

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are approaching another half term break, which feels like it has come around at great speed!

As we enter our final weeks of the academic year we have lots of fun and exciting activities planned for the children, including the all-important transition events.

Just a reminder that school is closed next Friday (24th May for an Inset Training Day.

School will re-start again, after the half term break, on Monday 3rd June.

Online Safety – What is the Internet of Things (IoT)?

Our daily lives have become more connected than ever before. Internet-enabled devices can be found everywhere, from smart speakers to Bluetooth toothbrushes. Find out more about how to support your family to be safer using the Internet of Things...

The Internet of Things, often referred to as IoT, are everyday objects that connect to the internet. These connected devices can be activated using voice commands or controlled by downloading and using an app or via a Bluetooth or Wi-Fi connection. Examples of the Internet of Things include:

- Smart speakers,
- Smart meters (for home electricity and heating),
- and wearables such as smart watches or fitness trackers.

The Internet of Toys are toys that connect to the internet. Similar to the Internet of Things, these toys can be controlled using a smartphone app, voice commands or using a Bluetooth connection.

Connected toys are different from other toys because they collect, use, and share data via the internet. This data might range from personal details like user age or location, to microphones and cameras recording what users see and hear.

Examples of the Internet of Toys include:

- Connected action figures and dolls,
- Bluetooth-enabled toys or tablets.
- Robotic toys such as drones,
- and learning development toys that aim to educate children.

Although connected devices and toys provide children with opportunities for learning and interactive play, there are some associated risks.

- Concerns have been raised about whether these devices are collecting too much personal information from children.
- Some children (either accidentally or on purpose) can search for and access age-inappropriate material via a connected device such as a smart speaker.

- Children may make 'in-app purchases' and spend money, which is often taken from their parents' bank account without their knowledge or consent.
- Some of these devices may be more vulnerable to hacking and monitoring, as there are currently no security standards in place for connected devices.

Luckily, there are things you can do to minimise these risks. Please see the attached document "IoT" to find out more.

[Internet of Things document](#)

Upcoming ESA Events

Frozen Fridays



Frozen Fridays are back!

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.

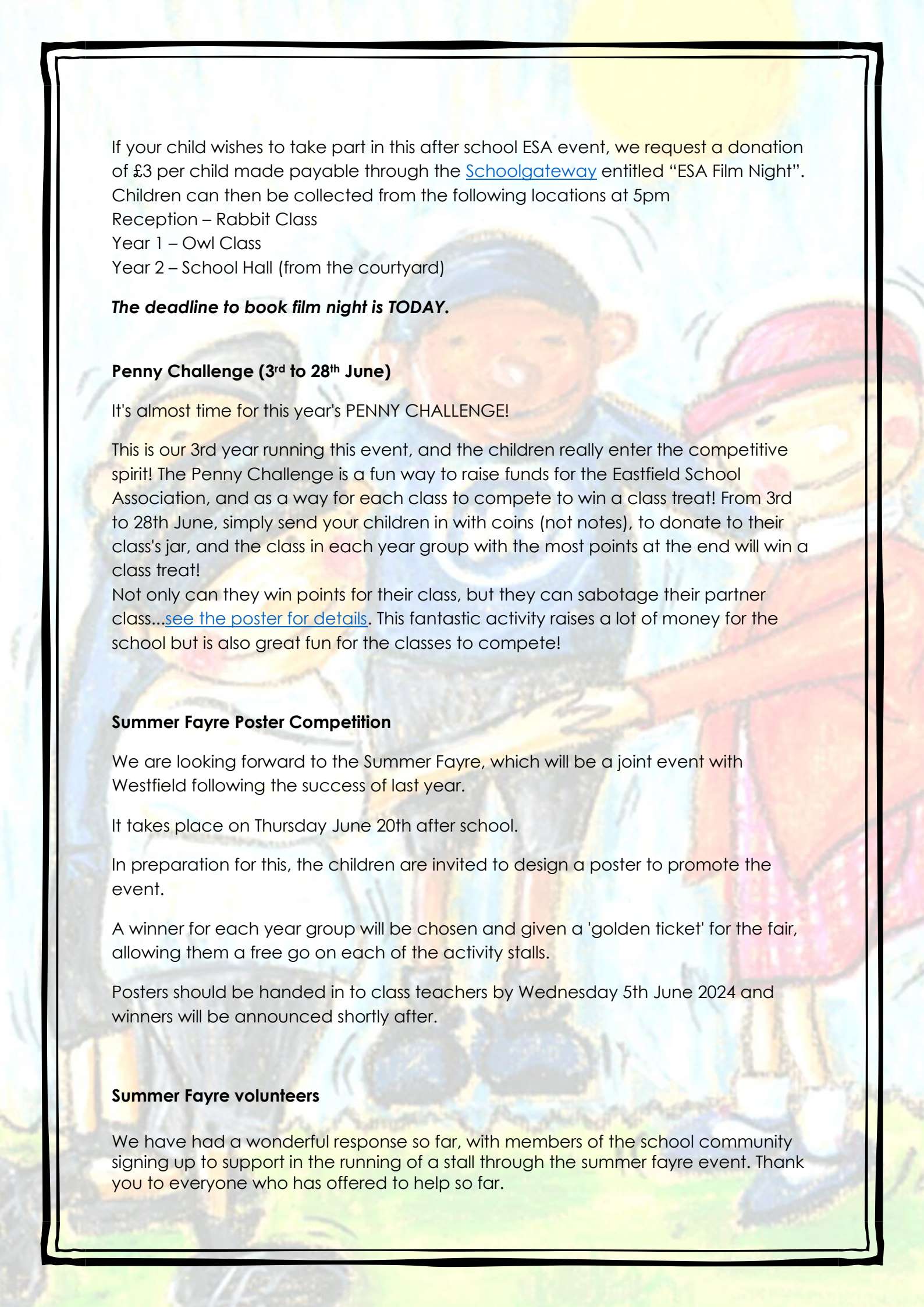
We will also be having a bonus "Frozen Friday" on Thursday 23rd May.

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 20th May, we would like to invite the children to stay in school to have a film night. 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
 <p data-bbox="427 1870 753 1948">The Good Dinosaur PG</p>	 <p data-bbox="858 1852 1152 1968">How to Train your Dragon 2 PG</p>

A colorful illustration of children in a school setting. In the foreground, a girl with dark hair and a blue headband is looking towards the right. To her right, a boy with blonde hair and a red cap is looking towards the left. In the background, another child is visible. The scene is set in a brightly lit room with a yellow wall and a blue ceiling.

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". 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 TODAY.

Penny Challenge (3rd to 28th June)

It's almost time for this year's PENNY CHALLENGE!

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!

Summer Fayre Poster Competition

We are looking forward to the Summer Fayre, which will be a joint event with Westfield following the success of last year.

It takes place on Thursday June 20th after school.

In preparation for this, the children are invited to design a poster to promote the event.

A winner for each year group will be chosen and given a 'golden ticket' for the fair, allowing them a free go on each of the activity stalls.

Posters should be handed in to class teachers by Wednesday 5th June 2024 and winners will be announced shortly after.

Summer Fayre volunteers

We have had a wonderful response so far, with members of the school community signing up to support in the running of a stall through the summer fayre event. Thank you to everyone who has offered to help so far.

There are still a few stalls we will not be able to run unless a few more people are able to offer support, which ultimately means fewer activities for the children and their families to be able enjoy.

If you can volunteer to help us out, and therefore enable us to run as many stalls as possible (in turn making as much funds as we can to go back to the children) then please [CLICK HERE](#).

Thank you in advance for your support in this popular and crucial event for raising much needed additional funds for each school 🤗☀️

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 is 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!



Midday Supervisor Recruitment

We are looking to employ a midday supervisor role within school. More information about the role, days and timings are attached [here](#).

EIFA Universal workshops and drop-in's for June

Please find attached details of the EIFA universal workshop offer for June as well as dates that Katie Smith will be based at Broadleas Child and Family Centre for bookable shared Drop-in appointments in June and July. Katie will be looking to offer this as well as any in school drop-in sessions going forward.

[EIFA Workshop offer June-July 2024](#)
[Getting it right for the children](#)
[Broadleas drop-in appointments June-July 2024](#)

May Half Term activities at the Norris Museum

The following family events will be taking place at the Norris Museum during May Half Term

[Sock Puppet Workshop](#)

[Follow that Bee](#) interactive storytelling and crafts

St Ives Library

The following events are up and coming at our local St Ives Library

[Jack and the Beanstalk Craft and Story session](#)

[Saturday Art Club](#)

[Summer Reading Challenge 2024](#)

Important dates for your diaries

- Monday 20th May – ESA Film Night (3:15 – 5pm)
- Tuesday 21st May – Maths in Stories Day
- Thursday 23rd May – Last day of Summer 1
- Friday 24th May – School Closed (Inset Training Day)
- Friday 24th to Friday 31st May - May Half term break
- Monday 3rd June – Start of Summer 2
- Thursday 6th June – Year 1 Maths walk to Warners Park
- Monday 10th – Friday 14th June – Year 1 Phonic Screening Checks
- Tuesday 11th June – New to Reception Parent/Carer Information session (6pm)
- Tuesday 18th June – Make Music Day

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- A colorful illustration of three children. In the center, a boy with dark skin and short black hair is wearing a blue t-shirt with a white circular logo. To his left, a girl with light skin and blonde hair is wearing a blue jacket and a black beanie. To his right, a girl with light skin and blonde hair is wearing a red dress and a red headband. They are all smiling and appear to be in a school setting with a green background.
- Tuesday 18th June – New to Nursery Parent/Carer information session (6pm)
 - Wednesday 19th June – Year 2 Maths Walk around St Ives
 - Thursday 20th June – Reception and Nursery Maths walk around school
 - Thursday 20th June – Eastfield and Westfield joint Summer Fayre (3:15pm onwards)
 - 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)
 - 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 – Official start of 2024/2025 Academic Year

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Summerfield

