



An East Sheen Story: Extracurricular activities



Our Story

Our extracurricular programme at East Sheen Primary is something that we are proud of. The statistics speak for themselves: with over 43 clubs that run over the course of the week at different times of the day, we offer hours of non-timetabled learning weekly. For us, it's about helping to nurture the passions our pupils have outside the normal classroom environment and encouraging children to try something new.

Diversity of offered activity is important and we understand that one size simply doesn't fit all. The activities that we offer range from cooking to choir, gymnastics to programming, and French to Lego. We are also always looking for new partners to offer new activities and work with local communities and groups to develop the programme that is available to children. We actively listen to the school community to understand what activities and clubs they would like and input into the planning of the clubs. Recent additions include Film Club, Robotics and Animation Club and the Latin Club, in addition to expanding to two choirs.

We also want to support opportunities for all but realise that some families don't have the financial capacity to attend clubs; we offer subsidised places for some of our clubs to enable all children that want to try certain activities to be able to through the Pupil Premium and the Sports Premium grants that are available. In addition to the 60 fully-funded club places per week, we also offer a range of free clubs, run by volunteering teachers.

So whether your child is a budding artist, linguist or athlete, you are likely to find an activity that suits their interest.

What Our Teachers Say



- "It's a fantastic suite of options available for children to try; I just don't know how they manage to choose between them!"
- "I love helping in the after-school activities - it offers the children a different environment to learn and it is great seeing them develop passions and skills outside the classroom."
- "It's fantastic that we offer activities pre, during and after school to support pupil learning. It's also great to have care options available when parents are working."
- "It helps children to develop relationships with people who are not in their class which is helpful for new friendships."
- "The clubs really help to build pupil confidence and personal skills. The range helps children discover new passions."

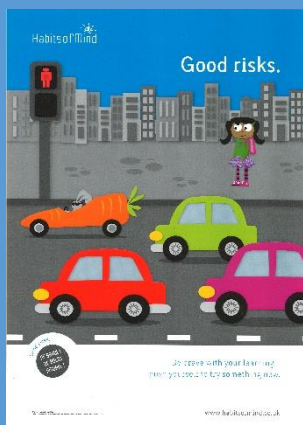
What Children Say

- "I love all the clubs I take part in. I wish I could do more"
- "I enjoy representing the school in inter school competitions. I like it when we win!"
- "I enjoy the breakfast club, especially the breakfast options."
- "I am really arty, and love drawing and I love that I can do it after school as well as in class."
- "I have learned to cook some really nice things during cooking class, and can now make them at home"



What Are We Doing Next?

- Actively listening to what clubs the school community would like. Currently we are looking to introduce a Mandarin Club.
- We are actively diversifying the offering to children, understanding that one size does not fit all.
- We want to encourage diversity and access across the activities and are looking at ways to actively promote clubs to all groups across the school community.



Thinking Schools—Habits of Mind

One 'Habit of Mind' we particularly like is helping children learn to take 'good risks'. Trying new things is exciting, often beneficial and fun, but it can also be daunting. By creating a culture of 'try it, and have a go', we encourage children to try new things and take safe risks in a safe environment. For many children, it helps them uncover hidden talents and interests.

'An accredited Thinking School (such as ESPS) shows excellence in taking an explicit, evidence informed, whole school approach to developing pupils' cognitive capability and intelligent learning behaviours that serve beyond the school-life and curriculum.'
– Thinking Matters Magazine