



ELKESLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Newsletter—Autumn 1
01/09/25—17/10/25



Key Dates:

Autumn 1: 3rd September 2025 – 17th October 2025

Thursday Mornings—9:00 - 10:30 : Playgroup

16/09/25—Balance Bikes – Little Acorns and Oak

23/09/25— Balance Bikes – Little Acorns and Oak

25/09/25— KS2 Football at Tuxford

29/09/25—Balance Bikes – Little Acorns and Oak

02/10/25— KS1 Football at Tuxford

06/10/25— Adventure Unlocked – Little Acorns (AM)
and Oak (PM)

07/10/25— Parent’s Phonics Session and Workshop

10/10/25—PTA Food Bank Collection

10/10/25—Harvest Assembly

13/10/25—Parents Reading Workshop

14/10/25—Adventure Unlocked: Sycamore (AM) and
Chestnut (PM)

16/10/25—KS2 Bench ball/Basketball at Tuxford

16/10/25—PTA Halloween Disco

17/10/25—Value Assembly: Happy

Half Term – PTA Pumpkin Carving Competition



Events to Attend:

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

Phonics visit and Workshop for parents: Parents and carers of Little Acorns and Oak children are invited to complete activities with their children in class, along with attending a workshop of how phonics is taught.

Harvest Assembly: Annual performance assembly and celebration of food collected for the food bank.

Reading workshop starting at 5:00 pm: Workshop on how we teach reading and how children can be supported at home.

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

Note: Tuxford Sporting Events: *Not all children from each class will be taken to Tuxford 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

**WHAT
WE ARE
LEARNING**

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.



ClassDojo

Healthy Eating Reminder

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

Music Provision

As you will be aware, Miss Ackerman will no longer be joining us to teach music. For continuity and high-quality teaching, we have developed a music curriculum and Miss Tinkler will be delivering music every Friday across the school.

Mr Fretwell will be continuing his 1:1 Music sessions each Tuesday.

Parent & Toddler Group

Reminder that we run a weekly Playgroup which takes place every Thursday from 9.00 am to 10.30 am. The sessions are free to all and open to all families, not just those from the village of Elkesley, so please, feel free to spread the word!

Extra-Curricular

Swimming: Sycamore will resume swimming every Tuesday with their last session being 18/11/25. Please note that, this year, we have opted to take Year 2 along with Chestnut class due to smaller class numbers. Therefore Years 2-4 will begin swimming 25/11/25 with their last session being 10/02/26.

Ballet: Tiny Toes is back! Little Acorns and Oaks will have their annual ballet lessons this half term.

Adventure Unlocked: Adventure Unlocked: Bob will be joining us once again for our outdoor learning along with Balance Bike training with Little Acorns and Oak.

Tuxford Sports: We are excited to confirm that, once again we will be taking part in inter school competitions with the Tuxford family of schools.

Bee Science Project: We are being joined by a STEM partner, Dr Michael Ramsey, for a whole-school conservation project investigating pollinators and how to best adapt our local environment for them! Further information to follow.

Nursery Places

If you have any children under 3, please remember to complete the form in reception to guarantee a future place! Children can join us from the term after their 3rd birthday.

We can offer mornings or full days along with the option of breakfast and after school clubs—15 hour and 30 hour codes can be used. Nursery places are managed by the school so you just need to enquire with the school office!

Attendance

Generally good attendance is considered to be at least 96% for most children. Our aim this year is for all children to be 96% or higher. Thank you to those parents who support us with this.

Regular and punctual attendance of pupils at school is a legal requirement. If your child's attendance is at 90% attendance, your child may have missed around 200 lessons over the year: lessons that will never be repeated. There is a clear correlation between low attendance and children not meeting age-related expectations. It is imperative that children attend school and poor attendance will result in enforcement to be taken. If your child has had attended 90% or less in the previous academic year; you will be required to attend a meeting to improve

Residentials

We are excited to be continuing with our 2-year cycle of residentials. Sycamore will be going to PGL in February 2026 and Chestnuts will be going to Rand Farm in June 2026. In 2024, both classes had an incredible time and developed independence and a range of skills!