ELKESLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter—Spring 2

09/02/26 — 27/03/26

Key Dates:

Spring 2: 9th February 2026—27th March 2026

Thursdays Parent and baby/toddler Group

23/02/26 – 27/02/26 – Sycamore PGL

03/03/26 – Adventure Unlocked: Little Acorns and Chestnuts

05/03/26 – World Book Day! Pyjamas Theme.

05/03/26 – Tuxford Key Stage 1 Multiskills

09/03/26 – Dental Check for 5 Year Olds

10/03/26 – Adventure Unlocked: Sycamore and Oaks

18/03/26 – Parent's Evening

19/03/26 – Phonics session: Little Acorns and Oaks

19/03/26 – Parent's Evening

19/03/26 – Art Competition Deadline

20/03/26 – Red Nose Day – Wear Red

23/03/26 – Parent's Internet Safety Workshop (5pm)

25/03/26 – Easter Celebrations!

26/03/2026 – Key Stage 2 Handball

26/03/2026 – PTA Easter Disco

27/03/2026 - School Value Assembly – Resilience

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.

Events to Attend:

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

Parent's Evening: You are invited to pre-booked meetings to discuss your child's progress and attitude to learning (details to follow shortly).

Phonics Session: Family members of Little Acorns and Oaks are invited to join their children in phonics-based activities and lessons 9.00 – 9.30.

Safer Internet Workshop: Join us to find out more about how to keep children safe in an ever-changing digital world.

Easter Celebrations: Join us for our traditional egg-rolling and crème egg decorating competitions; along with a whole-school assembly!

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

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.

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Awards

Well-done to Willow, Ollie, Rosie, Michael, Lincoln, Hugo, Jaden and Elora for receiving last half-term's value award for 'Compassion'. These children were selected for being kind and compassionate and always being supporting of and helpful to their peers.

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!

Discussion Assemblies and Our School Values

Our children have been busy this term exploring what our Elkesley school values look like in action. Through weekly whole-school discussion assemblies, pupils from Nursery to Year 6 have shared thoughtful and heartfelt reflections on how they live our values each day.

To be Happy, children spoke about including others, following rules with kindness and helping keep our school welcoming. They said happiness comes from feeling safe, valued and able to be yourself. Being Welcoming meant using good manners, listening, opening doors and ensuring everyone is included—something they are proud visitors notice immediately. Showing Compassion shone through in their examples of comforting friends, helping with learning and considering others' feelings. To be Resilient, pupils described trying again, correcting mistakes and supporting each other—echoing the powerful message, "I am enough." They celebrated being Talented in many forms, and recognised that becoming Achievers comes from effort, persistence and pride.

Our children's voices show that our values are truly lived every day at Elkesley.

We are scientists!

Our whole-school bee project is now in full swing, and excitement is buzzing across Elkesley! This term, a visiting STEM scientist delivered an inspiring assembly to all pupils, sparking curiosity about the vital role bees play in our environment. Children have carried out their own research, with a particular focus on mason bees, developing strong knowledge of their habitats, behaviours and needs. Using what they've learned, pupils have planned their very own bee hotels, ready to be built later this half term. We can't wait to see these thoughtful, eco-friendly designs come to life and support our local pollinators!

Nursery Places

If you have any children under the age of 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. All children are entitled to 15 hours, however, we also offer 30 hours with a valid eligibility code.

Nursery places are managed by the school so you just need to enquire with the school office.

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