



ELKESLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Newsletter—Summer 1
01/06/26—25/07/26



KEY DATES

Summer 2—1st June 2026 —24th July 2026

- Monday 8th-12th June - Year 4 Multiplication Check
- Monday 8th-12th June - Phonics Screening Check
- Monday 8th June - Water Safety Assembly
- Monday 8th June - Balance Bikes (EYFS & Year 1)
- Wednesday 10th June - Retford Book Festival—School Visit
- Thursday 11th June - KS2 Rounders/Cricket at Tuxford
- Monday 15th-18th June - Key Stage 1 SATs week
- Wednesday 17th June - Lynx Academy Taster Session
- Thursday 18th June - Police Talk—Sycamore
- Monday 22nd June - PINS Coffee Morning**
- Wednesday 24th-26th June - Rand Farm Residential—Chestnuts
- Thursday 25th June - KS1/2 Track & Field at Tuxford
- Tuesday 30th June - Sports Day (R-6 from 1.30pm)**
- Wednesday 1st July - Nursery Sports Afternoon (1.30pm)**
- Monday 6th July - Elkesley's Got Talent (2.00pm)
- Tuesday 7th July - Balance Bikes (EYFS & Year 1)
- Tuesday 7th July - Notts Alone Conference
- Tuesday 7th July - Music Concert (after school)**
- Monday 13th July - Adventure Unlocked—Little Acorns/Oaks
- Tuesday 14th July - Adventure Unlocked—Chestnuts/Sycamore
- Monday 13th-17th July - Bikeability—Sycamore
- Tuesday 20th July - Year 6 Treat Day
- Wednesday 21st July - KS1 & KS2 Beach Trip
- Wednesday 22nd July - Values Assembly—Achievers**
- Wednesday 22nd July - Reception Graduation—2.00pm**
- Thursday 23rd July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 2.00pm**
- Thursday 23rd July - PTA's End of Year Party!

Events to Attend:

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

Sports Day: This will be led by Miss 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.

Music Concert (After school): Mr Fretwell will be hosting a live concert featuring the talents of our children (1:1 music session children).

EYFS Graduation and Year 6 Leavers: Parents of children (along with friends and family) are invited to join us as we graduate our Little Acorns and say farewell to our Year 6s.

Elkesley's Got Talent: Our famous 'Elkesley's got talent' event will be taking place again this year where children enter to show extraordinary talents (with no support from us!).

Value Assembly: You are invited to our end of half term assembly where we issue reading awards, attendance certificates and awards for our value of 'achievers'.

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.



Celebrations: Value Awards

Well-done to Theon, Jeremiah, Sam, Johnny, Georgia, Szymon, Zelda and Alfred for receiving last half-term's value award for 'Talented'. These children were selected for their amazing talents in creativity, phonics, writing, maths, football, dancing, gymnastics, art and more!



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.

Leadership Changes

As you may already be aware, after a great deal of thought, I have decided to step down from my role as Head Teacher of Elkesley Primary and Nursery School at the end of the summer term, having accepted a Headship at another school starting in September 2026. Following 11 incredibly rewarding years at Elkesley, I feel this is the right time for a new professional challenge. I want to reassure you that this decision is not a reflection of our wonderful school; it has been an absolute privilege to lead such a special community, and I am immensely proud of all we have achieved together. Elkesley will always hold a very special place in my heart, and over the coming months I remain fully committed to ensuring a smooth transition while continuing to provide the very best for our pupils. The Governing Body will now begin the recruitment process for a new Head Teacher, with a clear priority to appoint an exceptional leader who can build on the strong foundations already in place. In the meantime, I am pleased that Mrs Griffiths, our Deputy Head Teacher, will step up as Interim Head Teacher from 1st September, and I know the school will be in very safe hands under her leadership and with the full support of governors. Thank you for your continued support—it has meant a great deal to me throughout my time here.

School Governor

Elkesley Primary and Nursery School is seeking to appoint a dedicated and community-minded Local Authority Governor to join our supportive and ambitious Governing Body. This is a voluntary role offering a rewarding opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of children in our village. School governors play a vital strategic role in shaping the vision of the school, holding leaders to account and ensuring that resources are used effectively to deliver the very best outcomes for every pupil. We would welcome expressions of interest from individuals with a passion for education and community, who can offer their time, skills and a fresh perspective. No previous experience of governance is required, as full training and support will be provided. If you are interested in contributing to the continued development and success of our school, please contact the school office for further information.

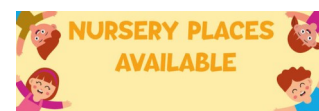


Nursery Places

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.



New Trim trail

We're excited to share that a brand-new Trim Trail has been installed on the KS2 playground! This fantastic addition will provide pupils with more opportunities to develop their strength, balance and coordination while having fun with their friends. It will also support active playtimes and encourage children to challenge themselves in a safe and engaging way. We know the children are going to love it, and we can't wait to see it in action!



Summer Fayre

Join us for our **Summer Fayre on Sunday 28th June from 11am** – a fantastic day of fun for the whole community! There will be something for everyone, including a bouncy castle, a variety of stalls, arts and crafts, face painting, sweet treats and ice cream. Try your luck at the tombola and raffle, and enjoy delicious food with pork sandwiches, chips and hot dogs available throughout the day. For a bit of fun and laughter, don't miss the stocks – someone brave will be taking a seat! All money raised will go towards the PTA school fund, helping to support exciting opportunities for our children. We hope to see you there!

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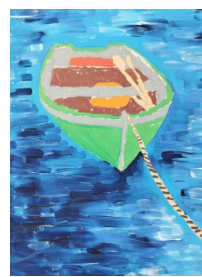
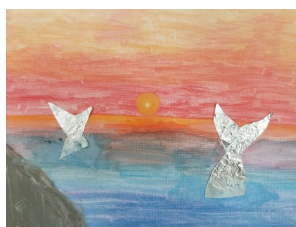
This half term we will be teaching Relationships and Sex Education which aims to give children their entitlement to information about relationships, puberty and human reproduction, appropriate to their ages and stages of development. Prior to teaching, we run a parent consultation, this will be available this week. Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Transition Week

We are changing our transition arrangements slightly this year. As our Year 6 pupils will be attending Tuxford Academy from Wednesday to Friday, we will be offering a shorter transition for the remaining classes. On Wednesday 1st July in the afternoon, children will move to their new classrooms, where they will also spend Thursday and Friday getting to know their new teacher and routines.

Sunny Weather

With the warmer weather arriving, please can we remind families to ensure children come to school prepared for the sun. Children should bring a named water bottle each day and a hat for outdoor play. We also ask that sun cream is applied before school in the morning -ideally a long-lasting, all-day sun cream - so that children are protected throughout the day. Children may also bring a labelled bottle of sun cream with them to reapply if needed. Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe and comfortable.



Make Waves with Art—Take a look at our fantastic water art entries for the travelling gallery