



# Eastover Primary News

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## Welcome!

Hello and welcome to the first ever issue of Eastover Primary News, written by pupils for pupils and their families.

I hope you enjoy reading the articles. Reporters have worked incredibly hard in creating this issue. It's been a delight to work with such enthusiastic and dedicated pupils.

Mrs Tustin

Editor & Librarian

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## Meet the Eastover Primary News team!



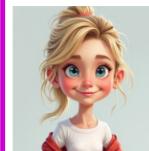
**Oscar**—I'm in year 6 and I love, love, love crisps, pizza and colourful stuff. I also like frogs and Christmas but I hate yoghurt and sports. I have a pet tortoise called Nev.



**Reuben**—I'm in year 6 and I love salami, and Doritos. My favourite football team is Westham United.



**Emma**— I'm in year 5 and I like ducks, red pandas, dogs and cats. I have a pet cat called Smudge! My favourite lesson is maths.



**Edith**—I'm in year 5 and my favourite lesson is history. I love football and support Arsenal F.C. I have a cat called Binks. I dislike peas.



**Frankie-Leigh**— I'm in year 5 too. I like Sports. I can read drum music notation. I love books, animals and winter time. I dislike peas.



**Kara**—I'm in year 5. I like books, English and roast dinners. I have a pet dog called Luna and a pet cat called Bundy.



**Mrs T**—I'm the librarian here at Eastover and not only do I love reading, I love buying books and looking after the library for the pupils here at Eastover. I also don't like peas.

## School Trips

### Year 5 Magdalen Farm Residential

In September, Year 5 went on a trip to Magdalen Farm near Chard. We went on a coach and learned a lot! We stayed overnight!

At Magdalen Farm we saw lots of animals! The animals were

- Ruby Red cows
- Chickens (we fed breakfast to them and collected eggs)
- Goats (we got to stroke these!)
- Pigs and Piglets (we fed these!)

On the first night we had a campfire. We sang songs and toasted sugared apples. On the second night we went for a walk in the dark. Over the two days we did different activities including orienteering, feeding animals, tasting veg, making smoothies and pizzas and exploring the forest.

I loved the room I stayed in and being with my friends. My favourite part was the rope swing in the forest. My favourite animals were the goats and the piglets. I would definitely recommend a visit. 10/10!

By Emma



Drawing by Frankie-Leigh

*I loved the chickens!*

Edith

*My favourite animals were the goats!*

Kara

## School Trips

In October Year 6 went to Bristol Zoo Project. There was so many amazing sights to see such as red pandas, lemurs, bears, wolves, giraffes and ostriches. It was so cool! We had a workshop about Madagascar and got to touch dead animals (amazing). We also learnt all about lemurs and where they live. We ended the day with a peaceful bear walk. My favourite animal was the giraffe.



By Oscar

In November, pupils from Eastover went to Nether-Stowey Primary school to play a match of football against them. It was rather muddy. Unfortunately, we lost. My cousin, who played for the opposing team, scored the first goal of the match! Even though we lost, we still had fun.

By Edith



### Oscar's Funky Eyeball Facts



Giraffes can lick their own eyes!



Ostrich's have the biggest eyes of any land animal.

Frogs have an extra set of eyelids.



Moles have tiny eyes and mostly use their sense of smell to get around.

Birds can see UV light and have much better vision than humans.

Oscar has the best vision with glasses but the worst without.



### Exclusive Interviews !

**Reporters Oscar and Frankie-Leigh met with the new deputy head, Mrs Stacey to find out a bit more about her.** This was their first major interview and they found Mrs Stacey very kind, welcoming and friendly. Her favourite food is a roast dinner and pizza (not together though!), her favourite animal is a tree frog and she loves the colour green.

**What is your favourite thing about Eastover?**

I find the children are very welcoming which makes me feel comfortable.

**Do you have any hobbies?**

Yes. I like exercising but my favourite type of exercise is running.

**What is your favourite lesson?**

It was art when I was a child but now it's maths.

**Do you have any pets?**

I have a big dog, a rottweiler, called Coco who loves cuddles!

**What is it about Eastover that you're looking forward to being part of?**

Christmas. I've heard great things about it!

**What games did you play at school?**

Skipping. There was a dinner lady who always let me skip at lunchtime.

**Why do you want to work in a school?**

I love working with children.

**What is your favourite type of music?**

Rock music. I love the Foo Fighters!

**What is your favourite book?**

I love the Harry Potter series and George's Marvellous Medicine.



Frankie-Leigh and Oscar also met with our new Head Teacher, Ms Alcock to quiz her on her new role within the school along with some fun questions.

**How many years have you worked at Eastover?**

I've worked here fourteen years now.

**What do you like about Eastover?**

Everything! We have a great staff team who all work together well and a fantastic group of children who work hard.



**What was your favourite subject when you were at primary school?**

It was P.E and English.

**What is the hardest part of being headteacher?**

There's a lot of people to look after and a lot of paperwork to do!

**How will you encourage and develop a sense of pride among pupils for our school?**

Making sure children do the best that they can across the whole curriculum and feel proud of their achievements and progress.

**How would you describe your leadership style and how will you motivate staff to achieve your vision?**

I have a collaborative leadership style and believe that using everyone's skills and talents together will achieve amazing things.

**What do you think is the biggest challenge for school leaders today?**

Trying to use the resources we are given to make sure we are doing the very best for every child no matter what their ability.



**Do you have any pets?**

Two guinea pigs. One called Toffee and one called Zuma (one of my daughters loves Paw Patrol!)

**What's your favourite band?**

Imagine Dragons

## What's Been Happening at Eastover?

In October Mrs Scolfield and year 6 pupil David unveiled the new sensory room. Mrs Scholfield has turned the old, multi-use sensory room into a single purpose delight for pupils with sensory needs. With infinity mirrors, bubble tubes, changing lights, a water and sand table and so much more, it is a wonderful tranquil environment for pupils to soothe and relax themselves. It's safe to say that Mrs Scholfield has done an incredible job!



Eastover has been one of two schools working alongside a willow sculpture artist to create a structure about life on the river. This will be displayed on Town Bridge as part of the Heritage Trail.

Pupils have done a marvellous job of fundraising recently. Here are the results;  
The Poppy Appeal—£70.79  
Children in Need—£317

Recently, pupils have been invited to look around local secondary schools. Here's what they thought.

**At Chilton Trinity** my first impression was that it was a friendly, kind, comforting place. It seems they are quite strict about uniform though! They have many clubs like, Dungeon and Dragons, Lego and a board game club. Music was great because there are so many instruments to try like the piano and ukulele. My overall look on the school is that it is fun and friendly and a great place to learn.

Oscar

Chilton also has houses such as Jupiter, Neptune, Venus and Mars. I would definitely go there!

Reuben

**I went to Haygrove School.** The best things about it are;

- Positive children who are proud of their school
- It's not too big so it's easy to get around
- My parents went there
- People I know are going there

The only negative is that it is going to be rebuilt somewhere else and will take longer to get there.

Edith

Fancy trying something different? Thinking of taking up a new hobby or taking part in a club but can't decide? Here's what the reporters get up to in and out of school.

**I take part in Rock Steady lessons.** The band I'm in is called The Party Gang and I play the drums. You can learn to play either the drums, keyboard, guitar and bass guitar or learn to sing! The fun thing about Rock Steady is playing games, making new friends and taking part in the concerts. The concerts are fun but others might not think that. I think concerts build your confidence.

By Frankie-Leigh



**I'm a member of a carnival club.** All members work together at the shed to decide on what our next cart will be. We strip down the cart down to the bare metal and start building again. Children get to help build the cart and are taught how to use the power tools to cut wood and paint the cart. In November we take part in seven carnivals. We love to show off our cart because we have worked so hard and are proud of our achievements.

After the carnival has finished we go to the carnival presentation to collect trophies for our achievements and celebrate our hard work.

We perform in all weathers, dry, pouring rain and in the freezing cold! We wear layers of clothing under our costumes to keep us warm. It is fun performing what-ever the weather.

By Reuben

**I go to gymnastics** at Quayside Gymnastics and Trampolining. When we get there, we take off our shoes and socks and we do a warm-up which includes the bridge and the splits. Then we get into groups and do the following; the bar (walk along the bar and do a trick), the vault where you have to run onto a trampette, jump onto a block and jump off whilst doing a pose. This could be a star, a straddle, a pike, a tuck or a straight shape.

Emma

**I go to dance club** after school on a Thursday. It is led by Miss Marsh and Miss Kozaj. We sing and dance and occasionally perform a show. At the moment we are learning songs from Disney's *The Little Mermaid* like Under the Sea and Human Stuff. I like it because I like to sing and dance. Our next show is in May. Come and join us!

By Kara

**Want to be part of the most spectacular show ever?** Join MADE theatre club and be amazed by what you can do! You can sing, dance and act! I go once a week and my favourite part is singing. We do show cases (a taster of what we do) and shows like *Matilda the Musical* ( coming soon) at the McMillan Theatre.

Oscar

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### Book Reviews



I read Billionaire Boy by David Walliams. It's about a boy called Joe who is super rich but doesn't have any friends. He even moves schools to try make friends! He does but it's not as easy as he thought it would be.

By Frankie-Leigh



Matthew is afraid of germs so he doesn't leave his bedroom unless he really has to. He is very lonely but a mystery in the street takes him out of his comfort zone.

I think it's a really good book and I was interested in the story.

By Oscar



I've read How to Train Your Dragon; How to Ride a Dragon's Storm. To be honest, I've read nearly every one of the series by Cressida Cowell. It's about a boy called Hiccup who goes on amazing adventures. You will love it!

By Emma



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Reporters challenged Mrs T to read two books and review them.



The Light Jar by Lisa Thompson is a mystery about Nate and his mum who are fleeing home. It's a heartfelt read tackling issues such as friendship, loneliness and resilience. It could be an emotionally challenging read but one I would recommend for pupils age nine and



Herbie Lemon is looking after the lost property in the Grand Nautilus Hotel in Eerie-on-Sea when a mysterious girl bursts into his room. He finds himself, the girl and other townsfolk on a hunt for the Malamander, a sea monster no-one is certain actually exists. This is a great adventure with brilliant character names suitable for ages nine upwards.



**Every term, pupils in Rock Steady perform a concert to parents and some year groups.** With five bands comprised of pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 performing songs such as Rag 'n' Bone Man's *Human*, Sia's *Cheap Thrills*, Kelly Clarkson's *Since You've Been Gone*, *Don't Stop Believing* by Journey and, the festive *Last Christmas* by Wham! Pupils provide a great show. With only three members, The Rockruffs, showed that you don't need a full band to perform well. Despite having stage fright, one year 4 pupil carried on throughout their song! It's incredibly hard for pupils to get up in front of so many people and perform in a band but they all did a marvellous job. Well done everyone in Rock Steady!

## Advice

### Sleep

Are you having problems with sleep? Why don't you try;

- Creating a bedtime routine
- Making your room cool, dark and quiet
- Not using screens for an hour before bedtime
- Not having sugar before bedtime and,
- Make sure you have your teddy

If you experience nightmares with a monster in them try;

- Using a dream catcher or,
- Drawing the monster, scribble over it and throw it away



**Ever feel nervous or worried?** Distracting your mind is a great way to help you feel a bit calmer. Use your senses! Find 5 things that you can see, 4 things that you can feel, 3 things you can hear, 2 things you can smell and then, think of the one place in the world that makes you very happy!

Need more help with feeling nervous, excited, sad or angry? Pop into the library and borrow;



## Jokes

What smells gross but makes a sound like a bell?

*Dung!*



What position did the ghost play in the school football team?

*Ghoulie!*

What do you call a student with a pocket encyclopaedia?

*Smartie Pants!*

How do cats bake?

*From scratch!*



How do snowmen shop online?

*They use the winter-net!*

What's an elf's favourite type of music?

*Wrap music!*

Which of Santa's reindeers has bad manners?

*Rude-olph!*



Have a very good Christmas

Emma

Merry Christmas!

Frankie-Leigh

Merry Christmas!

Edith

I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Oscar

Merry Christmas !

Reuben

Have a great Christmas

Kara

***Merry Christmas!***

**From the Eastover Primary News team.**

