

Dear Parents/Carers,

Friday 3rd July 2026



FOOTBALL GOLDEN DAY!



Today we started the countdown to our summer 'Golden Day' which will take place on **Thursday 16th July 2026** – *the day before the children break up for the summer.* The theme for this Golden Day was an easy one to arrive at – coming as it does at the end of our **FOOTBALL** reading challenge and in the midst of the FIFA Men's **FOOTBALL** World Cup in the USA, Canada and Mexico. So, although we do not know yet how much longer England will remain in the competition, 'football' is going to be our sporting theme for the last Golden Day of the school year!



**FIFA WORLD CUP
QUALIFIED
TEAMS**

We have been fortunate in securing support on the day from two different coaching organisations so during the day the children will have the chance to take part in a **Freestyle Football WOW day** (provided by Jamie Knight's Freestyle Football workshops) and some fun workshops including **Football Darts** and **Speed Gun** activities provided by Cramlington United, all of which will take place at Eastlea.

So what exactly will be happening?

- **A NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR EVERYONE!** (*football or general sporting theme or colours of the national / international / local teams they support, trainers etc... and no fine to pay!!. Please do NOT buy a football shirt just for this Golden Day.*)



- Freestyle football demonstration and workshops, football darts and Speed Gun challenges for each class – in the hall and on the field.
- Football based class activities to find out more about countries taking part in the world cup tournament!
- Presentation of prizes to the classes whose 'groups' have made it through to the world cup final...following our school sweepstake!
- **Our Golden Day school lunch will be swapped with the Friday menu so we will have 'world cup pizza' and chips on the menu and a Fab lolly for dessert!** If your child wants to have this meal then £2.50 should be paid following the usual arrangements. If not then a packed lunch can be brought in.

- End of session timings/pick up arrangements will remain the same...11.45am for morning Nursery, and 3.15pm for all other pupils. [N.B. Year 6 will leave school a little early (3pm) so they are ready for their meal out in the evening.]

And the best news, as always, is that there will be no additional charge for this. **The children do not have to bring in any money for coming in non-uniform or the workshops/coaching sessions.** This is their treat for trying hard with their behaviour this half term.

As always attendance on our Golden Days is dependent on each child following the Eastlea rules in school and at lunchtimes. We are hoping to include all children; however, for those who are struggling to follow the rules, we have been or will be in contact with parents to discuss ways to support children to get them 'back on track' in terms of behaviour.

Yours sincerely
E Beeston,
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Jamie Knight's
**FREESTYLE FOOTBALL
WORKSHOPS**

