



ELKESLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Newsletter—Summer 1
13/04/26—22/05/26



Key Dates:

Summer 1: 13th April 2026—22nd May 2026

- 14/04/26 Library Van
- 23/04/26 Tuxford KS2 Badminton, Tennis and Table Tennis
- 24/04/26 PTA Bake Sale**
- 29/04/26 School photos – class photos
- 30/04/26 National Child Measurement Programme
- 04/05/26 MAY Day—School Closed
- 05/05/26 EYFS Open Morning**
- 07/05/26 Tuxford KS1 Striking and Fielding
- 11/05/26 KS2 SATS Week
- 12/05/26 Adventure Unlocked
- 12/05/26 Library Van
- 19/05/26 Sports Day (Reception to Year 6)**
- 20/05/26 Nursery Sports Day**
- 21/05/26 Tuxford SEND Festival
- 21/05/26 Family Games Night (5pm)
- 22/05/26 School Value Assembly – Talented (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.

Events to Attend:

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

EYFS Open Morning: All are welcome with children 0-3 to see our wonderful EYFS in action! Attendees will have the opportunity to put children's names down for our school nursery to guarantee their place. Spread the word!

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' the following day.

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

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.



Head Teachers Awards

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



Awards

Well-done to Richie, Thea K, Kizzy, Yaashvi, Maxwell, Freddie S, Archie and Diego 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!



Class Dojo Communication Reminder

For staff wellbeing and to support a healthy work-life balance, messages sent on ClassDojo are not read by class teachers or teaching assistants. ClassDojo messages are monitored by Senior Leadership Team (SLT) only.

To ensure your message reaches the right person promptly, please use the following contacts:

Mrs Sutherby – all attendance messages and information for the school office

Mrs Griffiths – all SEND-related queries

Mr Marsh – any concerns or messages that require an out-of-hours response



ClassDojo

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Thank You:

As we move through another busy and rewarding term at Elkesley Primary and Nursery School, I would like to take a moment to express my sincere thanks to every member of staff. Our teachers continue to demonstrate exceptional dedication and professionalism, always placing the children at the heart of everything they do — from daily classroom practice to navigating the many challenges schools face. Thank you also to our fantastic teaching assistants, whose care, commitment and support make a profound difference to our pupils each and every day. I am equally grateful to our wider staff team, whose work behind the scenes ensures the school runs smoothly: Mrs Reynolds and Mrs French for providing excellent catering for our children; Mr Bennet, our caretaker, for keeping our school safe, clean and welcoming; and Mrs Sutherby in the school office, whose organisation and efficiency help ensure everything runs seamlessly. To every member of staff — thank you for your hard work, positivity and unwavering commitment to the children and families of Elkesley. It is truly appreciated.

North Wheatley:

I am pleased to share that I am now back at Elkesley Primary and Nursery School on a full-time basis. During the Spring Term, I had the opportunity to work as Executive Head Teacher across both Elkesley and North Wheatley Primary School, following an agreed arrangement between the two governing bodies. This collaboration was always intended to be temporary, and I am delighted to confirm that North Wheatley has now successfully appointed a full-time Head Teacher, allowing me to return my full focus to Elkesley. I would like to thank staff, governors, parents and pupils for their support during this period and look forward to continuing to build on the excellent work happening at Elkesley as we move forward together.

School Governors

After nearly 20 years of dedicated service and support, Barry Woodcock has stepped down from his role as Chair of Governors, and we would like to thank him warmly for his outstanding commitment to the school. We are pleased to welcome Mr Macintosh as our new Chair of Governors, and Lucy Smith as a newly appointed member of the governing body. School governors play a vital role in working with school leaders to set the school's strategic direction, ensure accountability, and oversee the effective use of resources, always with pupils' best interests at heart. The governing body also includes Louise Douglas-Koch, Emma Skelton, Louise Ball, and Tom Smith, and our Staff Governor is Mrs Woodcock. We are grateful to all our governors for generously giving their time and expertise to support the school.



INSET Days

We have once again chosen to align our INSET days with Tuxford Academy to help ensure term dates match as closely as possible for families with children attending both schools. We hope this continues to support parents and carers with planning and childcare arrangements. Next year's INSET days will be on 2nd September, 27th November and 26th 27th and 28th July, when the school will be closed to pupils for staff training and development.



Survey 2026

We kindly ask all parents and carers to take a few minutes to complete our annual Parent and Carer Survey. Your views are extremely important to us and will be carefully considered as we set our school development priorities for the future. The survey should take no more than 5 minutes to complete, responses are anonymous, and we ask that you answer as honestly as possible. Your feedback is instrumental in helping us reflect, improve, and continue to provide the best possible experience for our children.



Please complete the survey at: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/f4KAvSMW24>

Thank you for your continued support.

Play Group

We are delighted to remind families that our weekly Playgroup at Elkesley Primary and Nursery School is continuing, 9:00–10:00am every Thursday. This welcoming playgroup is open to all families, not just those from Elkesley, so please do help spread the word. Sessions are run by Miss Bell and offer a range of toys, games, creative crafts and fun activities to encourage play and social interaction.



Egg Decorating Competition

Well done to everyone who entered! As always, there were some truly amazing and creative ideas. Take a look at some of the fantastic entries.

