



ELKESLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Newsletter—Autumn 2
03/11/25—19/12/25



Key Dates:

Autumn 2: 3rd November 2025 – 19th December 2025

- 03/11/2025 Adventure Unlocked (Little Acorns/Oaks)
10/11/2025 Adventure Unlocked (Chestnut/Sycamore)
10/11/2025 Anti Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day!
12/11/2025 School Photos
13/11/2025 KS1 Tuxford Gymnastics
13/11/2025 PTA Bingo Night @ 5.00 pm
14/11/2025 Children in Need – Pyjama Day
24/11/2025 Parent’s Maths Workshop
25/11/2025 PINS – Coffee and discussion
26/11/2025 Maths Day
27/11/2025 Inset Day
28/11/2025 Inset Day
30/11/2025 Christingle at St Giles Church
04/12/2025 KS1 Tuxford Dance / Cheerleading
05/12/2025 Christmas Fayre
11/12/2025 EYFS and KS1 Nativity
17/12/2025 Christmas Dinner Day
17/12/2025 Welcoming Values Assembly
18/12/2025 Christmas Parties
18/12/2025 PTA Christmas Movie Night

Events to Attend:

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

PTA Bingo Night starting at 5.00 pm: Join our PTA for drinks and Bingo in the school hall. Funds raised will provide the children with additional opportunities!

Math workshop starting at 5.00 pm: Workshop on how we teach maths and how children can be supported at home – including KIRFs and Timestables practice.

Maths Day: See how maths is taught at EPNS and have the opportunity to join in with your children!

Christingle at St Giles Church and village hall: Join us for the Christingle where our children will be performing. The light switch on will then be held at the village hall where the parish council are putting on an event.

Christmas Fayre: Parents are invited to browse the stalls, play games and enjoy mulled wine.

EYFS/KS1 Nativity: Our Little Acorns and Oaks will be performing in our annual nativity! Not a show to be missed! Information for booking tickets will be sent out in due course.

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

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.

Changes to ClassDojo



We are changing the way school messaging system will be working on ClassDojo. We are still using the class story and the school story as usual.

After a consultation with class teachers, it is felt that verbal communication is the preference. As a result, if you have any queries, concerns or questions, please speak directly to your child's class teacher at drop off or pick times. Alternatively, please phone the office and leave a message for a call back.

Due to the system, messages will remain open. However, they will only be checked by myself and Mrs Sutherby. No messages will be sent or received by other members of staff.

If you have any concerns or 'out-of-school-hours' queries, please message Mr Marsh directly; if you have any messages regarding appointments, absences, school dinners or payments, please message Mrs Sutherby directly.

Messages can be sent at any time; messages to Mrs Sutherby will be checked between 8.30 am and 4.30 pm. Messages to Mr Marsh will be checked daily both in and out of school hours. If a response is required, we aim to respond as soon as possible.

Local Incidents:

We have been working with the local police regarding concerns around car safety along with anti-social behaviour at the park and around the village. Please be aware that there may be random spot checks during drop off and pick up times to ensure the whole community are safe and supported. Along with this, the police will be visiting school to support children with information about how to look after our local community, expectations when playing out and, most importantly, how to get help when needed.

If there are any anti-social behaviours witnessed, you can report anonymous local incidents to police by contacting **Crimestoppers** at **0800 555 111** or online at crimestoppers-uk.org.

If any incidents are witnessed involving children from our setting, please contact Mr Marsh via ClassDojo, phone or in person to ensure we are aware. Our behaviour policy applies to poor behaviour not on the premises.

Staffing Updates

Although we are extremely sad to see Mrs Jackson move on, it is with great joy that I announce that Mrs Griffiths will be returning after Christmas. Further information will follow as we approach this time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Jackson for her amazing work and dedication to the school – she has been a valuable part of our team.

PTA

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all PTA members for their invaluable responses and to the parents supporting our endeavours.

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 S Robson (Safeguarding Governor). If you have concerns about a family or child, please do speak to us. Alternatively consult the MASH via <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/safeguarding/childrens-mash/report-a-new-concern-about-a-child>