Ellison Primary Academy 9.6.26

Tuesday 9th June 2026

Newsletter

Vision Statement: 'Developing a caring family of creative, critical and collaborative learners'.



As a school we would like to say how incredibly proud we are of our Year 4 children this week as they have been undertaking their Multiplication Tables Check. The children

approached the assessment with great confidence and remained calm throughout, treating the task very much like a computer game. Their positive attitude and resilience have been wonderful to see.

Our Key Stage 1 children are also busy preparing for the forthcoming Phonics Screening Check next week. Once again, we are extremely proud of their efforts. They have worked exceptionally hard throughout the year, and their enthusiasm and determination continues to shine through.

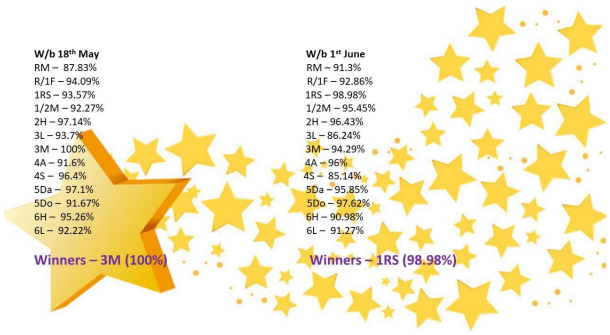
As we move towards the end of another successful academic year, there is still much to look forward to. We have a number of exciting events coming up, including Sports Day, Father's Day celebrations, and Careers Week. These are always highlights of the school calendar, and we look forward to enjoying them together.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Attendance

We would like to share the children's super attendance! Well done children! Please see below the attendance figures.

Well done to class 3M and 1RS for winning the attendance awards!



Fathers' and others' events

1RS, 1/2M and 2H

🗓️ **Date:** Friday 12th June

⏰ **Time:** 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM

📍 **Location:** School Hall

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Year 5 and Year 6

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RM and R/1F

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We hope you can join us for this special occasion and support the event. If you would like to join us but do not wish to purchase food, you are still very welcome to pop in, enjoy a drink, and take part in the activities.

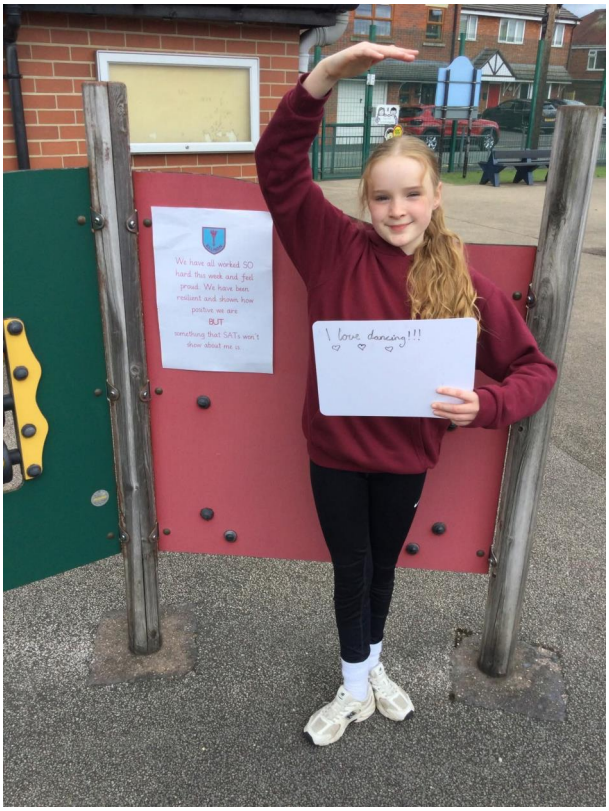
Your presence will make the morning or afternoon even more meaningful!

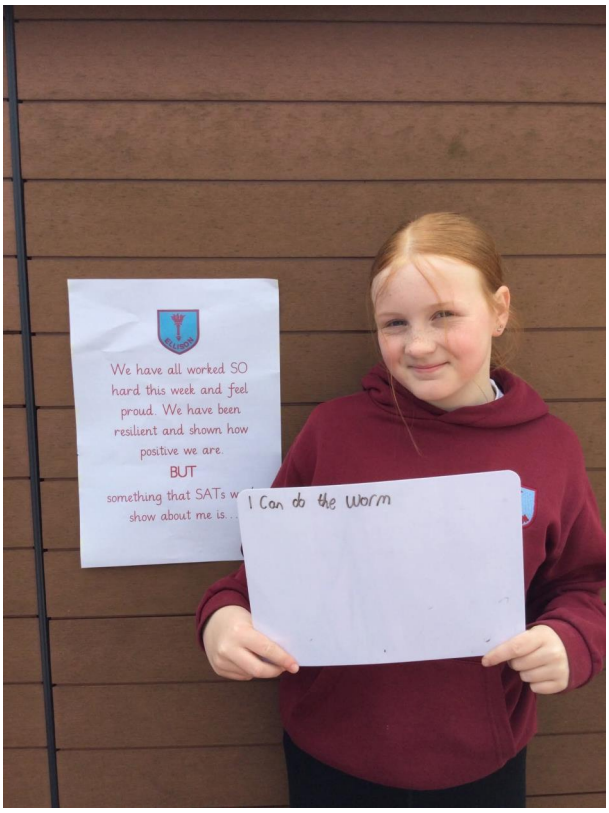
We look forward to seeing you there!

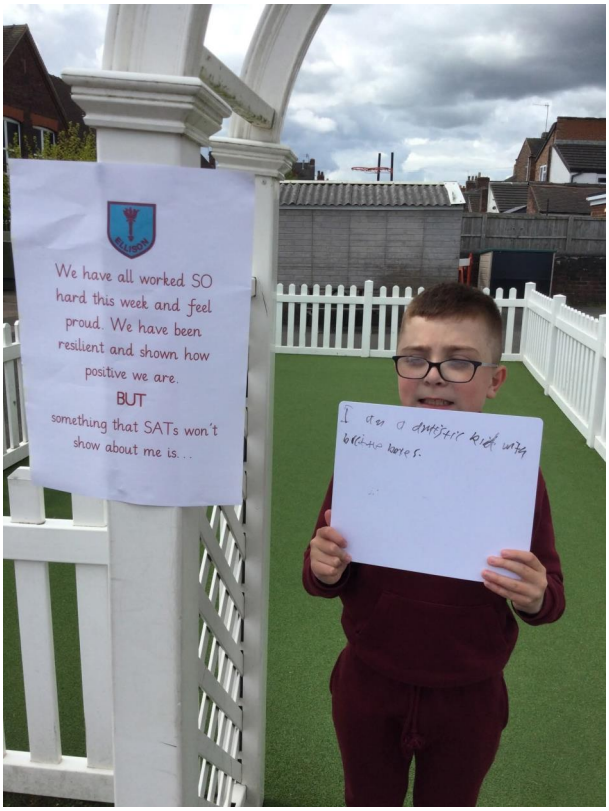
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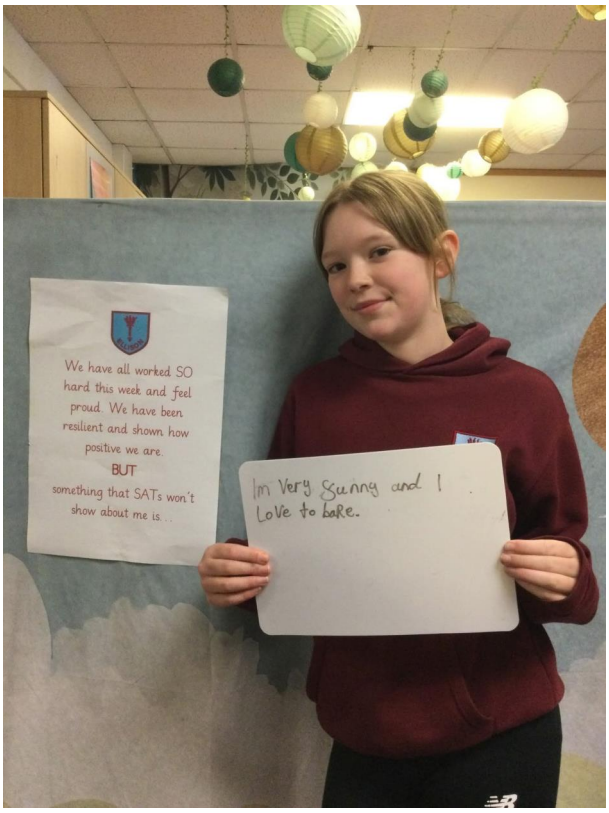
You have impressed us in all aspects of school life, and SAT's week was no different. We are so proud of the resilience, determination and positivity you have shown throughout the week.

Feel Good Friday was a lovely way to celebrate all of your hard work - not only this week, but throughout your time here with us. You should all feel incredibly proud of yourselves!


We have all worked SO hard this week and feel proud. We have been resilient and shown how positive we are.
BUT
something that SATs won't show about me is . . .
I love dancing!!!


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I can do the worm

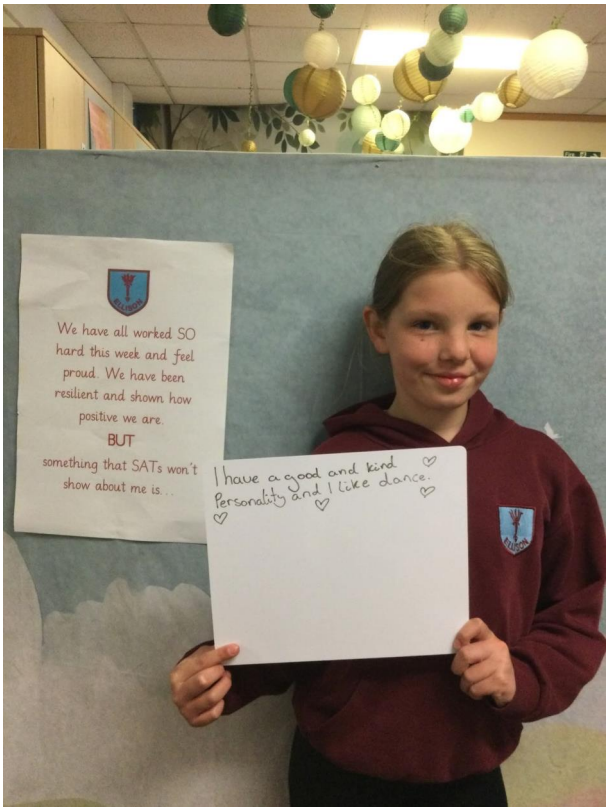

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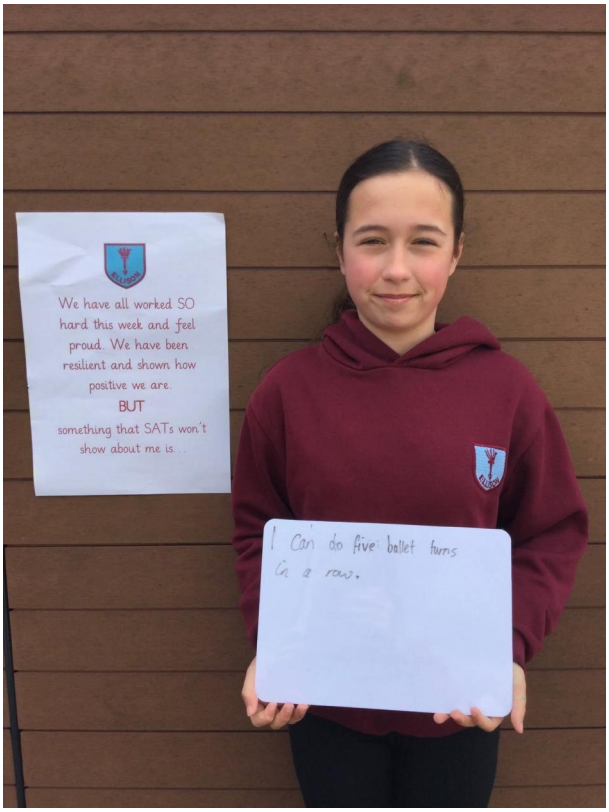

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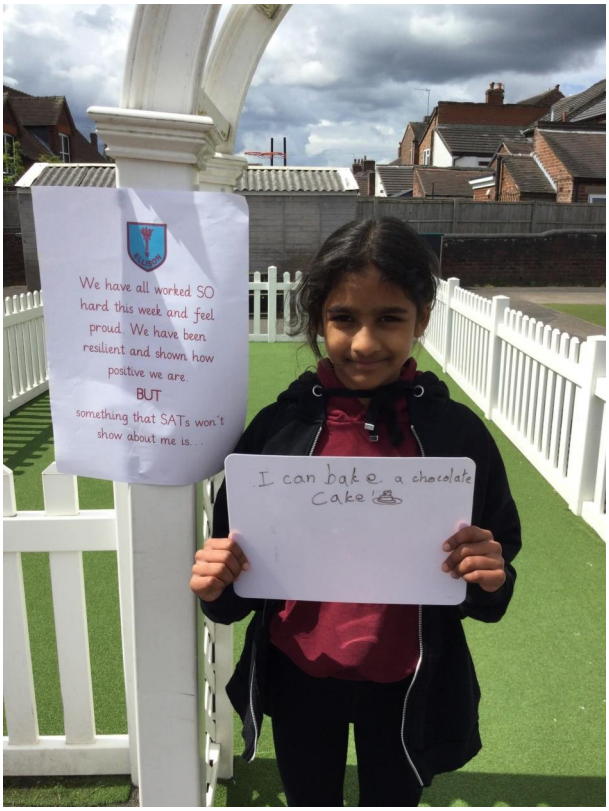

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something that SATs won't show about me is...
I LOVE TO
GAME
I also love to draw and I love my dogs and my 2 cats :3.


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BUT
something that SATs won't show about me is...
I am Kind


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I have a good and kind personality and I like dance.

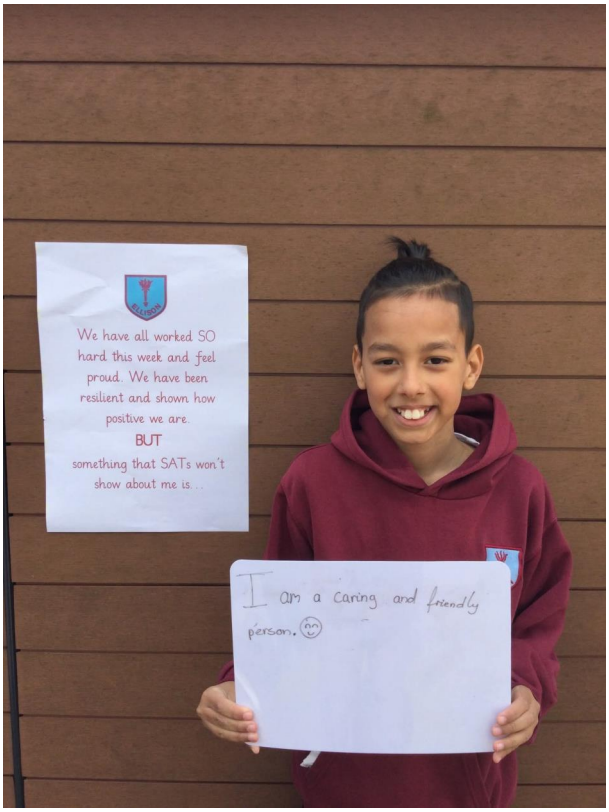



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I can do five ballet turns in a row.


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BUT
something that SATs won't show about me is...
I can bake a chocolate cake


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BUT
something that SATs won't show about me is...
I always make people laugh.




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I am a caring and friendly person.

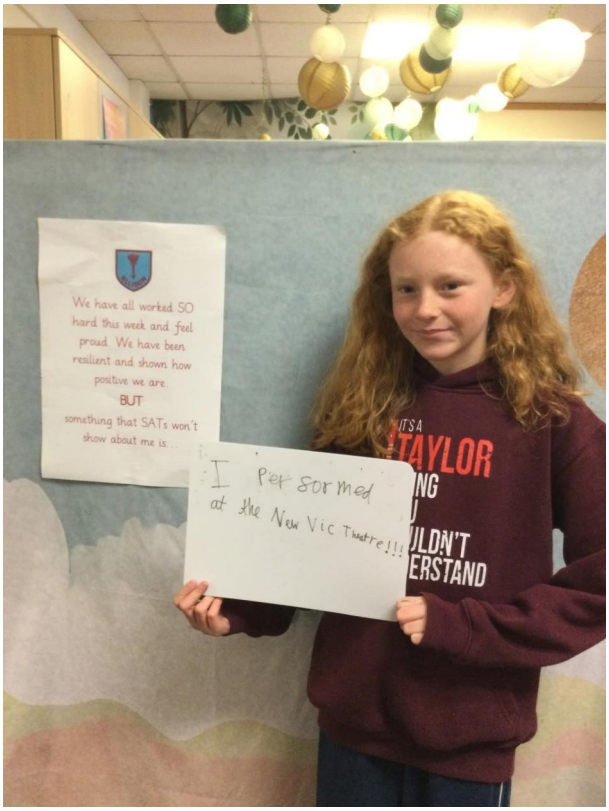

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I am so caring.

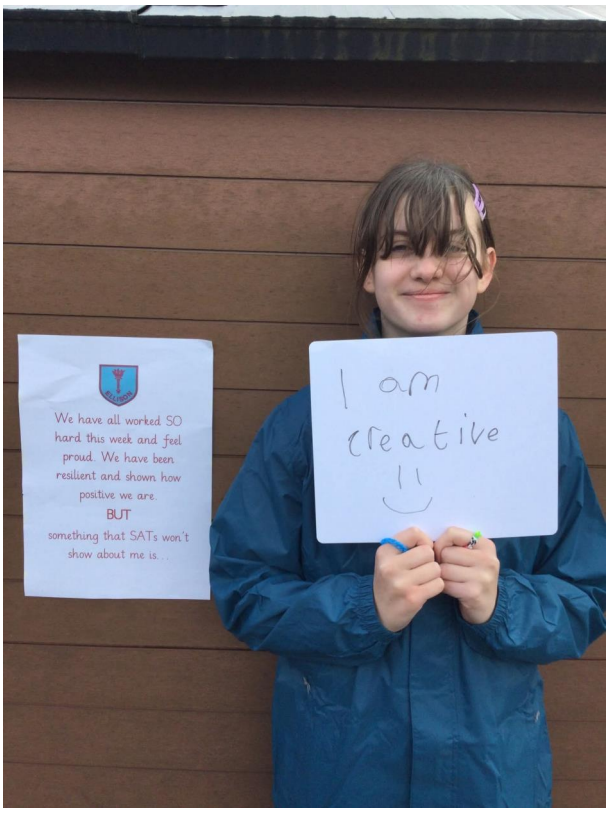




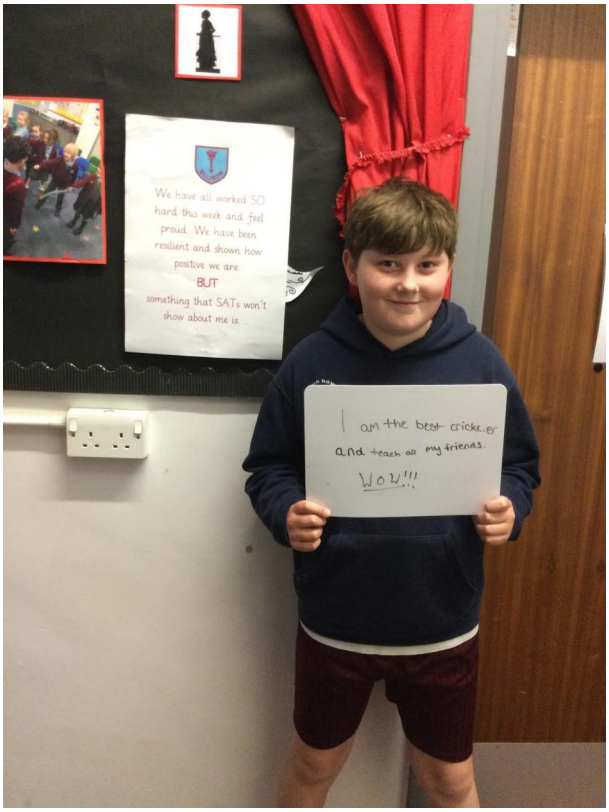

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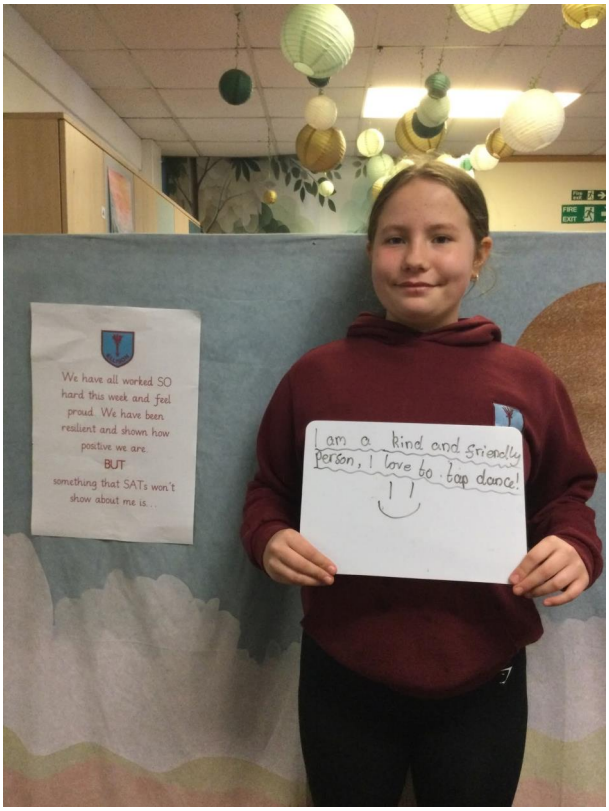


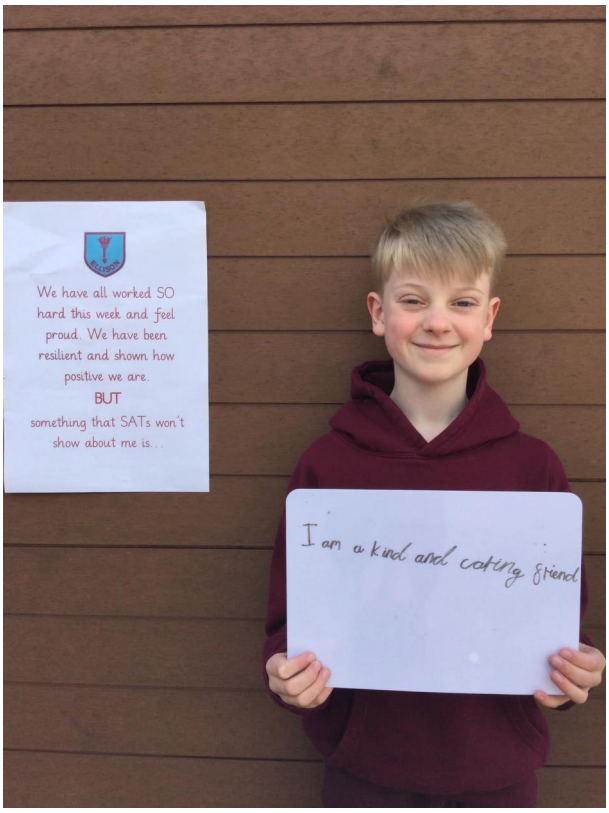

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something that SATs won't show about me is...
I Performed at the New Vic Theatre!!!


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BUT
something that SATs won't show about me is...
I am creative :)




We have all worked SO hard this week and feel proud. We have been resilient and shown how positive we are.
BUT
something that SATs won't show about me is...
I am the best cricketer and teach all my friends.
WOW!!!


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something that SATs won't show about me is...
I am a kind and friendly person, I love to tap dance!


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something that SATs won't show about me is...
I am a kind and caring friend



Year 3 had a very busy and exciting end to the last half-term!

In Science, the children became botanists and enjoyed dissecting plants to identify and explore the different parts of a flower.

In History, they stepped into the role of historians, investigating artefacts from Sutton Hoo and using the evidence they uncovered to interpret who was buried there during the Anglo-Saxon period.

The children also completed their Art unit by painting their Anglo-Saxon inspired brooches using metallic colours to create more authentic and eye-catching designs.

Finally, in Geography, we explored our local area using OS maps to identify different land uses. We visited local landmarks and took photographs to support our learning about the environment around us.

Well done, Year 3, for your enthusiasm, curiosity and hard work throughout the half-term and are looking forward to another exciting half-term filled with new learning, challenges and opportunities.





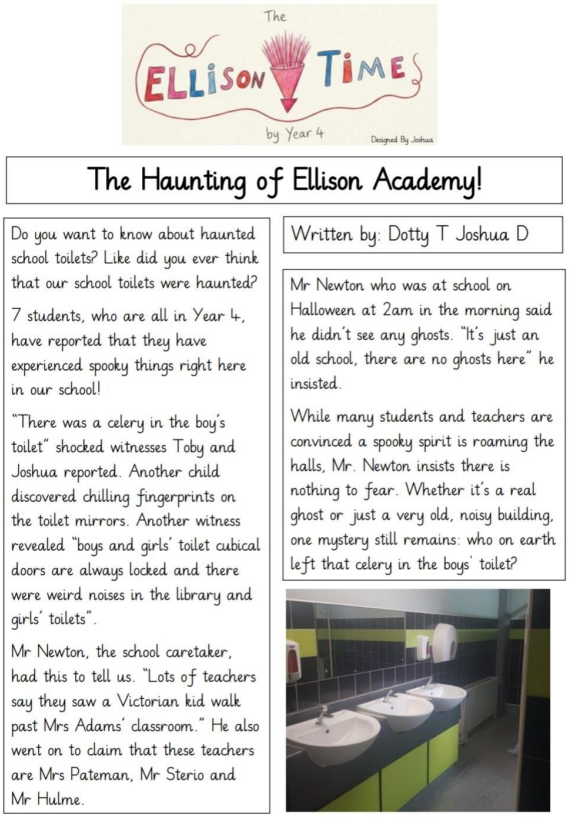
School Newspaper - Creative Writing Club

As part of our School Newspaper Club, a group of pupils have been working on a **creative writing project** themed around 'haunted toilets.' We would like to reassure you that this is entirely **fictional** and has been created purely for imaginative and entertainment purposes! The activity was designed to encourage creativity, storytelling skills, and engagement in

writing. We hope you enjoy reading the children's imaginative work and appreciate their enthusiasm and effort in creating the first of a kind 'The Ellison Times' newspaper. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

School Newspaper Club Team



The Ellison Times

by Year 4

Designed By Joshua

The Haunting of Ellison Academy!

Written by: Dotty T Joshua D

Do you want to know about haunted school toilets? Like did you ever think that our school toilets were haunted?

7 students, who are all in Year 4, have reported that they have experienced spooky things right here in our school!

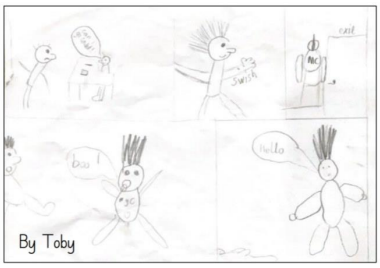
"There was a celery in the boy's toilet" shocked witnesses Toby and Joshua reported. Another child discovered chilling fingerprints on the toilet mirrors. Another witness revealed "boys and girls' toilet cubical doors are always locked and there were weird noises in the library and girls' toilets".

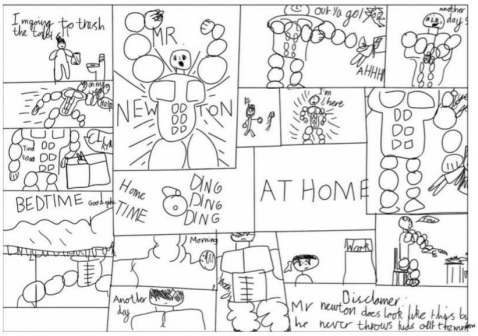
Mr Newton, the school caretaker, had this to tell us. "Lots of teachers say they saw a Victorian kid walk past Mrs Adams' classroom." He also went on to claim that these teachers are Mrs Pateman, Mr Sterio and Mr Hulme.

Mr Newton who was at school on Halloween at 2am in the morning said he didn't see any ghosts. "It's just an old school, there are no ghosts here" he insisted.

While many students and teachers are convinced a spooky spirit is roaming the halls, Mr. Newton insists there is nothing to fear. Whether it's a real ghost or just a very old, noisy building, one mystery still remains: who on earth left that celery in the boys' toilet?

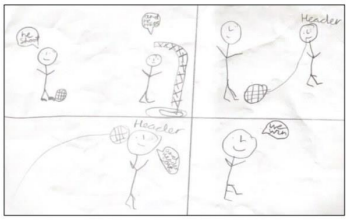






By Milo

By Jamaal





Written by Robyn and Isabel

Have you seen this lady knocking around the corridor? There's a high chance she's taught you when your teacher was busy. EVERYBODY loves her! Enough yapping let's get into it.

What Is your name?

Mrs Rohrmann

What university did you go to?

"Staffordshire University."

Out of all the schools you have been to which one is your favourite?

"Ellison because have worked here for such a long time and I was a pupil at Ellison."

Why did you decide to work here?

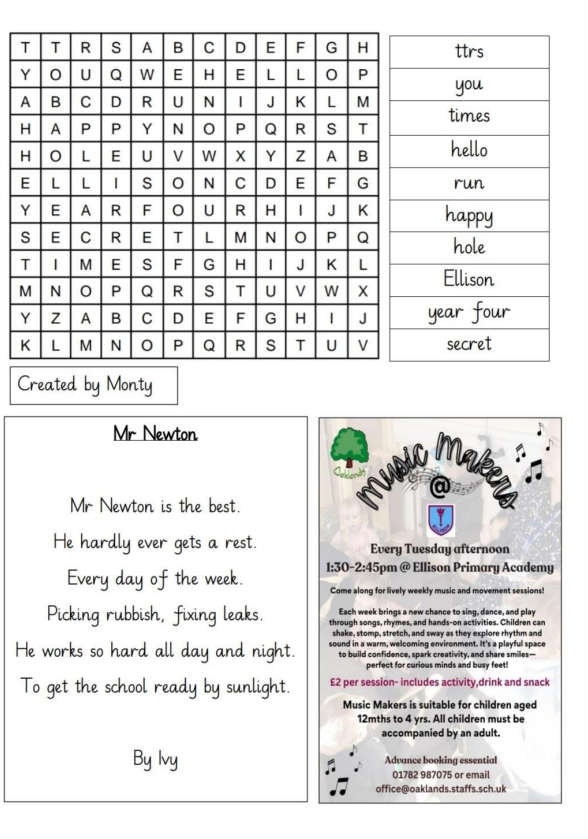
"Because I used to want to work with either animals or children. I used to work at the nursery next door and then decided I wanted to work at Ellison to help kids reach their potential."

Which class is your favourite?

"I couldn't possibly pick; I am lucky enough to teach every class in the school."



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Created by Monty

Mr Newton

Mr Newton is the best.
He hardly ever gets a rest.
Every day of the week.
Picking rubbish, fixing leaks.
He works so hard all day and night.
To get the school ready by sunlight.

By Ivy

Exciting Opportunity!

North Stafford Hockey Club are running **FREE hockey sessions** for our children and other Societas Trust schools on Saturdays throughout June.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children to try something new, develop skills, make friends and have fun - all completely free of charge!

We would love to see lots of our children take part and give it a go. Further details can be found below.



Feel Good Friday

We've had the best start to our Feel Good Friday - kicking things off with a little dance party in RM! Such a fun way to boost our mood and start the day with smiles all around.







Feel Good Friday was a blast in Year 1. Mrs Schofield kept sneaking in surprise dance breaks whenever she saw our brains getting tired, and we LOVED it. We each added a song to our playlist and waited for the music to play to bring out our best moves. So much laughter, so many moves, and the happiest end to our week.



A busy day of learning in EYFS!

Today the nurses visited us to check our height and weight - what an exciting experience!

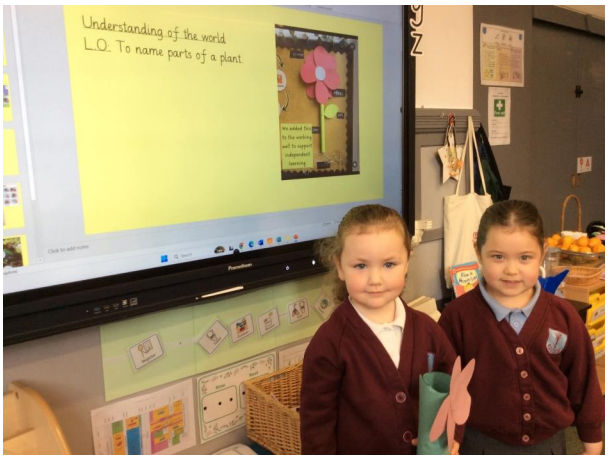
We were also very lucky to spend time learning all about how to keep our teeth healthy.

Ask your child to share some of the important tips they discovered today!

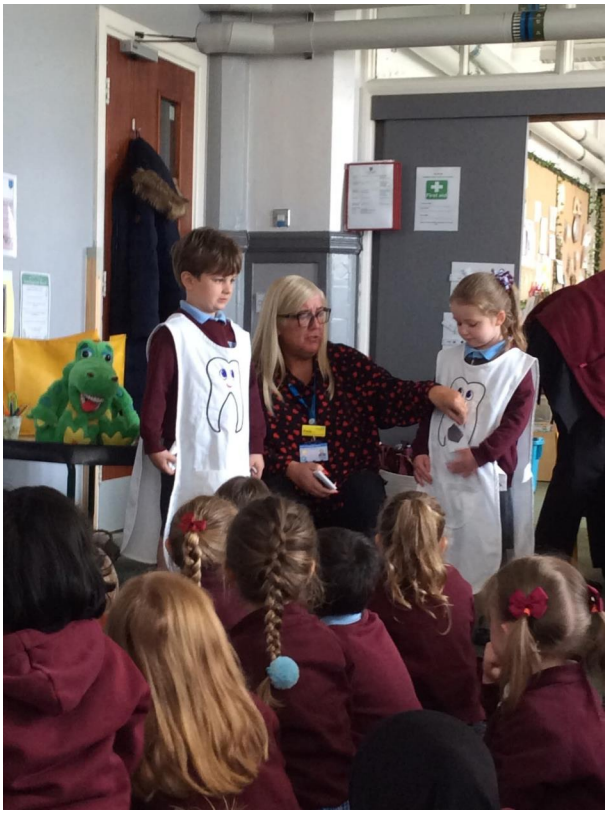
As a follow-on from our bean planting, we have been exploring what plants need to grow and learning to label the different parts of a plant. Such wonderful curiosity and engagement from everyone!

Fantastic learning, EYFS - well done!

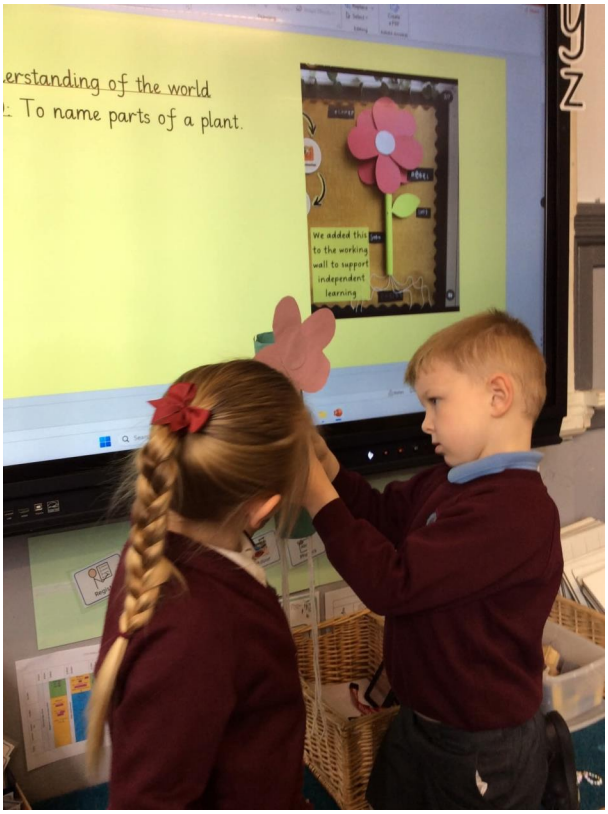




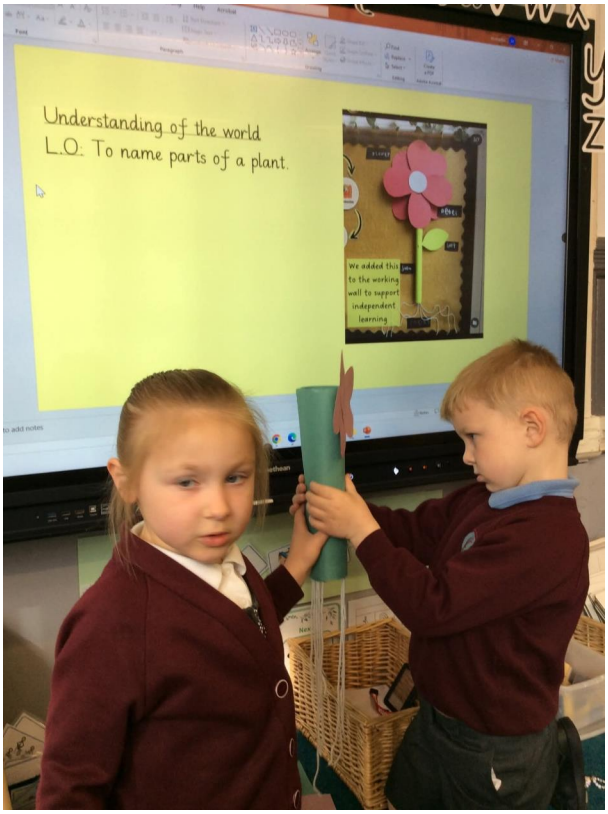







erstanding of the world
To name parts of a plant.
We added this
to the working
wall to support
independent
learning





Year 3 Anglo-Saxon learning

Year 3 had a great time creating Anglo-Saxon brooches out of clay this week!

They carefully used repeated patterns to decorate their designs and practised the slip and score technique to join pieces together. We were so impressed with their creativity, enthusiasm and teamwork - and most importantly they had a great time getting creative with History!














Fronted adverbials - Time, Manner, Place
At midnight, Quickly, In the garden,
Descriptive devices - alliteration -
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Rock Steady music lessons





Family Steam Days



Drowning prevention

Safeguarding Children Partnership STOKE-ON-TRENT

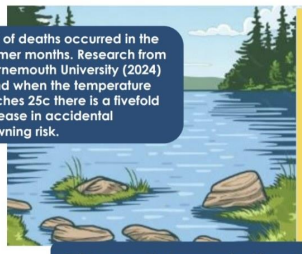
Child Death Prevention Newsletter

Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership

This newsletter is designed to raise awareness of the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) and to bring news on our ongoing campaigns

Drowning Prevention

Tragically, we have reviewed the deaths of a number of children from Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire who have died as a result of drowning



48% of deaths occurred in the warmer months. Research from Bournemouth University (2024) found when the temperature reaches 25c there is a fivefold increase in accidental drowning risk.

Young people can be drawn to open water - weirs, quarries and canals are not safe places to 'hang out', swim or play. Don't take risks around water.

Children need to be supervised in and around water. They might understand instructions but are likely to forget if they are having fun.

A drowning child/young person can't speak or control their arms. They slip quietly under the water. It's only in the movies they splash about and cry for help.

- Teach older children to choose safe places to swim like public pools and beaches with lifeguards.
- Explain the dangers of swimming in open water like rivers, lakes and reservoirs, strong currents, deep, cold water and things under the surface they can't see.
- Even on a very warm day, open water can still be cold enough to cause cold water shock. This physical reaction makes it hard to control breathing or to swim, causing swimmers to panic.
- Talk them through what to do if this ever happens. Explain how the reaction will pass quickly, so they need to recognise it and control the panic enough to be able to float.
- Teach your child to float . The RNLI has a great video.

CAPT offer safety advice to reduce the risk of drowning. The Float to Live campaign reduces the chance of panic when people get into difficulty in water.



In the garden

- Watch children when they are in or around water, without being distracted.
- Keep young children within arm's reach.
- Securely cover all water storage tanks and drains.
- Empty paddling pools, containers, buckets and watering cans, as soon as they have been used and turn them upside down. Cover hot tubs after use.
- Make sure older children are accompanied every time when they swim
- If you have a pond always supervise closely, fence it or fill it in !
- Always turn hosepipes off at the tap, so children cannot fill vessels themselves.

Further information on water safety can be found on RoSPA's website, CAPT website and the NHS website. The Royal Life Saving Society have recently launched the 'Splash Safety' Campaign.

Drownings around the home are easily preventable. The Royal Life Saving Society have created these easy-to-follow tips around water safety.

Tips for Water Safety at Home

Indoors

- Always supervise bath time (never leave children unattended)
- Empty the bath as soon as possible after use
- Close toilet lids and use toilet seat locks to prevent drowning
- Keep doors to bathrooms and utility rooms closed
- Vulnerable adults and children who suffer from sudden seizures should consider using showers rather than baths



Did you know that children can drown in as little as 2cm of water?

!Never Leave children unattended near water!

Child Death Overview Panel Email: cdop@staffordshire.police.uk Staffordshire Police HQ, Weston Road, Stafford, Staffordshire ST180YY

Potty training

Need help with potty training? ERIC offers practical tips and support for families:

Please also see the link below to a potty training guide.

[The Potty Training Guide - Starting Reception]



Toys and football cards

We have noticed that more toys and football cards are being brought into school recently. While we know children are very proud of their collections, we ask that these items are kept at home. They can easily be lost or damaged and can cause distractions in class and on the playground. Thank you for your support in helping children to focus on their learning in school.

Healthy lunchboxes

Please remember to send your child in with a healthy lunch. We are seeing an increasing number of unhealthy lunchboxes.

Please do not send your child into school with any nut products.

Playground Equipment

Whilst we enjoy seeing the children make use of the playground equipment at the end of the day, please ensure that your child is fully supervised when using the apparatus. There should be no more than six children on the equipment at one time. Please also ensure that you leave the premises by 3.25pm so that the gates can be closed on time. Thank you for your support.

Virtual Worry Box

You will find the new 'Worry Box' on our school website. If you go to the 'Children' tab, you will see 'Worry Box' as the third option down. When you click on the 'Worry Box' it will take you to a Microsoft forms page. Your child can complete the simple form (this can be done with your support if needed) and this will be sent to our SLT and Safeguarding team. Your child will not receive a direct message back in writing, but please be assured that a member of the team will act swiftly and ensure the appropriate support will be given.

Please be aware however, that the messages will not be checked outside of school hours and the worry box is not to be used to contact school staff in emergencies. Although we will check the worries regularly, we still encourage children to speak to an adult in school. Any concerns that parents and carers have should still be raised through the usual communication channels.

We hope this will be a great support for our children's mental health and well-being across the school and give them an extra way to communicate with our dedicated staff.



Oaklands Nursery

Please follow the link below to Oaklands newsletter.

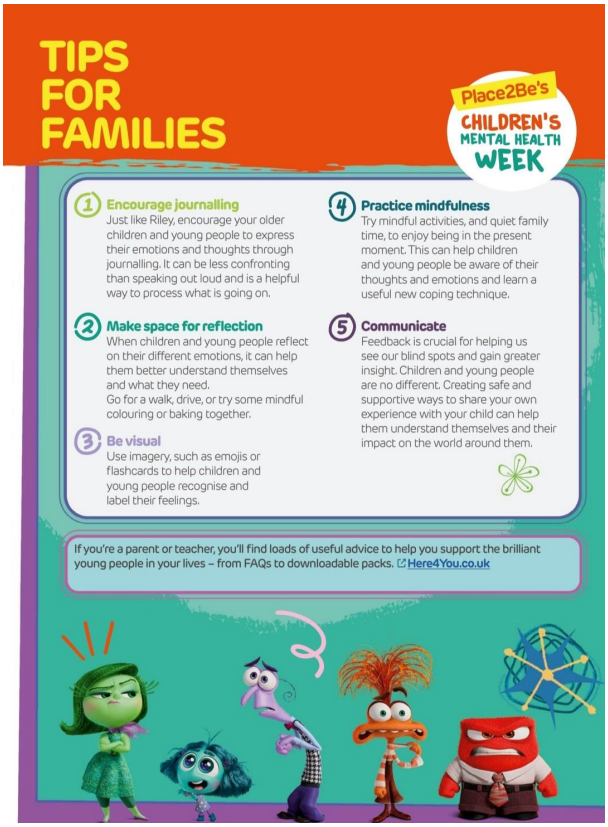
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WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER-
TUESDAY 17TH MARCH-
(10-11AM/ 1.30-2.30PM OR 4.30-6PM)
SATURDAY 13TH JUNE-
(10-12PM)
WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER
Friendly and Nurturing Environment
Large outdoor woodland space/Forest schools
High quality education and childcare for children aged 2 to 4 "Staff are exceptionally skilled"- Ofsted report May 2023
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Oaklands
Music Makers @
ELLISON
Every Tuesday afternoon
1:30-2:45pm @ Ellison Primary Academy
Come along for lively weekly music and movement sessions!
Each week brings a new chance to sing, dance, and play through songs, rhymes, and hands-on activities. Children can shake, stomp, stretch, and sway as they explore rhythm and sound in a warm, welcoming environment. It's a playful space to build confidence, spark creativity, and share smiles—perfect for curious minds and busy feet!
£2 per session- includes activity,drink and snack
Music Makers is suitable for children aged 12mths to 4 yrs. All children must be accompanied by an adult.
Advance booking essential
01782 987075 or email
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Action for Happiness calendar

Each month we shall include the Action for Happiness calendar on our newsletter. It is packed with daily ideas for helping with mental health and wellbeing. Don't forget to visit our school website to see the wealth of information available. Just go to 'Community' and then 'Mental Health and Wellbeing'. If you need any further support, our Mental Health First Aiders are Mrs Prince and Mrs Dawson so please contact the school if you would like to speak to either of the team or make an appointment.





Food bank - please help yourself

We are very lucky that our Ellison family donate food throughout the year. We have more food items and sanitary products available in school. Either discretely help yourself to items from the reception area or ask the office for a bag to be made up for you.



No smoking or vaping

Please can we remind everyone that there should be no smoking or vaping on the school premises. We would appreciate this to be respected around the school entrance and gates too. Thank you for your support.



Parking

We need your support to ensure the roads around Ellison are safe and that neighbour's properties are not blocked by vehicles.

Please be aware of your surroundings when parking around the school.

A polite reminder - please park considerately in the surrounding area as a number of driveways are being blocked and cars are also parking on the yellow zig - zag lines causing concern for the safety of our children.

Reminder - ASDA is our Park and Stride, by parking there you will help to support safety of the surrounding roads.





Extra-curricular clubs

Monday - KS2 Homework club (3.15p.m. - 4p.m.)

Tuesday - RM and R/1F Alternative sports club (3.15p.m. - 4.15p.m.)

Tuesday - Reception - Year 6 Creation station club (3.15p.m. - 4.15p.m.)

Wednesday - Year 5 and 6 Girl's football club (3.15p.m. - 4.15p.m.)

Thursday - Year 6 rounders club (3.15p.m. - 4.15p.m)

School Term Dates 2025/2026

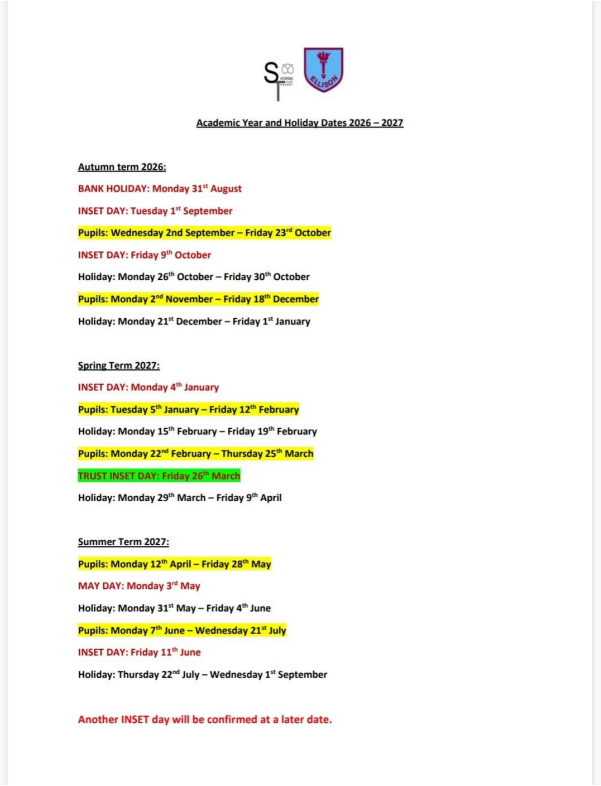
School re-opens: Monday 1st June 2026 until Friday 17th July 2026

Inset Day: Friday 5th June 2026

Inset Day: Monday 20th July 2026

School closes: Monday 20th July 2026 until Friday 28th August 2026

School Term Dates 2026/2027



Academic Year and Holiday Dates 2026 – 2027

Autumn term 2026:

BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 31st August

INSET DAY: Tuesday 1st September

Pupils: Wednesday 2nd September – Friday 23rd October

INSET DAY: Friday 9th October

Holiday: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

Pupils: Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

Holiday: Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January

Spring Term 2027:

INSET DAY: Monday 4th January

Pupils: Tuesday 5th January – Friday 12th February

Holiday: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

Pupils: Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March

TRUST INSET DAY: Friday 26th March

Holiday: Monday 29th March – Friday 9th April

Summer Term 2027:

Pupils: Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May

MAY DAY: Monday 3rd May

Holiday: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

Pupils: Monday 7th June – Wednesday 21st July

INSET DAY: Friday 11th June

Holiday: Thursday 22nd July – Wednesday 1st September

Another INSET day will be confirmed at a later date.

Absence from school

If your child is unwell and won't be attending school, please call the school office on 01782 613674 before 9.30am. If it is before 8.30am please leave a message on the answer phone; including the reason for the absence. Please advise us of the illness and not just that your child is unwell. This will help us understand the types of illnesses in school and if any further action is required from Public Health. If your child has sickness and diarrhoea, they MUST remain absent from school for 48 hours, even if they are well in themselves. Thank you.

Privacy statement

Please follow the link below to see the privacy statement for parents and carers.

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Code of conduct for parents and carers

Please follow the link below to see the annual update for the code of conduct for parents and carers.

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