



**ELKESLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**Newsletter—Spring 1**  
**05/01/2026—13/02/2026**



### Key Dates:

**Spring 1: 5th January 2026—13th February 2026**

Thursdays Parent and baby/toddler Group

06/01/26 - Adventure Unlocked (Little Acorns/Oaks)

12/01/26 - Adventure Unlocked (Chestnut/Sycamore)

15/01/26 - KS2 Sports Hall Athletics (Tuxford)

**19/01/26 -Year 6 Parents SATs Meeting (Parents in 17:00)**

**28/01/26—Shared Reading (Parents in 9-10)**

29/01/26 - KS2 Dodgeball (Tuxford)

**03/02/26—PINS – Coffee and discussion**

**03/02/26—Music Concert for 1:1 Learners (Parents in 3:30)**

05/02/26 - KS2 Trampoline (Tuxford)

10/02/26 - Safer Internet Day

**12/02/26—PTA Evening Family Event: Night At The Races!**

**13/02/26—Value Assembly: Compassionate (10am)**



### **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.

### **What We Are Learning**

Please see your child's What We Are Learning document for information on their learning this half-term!

### Events to Attend:

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

**SATs Workshop:** If your child is in year 6 (year 5 parents also welcome), join us for a briefing on what to expect in May! There will be examples of papers and questions available.

**Shared Reading:** Join us to share stories with our children in school!

**PINS Coffee and Chat:** The 'Project for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)' team will be joining us again with a platform for you to share your views.

**Music Concert:** Our children receiving 1:1 music tuition will have the opportunity to showcase their skills in an assembly after school hosted by Mr Fretwell.

**PTA Race Night:** Join our PTA for a Night at the Races; Horse Racing for the whole family! And free sandwiches! Funds raised will be provided to the children with additional opportunities!

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

**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.*

### **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.

## **Awards**

Well-done to Maddison, Ruby, Joanie, Perez, Chrissy-Mae, Adam, Harry and Penelope for receiving last half-term's value award for 'Welcoming'. These children were selected for being polite and using their manners; playing together with other children and welcoming them into their games; being excellent role models in group work in class; being friendly and welcoming to new starters and visitors to the school.



## **Head Teacher Awards**

A reminder that Head Teacher Awards are not just for children. If you ever feel any member of staff needs recognition, please drop me a message and they may receive this prestigious award in assembly!

## **Whole-School Science Project!**

We are excited to announce a whole-school science project supported by Dr Michael Ramsey and funded by The Royal Society. Our research question is: How can we optimise bee hotels to maximize solitary bee abundance and diversity?

Pupils in Years 3–6 will take the lead on data collection, camera monitoring, and pollen analysis, while Reception to Year 2 will focus on observation, simple experiments, and wildflower planting.

Through this project, children will learn about the vital role of pollinators, especially bees, and will design and test bee hotels using motion-sensor cameras to identify which designs best support solitary mason bees. Older pupils will use microscopes to study pollen grains and analyse flower preferences, helping us choose the best wildflowers to plant across the school grounds. Our findings will be shared with the whole school community—an exciting step in combining science, sustainability, and hands-on learning!



## **Leadership Update**

Mr Marsh has commenced his new role for the Spring term as the Executive Head Teacher of both Elkesley Primary and Nursery School and North Wheatley Primary School. A reminder that he will divide his time equally between the two schools, spending 2.5 days per week at each site and will be at Elkesley on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and alternate Fridays. Mrs Griffiths, our Deputy Head Teacher, will be available whenever Mr Marsh is not on site. However, please be assured that Mr Marsh will remain fully contactable by the school office at all times, even when working off-site. Both schools will continue to be run separately, maintaining their unique identities and priorities.

## **Staffing Updates**

Although we are extremely sad to see Mrs Jackson move on, it is with great joy that I announce that Mrs Griffiths is back! Mrs Griffiths is resuming her role in Little Acorns and as our Deputy Head and SENDco!

## **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 or complete an anonymous form that can be found on our website: <https://www.elkesley.notts.sch.uk/key-information/safeguarding-and-anti-bullying>