Christians?'. The children were highly engaged and really impressed Ruth with how much they had remembered about the Easter story. They also created some wonderful Easter cards.



YEAR 2 DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Year 2 enjoyed an exciting day of DT, where they designed a fabric product for someone at home based on the user's wants and needs. They then made their products from scratch using a range of joining techniques, and the results were fantastic!



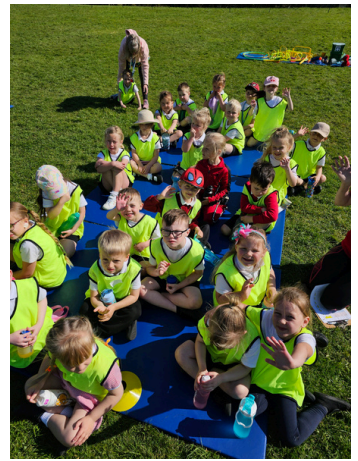
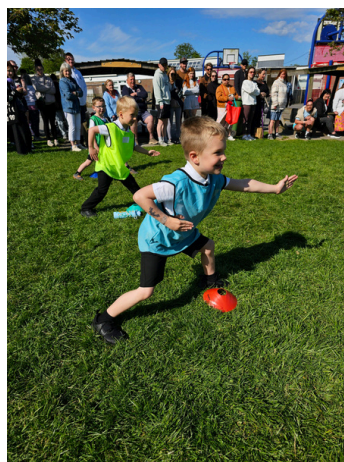


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SPORTS DAY

We can't believe the sun was shining for our sports days this year. Thank you so much for coming to cheer along the children. They really gave it their all and collected so many points for their teams. A big thank you as well to the PTA who helped organise refreshments. Well done to everyone and especially our winning teams and runners.

We can't wait for our Year 5 and 6 sports day after half term.



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Why is attendance important?



★ A Simple Family Goal

Attend every day. Arrive on time.

Most families in school are already doing this, and it helps children **feel confident, connected and ready to learn.**

Keeping children safe online - free online courses for parents/carers

The National College – Keeping children safe online

FREE short online courses for parents/carers in keeping children safe online. There is one for parents/carers of children aged 3-7 and one for parents/carers aged 7-11.

They take only around 40 minutes each to complete.

Award in Online Safety for Parents of Children 3-7

Award in Online Safety for Parents of Children 7-11



Link for 3-7 years

https://nationalcollege.com/courses/os-for-parents-carers-of-children-aged-3-7?es_c=2BE2992B4F6DFC42F86C34FF34D222EC&es_cl=7DAE420721C40254C81824CAE696E2A1&es_id=xg%c2%a342

Link for 7-11 years

https://nationalcollege.com/courses/os-for-parents-carers-of-children-aged-7-11?es_c=2BE2992B4F6DFC42F86C34FF34D222EC&es_cl=E94F74530054D597CD8B64F613E77F17&es_id=xg%c2%a342



YEAR 2 ART

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed an afternoon of art, creating their final pieces. Using the work of Charlie French and Vincent van Gogh as inspiration, the children applied the skills they had learned in their 'Expressive Painting' topic to create beautiful paintings of the sky. We were particularly impressed with their use of colour mixing, sgraffito, and impasto.



We raised an amazing £331.05 this year. Thank you so much for your generosity.





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Thank you to everyone who continues to support the PTA, your help makes a real difference to our school.

Planning is underway for the Summer Fair, and we're always grateful for extra hands. If you can help in any way, please email danieldalley@etwschool.com.

We're also in the playground every Friday fundraising, with a range of treats on offer. Please come and say hi!



DEVON

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MUSICAL IN A WEEK 2026

FAME JR.

Tuesday 4th to Saturday 8th August
Ages 11 to 18 years
9am to 5pm each day
Performances: Saturday 8th August @ 5pm & 7:30pm
To book, contact tolley.angell@yahoo.co.uk

ATLANTIC ACADEMY

MR BROWN AND MRS BECKWITH, OUR VICE PRINCIPALS AT ATLANTIC ACADEMY WILL BE HOLDING SOME SCHOOL TOURS IN JUNE AND JULY FOR FAMILIES WHO WISH TO COME AND HAVE A LOOK AT ATLANTIC ACADEMY, OUR FACILITIES AND TO SEE OUR SCHOOL IN ACTION.

THESE TOURS ARE FOR YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 FAMILIES ONLY AND IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED IF YOU COULD ADVERTISE THE FOLLOWING DATES AND TIMES IN YOUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER OR ANY OTHER SCHOOL COMMUNICATION.

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO BE BOOKED IN, PLEASE COULD THEY CONTACT THE SCHOOL BY RINGING RECEPTION, OR THE BETTER OPTION IS EMAILING ENQUIRIES@ATLANTICACADEMY.UK

16TH JUNE 12:00-12:30
24TH JUNE 10:00 - 10:30
2ND JULY 2:30-3:00



Children's Book Festival Saturday 16th May

Room 3B:

Miriam Latimer author & illustrator 10-11am (age 4+)

Author of Colours of Home, a rhyming picture book gently introducing children to the theme of welcoming refugees.

Suzie Laverty & Emily Hamilton 11.30-12.30pm (Age 4+)

An interactive session including stories, crafts & lots of fun!

Joffre White 2.30-3.30pm (age 6-15)

Reading Motivator Show. a high energy and interactive session to inspire even the most reluctant readers.

Booking required for all events in 3B

Library Foyer:

Claire Barker 10.30-11.30am (age 5+)

Brightling Magic - summer stories and craft with the author of Hettie Nettle's Handbook for Hedgewitches

Alexandra Dawe 1-2pm

Character Drawing (suitable for anyone who can hold a pencil!)

Ground Floor:

Badge Making 10-4pm

Mini Book Making Workshop 10-12pm

Drop-in Crafts 12-4pm

