



**ELKESLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**Newsletter—Summer 1**  
**21st April— 23rd May 2025**

Summer

**Key Dates:**

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28/04/25 School photos – class photos

01/05/25 Multi-sports KS2 - Tuxford

**01/05/25 Music Concert (1:1 tuition concert rescheduled)**

12/05/25 Adventure Unlocked – Chestnut and Sycamore

12/05/25 – 15/05/25 KS2 SATs

12/05/25 – 14/05/25 Book Fair

15/05/25 KS1 Striking and Fielding – Tuxford

20/05/25 Adventure Unlocked – Little Acorns and Oak

**20/05/25 Sports Day (Reception – Year 6)**

22/05/25 PTA Bake Sale

**23/05/25 School Value Assembly – Talented**

**Events to Attend:**

Here is an outline of events; further information will be issued closer to the time.

**Music Concert:** Rearranged from last half term—Mr Fretwell will be hosting a music concert for our children whom receive 1:1 music tuition to show off their skills.

**Sports Day:** After the success of last year's sports day, we have opted to host our annual sports day in May once again due to the usual weather conditions. This will be led by Ms. Williams with some exciting events in the morning, followed by a range of races (with spectators) in the afternoon. Nursery have a separate (much shorter) sports 'day' on the 3rd June (please note new date).

**Values Assembly:** Support our children in their achievements and see who has earned this half-term's value of Talented!

**Note: Sporting Events:** *Not all children from each class will be taken to sporting events due to limited number of places offered to us. We ensure a fair selection process.*

**Calendar Synchronisation**

Our school website features a Calendar Synchronisation tool. By using the subscribe button, you can seamlessly download important dates directly to your personal calendar. Please be assured that the site does not access your information; any updates made by Mrs. Sutherby will automatically reflect in your calendar.

**News and Updates**

Don't forget to check Class Dojo for weekly updates and pictures of what the children are learning in class. Please see your child's 'What We Are Learning' document for more information on their learning this half term! For further information, please refer to the school website.



**Healthy Eating Reminder**

We have observed an increase in unhealthy snacks, such as crisps and chocolate, being brought to school. To promote a healthy lifestyle, we encourage ordering snacks from the tuckshop or bringing fruit or a cereal bar. Please note that unsuitable snacks may be removed, and a reminder sent home.



**Safeguarding**

Advice on any aspect of Child Protection and Safeguarding may be sought from the safeguarding team: C Marsh (Designated Safeguarding Lead); S Woodcock (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) or L Douglas Koch (Safeguarding Governor). If you have concerns about a family or child, please do speak to us. You can now do so anonymously using our online safeguarding platform, using the following link: <https://form.thesafeguardingcompany.com/d50a8a89-2f27-4398-9763-0087b758efac>

Alternatively consult the MASH via: <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/safeguarding/childrens-mash/report-a-new-concern-about-a-child>

### Recent Ofsted Report:

We are pleased to announce that the recent Ofsted inspection resulted in 'good' in all areas. The report is live and available at: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/122640>



We were very particularly proud of the following:

- ◆ Staff go the extra mile to make sure that the school's core values are understood and realised. As a result, pupils are welcoming, happy, talented and resilient. They show compassion to others and achieve well.'
- ◆ Children feel safe and happy in a school that is a great place in which to learn. The school has high expectations of all pupils.'
- ◆ Pupils, including pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are expertly supported to behave well. This work begins as soon as children enter the Nursery. Lessons are calm. Pupils work collaboratively. They show each other kindness. They help each other when they are stuck.'
- ◆ Pupils have a strong understanding of the importance of respecting and celebrating difference. The learning that takes place about different people's heritage is inspiring. Pupils say that the school is one where everyone belongs.'

### Celebrations:

#### Value Awards

Well-done to Elliott, Katie, Perez, Adam, Islay, Minnie, James, Bobby and Kian for receiving last half-term's value award for 'Resilient'. These children were selected for always trying their best and for never giving up, even when things become challenging!

#### Attendance

Our school attendance has improved year-on-year and children are making good progress as a result. Last half term, we saw an improvement in every class and, in the value assembly, 51 children received a 100% attendance award!

Attendance this year to date:

Little Acorns: 96.4%	Oak: 96.4%
Chestnuts: 97.56%	Sycamore: 95.23%



#### Staff Recognition Awards

Well-done to all members of staff for their hard work and dedication and taking the school from strength to strength. All teaching staff were awarded a headteacher's award last half term! If you ever feel any member of staff needs recognition, please drop me a message and they may receive this prestigious award in assembly!

### New Play Group:

We are delighted to invite you to our weekly Playgroup at Elkesley Primary and Nursery School, taking place every Thursday from 9am to 11am, starting on 24th April 2024. This exciting opportunity is open to all families, not just those from the village of Elkesley, so please feel free to spread the word! Our Playgroup will be run by Mrs Macintyre and Miss Bell; they will provide a variety of toys and games for the children to explore, alongside creative crafts and fun activities designed to encourage play and social interaction. Juice and water will be provided; you are more than welcome to bring along snacks. If you would like to bring a hot drink for yourself, kindly ensure it is in a safety mug. We look forward to welcoming you and your little ones to our Playgroup.

### Safer Internet Usage

Thank you so much to the parents who have completed the Internet usage Survey. The responses that we have received have given a good insight - however, we have received very few. To better support the children, and to ensure we are meeting the needs of the whole community, I ask all parents to please complete the following survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/jN7A1VDd2j>

I would really appreciate if this could be completed so that we can tailor and target support to our children.