



EAST BOLDON JUNIOR SCHOOL

‘Be the best that we can be’

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Head Teacher's Corner

As we reach the midway point of the halfterm, I am so proud of everything our pupils and staff have achieved so far. The term has been full of **exciting learning**, **creative projects** and **important events**, and I encourage all parents/carers to keep up to date with everything happening in school via our [online school calendar](#). Just a quick reminder that my Class Dojo messaging is not working, so if you need to get in touch, contact the school office directly, and we will be happy to help. It's been a busy and inspiring term so far, and I look forward to the great work ahead! 😊 *Mr Shenton*

Library visits

Several of our classes have already enjoyed exciting visits to the local library, and many more are looking forward to their turn in the coming weeks. During these visits, children have explored shelves full of books, listened to engaging stories, and learned how the library supports reading and curiosity for all ages. The librarians have been incredibly welcoming, helping students discover books that spark their interests. We're delighted that all classes will have the opportunity to experience the library and develop a lasting love of reading.



Library Visit 5MT

NSPCC Assembly and workshops

We recently shared messages from the NSPCC in assembly, which included a special online message from Ant and Dec. The following day, two NSPCC representatives visited our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils to continue this important work in more detail. During the sessions, the children learned about the different types of abuse, how to recognise worries or unsafe situations, and - most importantly - who they can talk to if they need help. The children were also introduced to Childline and learned the free, confidential phone number **0800 1111**, reinforcing the message that support is always available.



Y4 Curriculum Event

Year 4 recently enjoyed a wonderful Curriculum Event where families worked together to design and create their own book covers and pencil cases. The hall was buzzing with creativity as families shared ideas, chose fabrics and brought their designs to life. There were some truly impressive



needlework and design skills on display, from careful stitching to bold patterns and inventive details. It was a fun, hands-on morning that celebrated teamwork, creativity and a lot of talent (with only a few tangled threads along the way!).





Stars of the week

Year 3 – Lucy, Kash, Katie & Ava

Year 4 – Evie, Raj, Alfie & Jack

Year 5 – William, Beau, Emily & Elijah

Year 6 – Freddie, Stuart, Erin & Sydney

Head Teacher Awards

Lucy (Y3), Francesca (Y4), Emily (Y5) and Erin (Y6) have all impressed Mr Shenton by following our school values. Well done!

Term dates for your diary

Please keep an eye on this section, as we regularly add events to the calendar (new dates in bold).



Spring term:

5th January – 20th February
2nd March – 2nd April

9 Feb: Children's Mental Health Week

10 Feb: Safer Internet Day Workshops

12 Feb: PTA Discos

19 Feb: Chinese New Year Dinner

Half term: 23rd - 27th Feb

5 Mar: World Book Day (dress up optional)

9-10 Mar: Parents/Carers' Meetings

19 Mar: Y6 visit to Safety Works

20 Mar: Comic Relief (dress up optional)

27 Mar: Y4 visit to Jarrow Hall

31 Mar-2 Apr: Y5 residential

2 Apr: Last day of term

Child Safety Reminders:

Parking

South Tyneside Council have installed cameras on North Lane. Please do not park on the School Keep Clear road markings or beside our school gate.

Keep our school a safe place.

Thank you



Dogs

Unfortunately, as much as we love our four-legged friends, we do not allow dogs on site (apart from guide dogs).

