

Dear Parents and Carers,

We made it! Another academic year has come to an end ✓

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year and for the trust you have shown in us as a school, to take care of your cherished ones.

To all the staff here at Eastfield, none of what we do would be possible without your hard work and commitment. For this, I am always extremely thankful.

The team here at Eastfield Infant and Nursery is truly special, and I am grateful to be a part of it every day.

Have a wonderful summer break, everyone!

Online Safety – Striking a healthy balance

From connecting with friends to gaming or watching videos, with more free time during the summer months children may spend more time online and [managing screen time](#) can be a common concern for parent/carers.

How much is too much? Unfortunately, there is no magic number. Children use the Internet and devices for lots of different reasons – to learn, to play, and to socialise. It is important to remember that children often welcome time-off from social media and games, so agree a clear set of rules about technology use in the home. This simple [Family Agreement template](#) is a useful way of starting the conversation, agreeing on the rules together, and striking a healthy balance!



Message from the ESA

Thank you to all parents, carers, staff, ESA members and children that have come along, supported and/or been part of the organisation to the many events we have held this school year.

Please see the two attachments below to find out how much we managed to raise as a community this year and what that means for our fundraising thermometer.

[2023 – 2024 Fundraising overview](#)

[July 2024 Thermometer](#)

We are already excited for upcoming events we have planned for the next academic year starting with a Welcome Quiz on Friday the 4th October.

All money we make goes back into providing educational extras for the children at Eastfield, most of which go towards supporting our vision of iPads/ICT within the classroom and enhancing our decodable reading books.

THANK YOU again for supporting your ESA.

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!



EIFA Summer and September offer

Please find attached the Education Inclusion Family Adviser workshop offer for the Summer and September, which include:

- Summer workshops
 - Sibling rivalry
 - What to do when kids push your buttons
 - Helping your child with feelings of worry
 - Individual appointments for parent/carers across the Autumn term
 - Challenging behaviour
 - Routines
 - Supporting emotions and wellbeing

- School transitions
- Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence

Links to contact Katie Smith and workshops can be found on the posters below.

[EIFA Summer holiday support](#)
[EIFA Worry Workshop](#)
[EIFA Drop-in sessions](#)

Summer Reading Challenge 2024

With the Summer holidays now upon us, it's time to introduce this year's Summer Reading Challenge *Marvellous Makers!*

This is a FREE challenge open to all children, aged 4-11 years. The challenge is to visit your local library, read 6 books over the 6 weeks holidays and collect stickers along the way. Everyone that completes the challenge is then invited to the library for a medal and certificate celebration.

For more information, please [click here](#) and you can also click on the link below to watch a short video.

<https://youtu.be/CQw2U60YZZk>

Children's Cookery and Yoga Summer Camp

Little Lotus Yoga and Edible Adventures Cookery School have joined together to provide a summer camp, based at Hemingford Primary School.

For more information, please [click here](#).

Summer Holiday Family Fun at the Norris Museum

The Norris Museum have a jam-packed offer to keep you and your little ones busy over the next 6 weeks! Please see below for what is available. You can also click on the activity titles (that are in blue) to look at their promotional posters.

Gallery Trails Summer Sticker Book!

Discover a different gallery trail each week from Saturday 20th July to Saturday 31st August – complete each week to earn stickers to fill your summer sticker book – free!

Craft Packs

Prefer to do crafts at home, or on the go? Why not explore the selection of craft packs, created by our learning team, on sale in our museum shop? Prices start at £3.50.

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Tuesday 30th July – 10am to 12pm

Grab your favourite teddy and come and join us for an interactive storytelling adventure – a bear hunt in the museum! Make a pair of teddy ears to wear and a plate of junk-modelled food for you and your bear, enjoy picnic toys and games in the garden, and find all the hidden tiny teddies to earn some stickers!

£3.50 per child

Aimed at children aged 3 years and up, but everyone is welcome!

Each child must be accompanied by an adult

Limited places - online booking essential <https://the-norris-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>

Marvellous Mosaics Workshops

Tuesday 6th August

2x Workshops – 10am to 11:30am and 1:30pm to 3pm

Design and create marvellous mosaic hanging decorations and coasters, with professional mosaic artist, Zena Brackenbury, by pressing real glass tesserae into air drying clay.

£12 for one child

£22 for two children

£30 for three children

Aimed at children aged 5 years and up (with their adults also making their own mosaics!)

Limited places - online booking essential <https://the-norris-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>

Nature Warriors Family Fun Day – at Holt Island Nature Reserve, The Norris Museum, and the Methodist Church

Wednesday 14th August – 11am to 3pm

Bird, bee, and butterfly-themed crafts, trails, games and more - complete your activity passport to earn a prize!

Drop-in – free to join in, donations welcome

Triumphant Trophies: Clay Workshops

Saturday 17th August

2x Workshops - 10am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm

Unleash your creativity with professional artist, Caroline Wendling, and celebrate the achievements of yourself or a loved one by making triumphant clay trophies.

Will your trophy be inspired by rugged Bronze Age beakers or refined Roman amphorae? Use scrunched up paper to create the shape of your trophy, and mould the clay onto this using your hands and simple tools, finish off with finer details if you wish!

£10 per child

Aimed at children aged 5 years and up, each child must be accompanied by an adult

Limited places - online booking essential <https://the-norris-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>

Monster Mask Mats: Wet Felting Workshops

Tuesday 20th August

2x Workshops - 9:45am to 12:15pm and 1pm to 3:30pm

Discover the joys of wet felting and create a menacing, mighty, or mischievous monster mat, with professional artist, Ricki Outis.

Lots of soap, warm water, rubbing and rolling - wet felting is a very sensory activity and the result is super soft, colourful and textural!

£12 for one child

£22 for two children

£30 for three children

Aimed at children aged 5 years and up (with their adults also making their own masks!)

Limited places - online booking essential <https://the-norris-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>

Marvellous Mosaics Workshops: Moving On

Thursday 29th August

2x Workshops - 10am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm

Develop your mosaic skills, with professional mosaic artist, Zena Brackenbury, by learning how to create more intricate designs for a clay bowl, made by you during the session.

£12 for one child

£22 for two children

£30 for three children

Aimed at children aged 7 years and up (with their adults also making their own mosaics!)

Limited places - online booking essential <https://the-norris-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>

Important dates for your diaries

- 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 – New to Nursery Home visits (**Nursery closed**)
- Wednesday 4th September – Official start of 2024/2025 Academic Year
- Thursday 5th September- Nursery open
- Year 1 Phonic & Reading Café – Tuesday 10th September at 2:30pm
- Early Years Phonic information session – Thursday 12th September at 9am

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- Reception stay & learn phonic session – Tuesday 17th September at 2:30pm
 - Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 20th September
 - Life in the Early Years parent/carer information session – Tuesday 24th September at 6:30pm
 - Individual photos – Monday 30th September
 - ESA Welcome Quiz – Friday 4th October (6:30pm for a 7pm start) **SAVE THE DATE** and more information will be available in the new term.
 - Great Fire of St Ives Educational visit for Year 2 classes (we will require parent/carer helpers for this visit) more information will be available in the new term.
 - Raccoon Class = Tuesday 8th October
 - Otter Class = Thursday 10th October
 - Parent/Carer Evenings – Tuesday 8th October (3:30 – 7pm)
Wednesday 9th October (3:30 – 5pm)
 - Great Fire of London “Trunk Theatre” company performance for Year 2 – Wednesday 23rd October
 - Friday 25th October - School Closed (Inset Training Day)
 - October half term – Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November
 - Monday 4th November – All children back to school

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Summerfield