

Headteacher Newsletter

Summer Term: July 2026

As this is my final Headteacher Newsletter for this academic year, and my first year as Head, I would like to thank our amazing Eatock Team, for everything they do to ensure the very best for our children! I would also like to thank all of the parents and carers for your continued support and for all you do to ensure the very best for your children. We have a fabulous school – one that I am very proud of.

I would also like to wish our Year 6 children the very best of luck, as they spread their Eatock Wings and fly. They are all absolutely ready for their next steps and I know they will achieve great things!



Dates to note:

Thursday 9th July: Nursery, Reception and KS1 reports will be sent home via the MCAS app.

Friday 10th July: KS2 reports will be sent home via the MCAS app.

If you would like to discuss your child's report after you have received it, please speak to your child's class teacher, or alternatively you are welcome to come to our optional parent's evening drop in on Tuesday 14th July, between 3:20pm and 4:20pm. Thank you.

Thursday 16th July: Non-uniform / Wellbeing Day. All children can come to school into their own clothes. Attendance parties will take place in the morning and wellbeing activities have been planned for the afternoon.

Friday 17th July: Toy Day – Your child can bring a toy or game to school to play with their friends. No electronics, devices or phones please! **School will close at 2pm on this day.** Premier afterschool club will remain open as usual. **Thank you.**

Please note – due to the warmer than usual weather forecast, we have taken the decision to allow the children to come to school in their PE kits for the remainder of the term. There are three planned non-uniform days to be aware of:

- this Friday (10th July) England colours, football kits or PK kits;
- Thursday 16th July, non-uniform day for all children (wellbeing afternoon and attendance parties)
- Friday 17th July (last day of term and toy day).

Reminders:

- **FSM applications** – if you receive benefits or support, you may be entitled to Free School Meals. Government changes means families have to re-apply each year. If you would like any further information on this, please refer to the **message sent via MCAS on 24/06/26**. Alternatively, please speak to the office staff.
- **Class Dojo** – please ensure you have returned your consent form to your child's teacher before Friday, 10th July. Thank you.

Notices for September:

- **PE Days** – I will inform you of your child's PE days in my 'Summer Holiday Notices', which will be sent on MCAS in August. Due to the government's decision to end the PE / Sports funding for schools, we are in the process of reviewing the external sports coaches we use.
- **No keyrings on school bags from September please. Thank you.**

PTA – A Huge Thank you!

I am extremely excited to share with all parents and carers that our PTA is now registered with the Charity Commission, which will enable the PTA to apply for grants and funding for the school, which will ultimately benefit our children!

I would like to say an **enormous thank you** to Mrs Wilcock for leading the application process and the many jobs that came along with this, and a huge thank you to all our PTA members and staff who ensure the smooth running of the PTA events. This year's fundraising has contributed towards the purchase of the Sue Colbridge Trim Trail, computers for school and resources for the EYFS Caterpillar garden. If you haven't already, please check out the [PTA Facebook Page](#).

Events Coming Up [Events calendar – Eatock Primary School](#)

As always, please check our school website's Events Calendar on a regular basis to ensure you are aware of the events coming up. **We will start adding dates for events coming up in the autumn term very soon. Thank you.**

[Events calendar – Eatock Primary School](#)

Safeguarding and Safety

Online safety

We talk to the children about online safety throughout the year, ongoing at an age-appropriate level. Here are some of the tips for parents that we would like to remind you before we break up for the summer holiday:

1. Encourage your child to ask for your permission, or the permission of the adult who is responsible for your child, **before they go online**.
2. Have online safety check-ins with your child at least weekly. You might ask them: What have you been playing on? Who have you been playing with online / chatting to online? Is everything okay / any issues?
3. Make sure your child is not chatting to strangers / people they haven't met in the real world. In school, we tell children to never chat online, or within the games they play, to anyone they have never met in real life. We also talk about the dangers of unfamiliar people online.
4. Set an agreed time where your child stops any online activity. Ensure they do not have access to their phone or device in the night. It is too tempting for many children if it is left out or easy to access!
5. Set up parental controls on devices your child uses to access online, so you can manage, restrict and monitor what your child / children is accessing online. There are lots of quick guides on You Tube. Here's one example: [How To Set Up Google Family Link On iPad \(Beginner's Guide\)](#)

Free Online safety information can be found here: [WakeUpWednesday](#)

Thank you again for your ongoing support. We wish you all a safe, wonderful summer holiday break.

Mrs Hickman and the Eatock Team

