



11th September 2026

Ewell Grove Newsletter

Let's celebrate the children at Ewell Grove!

We are excited to announce that our new look Gold Award Assemblies will be starting on Wednesday 16th September! Every week, two children from each class will be recognised and awarded a Gold Award Certificate for an outstanding achievement at school. These awards will celebrate a wide range of successes, including:

- Demonstrating our core school values
- Excellent progress or effort with classroom learning
- Fantastic achievements in sports or wider curriculum activities
- A wonderful attitude, resilience, and positive approach to learning

These assemblies are a super opportunity to not only celebrate individual achievements, but to also give the children a chance to see and learn about the fantastic things happening in other year groups. We know our Key Stage 2 children will be brilliant role models during these special assemblies.

School Priorities

This year we will be continuing to strengthen foundational knowledge across the curriculum. Foundational knowledge provides the building blocks on which future learning is developed. As part of this we will be continuing our focus on phonics, common exception words, spelling patterns, handwriting, number bonds and multiplication.

There are many ways you can support this learning at home and class teachers will be sharing strategies during our parent information meetings. Resources will also be uploaded onto Google Classroom. Most importantly, please do not feel you need to teach new content as the teachers will introduce and model new learning at school. Activities at home provide an opportunity to practise, remember, talk about and apply what they have learned. The children will become increasingly secure and automatic with the more practice they have.

This week during our Collective Worship assembly we shared the story 'What if everybody did that?' written by Ellen Javernick and the children spent time reflecting on responsibility and how we can all look after our local community.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Paula Rising

Useful Online Website Links



[School Calendar](#)



[Parents' Information Booklet](#)



[Change of Contact Details](#)



[Exceptional Leave of Absence Form](#)



[Pupil Medication Request](#)



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Parent Workshops

Following the feedback form sent last week, we have received a couple of responses. Thank you for your suggestions.

Our first workshop will be focussed on our Read Write Inc systematic phonics approach and how you can support your child at home. This workshop will take place on **Thursday 24th September** in the school hall at **9:00am**. You will have the option to attend this meeting either in person or online. If you select online a link will be emailed directly to you on the day of the meeting. Please sign up using [this online form](#).

Read Write Inc.
Phonics

A huge thank you to all of our wonderful reading volunteers who supported our children last year. Your time, encouragement and enthusiasm made such a positive difference.

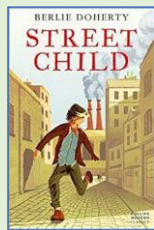
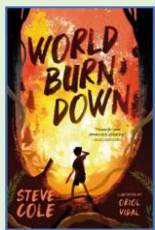
If you would like to continue supporting this year, or if you are interested in becoming a reading volunteer, we would love for you to join us for an afternoon coffee on **Monday 21st September at 2:45pm** in the Studio.

We hope to see you there!

Subject of the Week: PSHE

Since the start of our new academic year, all children have embraced many aspects of PSHE through our 'Establishment Phase'. We have all discussed our Golden Rules, Fundamental British Values and our Sports Values.

This half term our PSHE theme is "All About Me" and our British Value is "Democracy". Some classes have shown the value of 'Democracy' by voting on their class readers. Some of the stories chosen are:



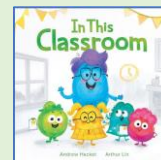
We have also discussed the 'Zones of Regulation' and explored feelings. Here are some great posters for discussion points that you could also share at home.



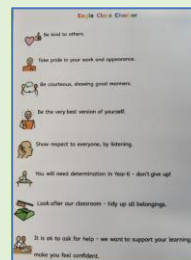
Year 2 have enjoyed some stories about our 'Golden Rules'. Then they explored being 'Gentle and Kind' and decided on their superpower. What wonderful pictures and writing.



Owl Class have also enjoyed a wonderful story called "In This Classroom" by Andrew Hackett. They really enjoyed the story! The themes within the book are all about emotions, struggles and how working together helps to solve problems and grow.



Our class PSHE rules have also been created and these are proudly displayed in our classrooms.



Miss Rising Playing Pairs!

Last year on our weekly newsletter Ewell Grove staff took it in turns to recommend some of their favourite books to share at home. This year we would like to share some of our most loved games.

As a child I loved playing 'pairs' with my family! I wouldn't take my eyes off the cards because I wanted to remember where each card was placed.

We played using cards with numbers and pictures, and sometimes I even made my own! It was such a simple but fun game, and I loved the challenge of finding where the matching cards were.

You might like to try playing pairs at home. You could even make your own cards using drawings or pictures from magazines. It's a great way to have fun together while practising memory and concentration.



School Photographer

Our school photographer will be taking individual and family (sibling) photographs of the children on **Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th September**.

Families will be photographed together **unless you inform us in writing** that you would like your children to be photographed individually.

Is Your Child in Year 6?

If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 you will need to **apply for a secondary school place by 31st October 2026**.

We suggest you submit your secondary application by **16th October 2026** as this is the Friday before the half term holiday. Secondary outcomes will be sent by post or email on 1st March 2027. Apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call them on 0300 200 1004.

Epsom & Ewell Foodbank

Weekly Wishlist

This week, the [Epsom and Ewell Foodbank](#) are needing a few urgent items. If you would like to donate, please click on this [link](#) to find out more.



Nursery Parents

If your child was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 you will need to apply for a school place between 2nd November 2026 and 15th January 2027.

Nursery children will be coming home with a leaflet with full details of the application process.

Reception outcomes will be sent by post or email on **16th April 2026**. Apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions between **2nd November 2026 and 15th January 2027**.

Google Classroom

Please can everyone try logging into Google Classroom from home with your emoji password. If you have any problems, please let your Class Teacher know as soon as possible.

Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools



We are delighted to share that our school is participating in the **Surrey PINS (Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools) project**, an NHS and council initiative to improve support for neurodivergent pupils. To help shape how we support our children, please watch this short [PINS Introduction Video](#) and complete our brief [Parent Carer Survey](#). Your feedback directly influences the training and support we put in place.

Thank you for helping us build an inclusive environment for every child.

Miss Moore

Surrey's Local Offer

[Surrey's Local Offer](#) website brings together information, services, support, activities and opportunities for children and young people with additional needs and disabilities (AND), alongside practical guidance and resources for their families, all in one easy to access place.

It is designed to help parent carers and young people find trusted information quickly and confidently. The website brings together the wide range of support available through Surrey County Council and its partners. The Local Offer complements rather than replaces personalised support. It helps families understand what help is available and access it at the earliest opportunity.

Families can access information on varied topics including:

[Travel and transport](#) advice to help save money, plan journeys and support young people to travel more independently and confidently.

[Inclusive leisure activities](#) across Surrey designed for children with AND, from sports clubs and music groups to family-friendly events

[Support for siblings](#) of children with additional needs and disabilities

[Preparing for adulthood](#) covering education, employment, independent living, health and finances to help young people and their families feel confident and informed as they take their next steps.

Visit the [Local Offer](#) at surreycc.gov.uk/localoffer
Sign up here for the [AND Newsletter](#)

Friends of Ewell Grove Events

September

Friday 18 th September	➤ Nursery and Reception Welcome Picnic: 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Friday 25 th September	➤ FOEG Book Club – ‘The Ministry of Time’ by Kaliane Bradley: 7:30pm
Date TBC	➤ Volunteers needed to check Christmas Card designs (school hours)

October

Friday 2 nd October	➤ Christmas Fair planning meeting: 9:00am at Mandalina
Monday 5 th October	➤ Letter / permission form to Year 6 families for Christmas Fair volunteering
Sunday 11 th October	➤ Quiz Night ticket sales and pre-order pizzas open: 7:00pm
Wednesday 14 th October	➤ Year 6 Fair response deadline
Friday 16 th October	➤ Christmas Fair volunteer request (via Helping Hands)
Saturday 24 th October	➤ Christmas card / gift online shop closure deadline
Mid-October	➤ Christmas card / gift slips sent home in bookbags (online shop)
Date TBC	➤ Santa's Grotto tickets (at Christmas Fair) go live

November

Thursday 5 th November	➤ The Little Recyclers collection: 6.30 – 8:00pm
Friday 6 th November	➤ The Little Recyclers collection (volunteers needed): 8:45 – 9:00am
Friday 6 th November	➤ FOEG Open Meeting: 9:00 – 10:00am - ALL WELCOME!
By mid-November	➤ Delivery of Christmas card / gift orders to Ewell Grove
Date TBC	➤ Santa's Postbox goes live

December

Thursday 10 th December	➤ Christmas Fair evening prep: 7:00 – 9:00pm
Friday 11 th December	➤ Christmas Fair Day! Set-up 1.15 – 3:00pm, Fair 4:00 – 6:00pm, clear up 6:00 – 8:00pm
Date TBC	➤ Non-Uniform Day (bottle and chocolate donations for Christmas Fair)
Date TBC	➤ Santa's Postbox closes
Last week of term	➤ Santa's replies due from the North Pole

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Epsom & Ewell Family Centre

Parenting Drop-Ins

Parenting drop-in - Thursdays 9:00-12:00 @ Ewell
Drop in with questions about family life, including SEND, family conflict, mental health, domestic abuse, housing and benefits. Our Family Centre team and Citizens Advice Bureau advisors are here to help.
Ewell Family Centre, Riverview Road, KT19 0JP

SEND drop-in - Mondays 9:00-12:00 @ Epsom
Drop in for signposting on SEND services and support.
Epsom Family Centre, Pound Lane, KT19 8RY

No need to book, but if you want to contact us, scan the QR code, call 01372 571 178 or email epsomewellfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk



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Tues 9:30-11:30am Starts 22nd Sept
Tues 12:30-2:30pm Starts 3rd Nov

Parenting Puzzle course

Having children is rewarding, but it can also be stressful. Learn positive parenting strategies and tools in this five-week course for a calmer, happier home life.

Two course options available:
Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30am, 22nd Sept - 20th Oct (5 weeks)
Tuesdays 12:30-2:30pm, 3rd Nov - 1st Dec (5 weeks)

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9:30-11:30am
Wed 7th Oct
or Tues 24th Nov

Parenting your Neurodivergent Child workshop

Two-hour session designed to help parents gain a deeper understanding of their neurodivergent child's unique way of thinking and experiencing the world. You will explore positive parenting techniques to guide and encourage them, and promote harmony, cooperation and understanding in your home.

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Epsom, Ewell & Banstead



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9:30-11:30am
Wednesdays
4, 11, 18, 25 Nov

Keeping your Child in Mind

Join us for this free 4-week course designed to help parents and carers work together to create a calmer, more supportive family life. Each session offers practical tools, thoughtful discussion and space to reflect on what we do as adults and how our actions shape the way everyone in the family feels.

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1:30-2:30pm,
Tuesday 29th Sept

Internet Safety workshop

Free one-hour workshop for parents of primary school-aged children. The workshop will explore children's online lives, the risks of sharing information online, the growing role of AI, online grooming and practical steps families can take to stay safe online.

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FAMILY LEARNING



Emotional Regulation in Children: Practical Support for Parents

[Enrol here](#)

This **FREE** two-week course (two 2-hour sessions) will help parents of primary-aged children gain practical tools and a better understanding of their child's emotional needs, supporting their wellbeing and development.

Wednesdays
4 and 11 November 2026
9:30am - 11:30am
Ewell Family Centre, Riverview Road, Epsom, Surrey, KT19 0JP



What will I learn:

- Understanding your child's emotions and behaviour
- Recognising when your child is dysregulated
- Validating your child's feelings
- Simple coping strategies for home
- Encouraging your child's emotional growth

Please note: This course is for parents/carers only (no children)



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surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning
0300 200 1044
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Epsom & Ewell Family Centre - Emerging Needs Offer

Autumn 2026

DROP-INS

Parenting Drop-In @ Ewell

Thursdays, 9:00am-12:00pm
@ Ewell Family Centre (KT19 0JP)

Drop in with questions about family life, including behaviour, SEND, family conflict, domestic abuse, mental health, housing, benefits and energy. Our Family Centre staff and Citizen's Advice advisors are here to help.

SEND Drop-In @ Epsom

Mondays, 9:00am-12:00pm
@ Epsom Family Centre (KT19 8RY)

Drop in for information and signposting about SEND support in the local area, such as local support groups, courses and activities for children.

GROUPS

CAN DO!

10:00-11:30am
Thurs 22nd & Thurs 29th Oct
@ Epsom Family Centre

Supportive playgroup for families of children aged 0-11 with additional needs. Booking is essential.

Baby Bubble

Mondays
9:30-11:00am @ Epsom Library

Welcoming group for families of babies up to 2 who would benefit from some extra support. After the session, the group will head to the library's Rhyme Time.

Baby Steps

Thursdays
12:30-2:30pm @ Ewell Family Centre

Culturally sensitive support group run by Surrey Minority Ethnic Forum. For women of all ethnic backgrounds who are pregnant or have a baby up to age 3.



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COURSES

Parenting Puzzle

9:30-11:30am, Tues 22nd Sept - 20th Oct
OR 12:30-2:30pm, Tues 3rd Nov - 1st Dec
@ Ewell Family Centre

Five-week course offering practical strategies to help parents navigate common parenting challenges. Each session focuses on a different area of parenting.

Keeping your Child in Mind

9:30-11:30am, Wed 4th - 25th Nov
@ Epsom Family Centre

Four-week course designed to help parents and carers put their child at the centre of parenting to create a calmer, more supportive family life.

Emotional Regulation for Children: Practical Support for Parents

9:30-11:30am, Wed 4th & 11th Nov
@ Ewell Family Centre

Two-week course to help parents understand emotional regulation. You will learn how to spot the signs of dysregulation and how to develop healthy coping strategies for you and your child.



First Steps to Understanding Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance

9:30-11:30am, Wed 18th Nov - 2nd Dec
@ Ewell Family Centre

Three-week course exploring early signs and causes of school non-attendance. Learn to communicate effectively with schools and respond during crises.



Antenatal Group

7:00-9:00pm
Mon 7th - 28th Sept
@ Ewell Family Centre

Free antenatal education classes for those who are expecting a baby and would benefit from some extra support.



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WEEKLY TIMETABLE

MONDAY

EPSOM FAMILY CENTRE
SEND Drop-In - 9:00-12:00
EPSOM LIBRARY
Baby Bubble - 9:30-11:00

TUESDAY

EPSOM FAMILY CENTRE
Breastfeeding Cafe - 10:00-11:30
Booked appointments (call 0300 247 0025: Option 1, Option 1)
Midwife Clinic - appointment only
CBT Counselling - appointment only
(www.wearewithyou.org.uk)

WEDNESDAY

EPSOM FAMILY CENTRE
Circle of Security perinatal group - referrals only

THURSDAY

EWELL FAMILY CENTRE
Parenting Drop-In - 9:00-12:00
SMEF Baby Steps - 12:30-2:30 (term time only)

SERVICES

Breast Pump Hire

Hire an electric breast pump to support your breastfeeding. Rent for 3 weeks for a small fee.



Vitamin drops

Purchase Healthy Start children's vitamins drops - £3 per pack or free with a Healthy Start card.

Parenting Guides

PowerPoint resources providing an introduction to positive behaviour management in children.

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