Ellison Primary Academy 1.5.26

Friday 1st May 2026

Newsletter

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



The past two weeks have been exceptionally busy and rewarding for our whole school community, and I would like to take this opportunity to share some of the highlights with you.

We were incredibly proud of our Year 4 pupils who recently took part in an activity day at Trentham Gardens. The event was organised in partnership with the Societas Trust and provided a valuable opportunity for children from all participating schools to work collaboratively, challenge themselves and enjoy learning beyond the classroom. Our pupils represented the school wonderfully, demonstrating excellent teamwork, enthusiasm and resilience throughout the day.

We were equally proud of our Year 1 and Year 2 children, who enjoyed an educational visit to Nantwich Museum. During their visit, they deepened their understanding of *The Great Fire of London* through hands-on activities and engaging experiences that brought their classroom learning to life.

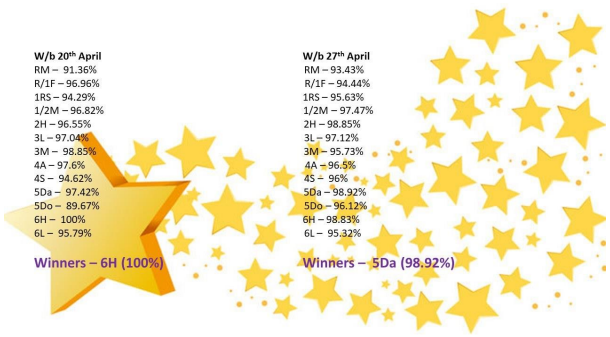
Today, we also celebrated our Mini Marathon event. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part and showed fantastic determination and a positive attitude. It was wonderful to see everyone encouraging one another and taking pride in their achievements.

As we approach the Bank Holiday weekend, I would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday.

Attendance

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

Well done to class 6H and 5Da for winning the attendance award!



Walk to school week 18th - 22nd May









1RS trip to Nantwich Museum

1RS had a fantastic trip to Nantwich Museum as part of their history learning!

After exploring the Great Fire of London in class, the children loved learning about the Great Fire of Nantwich and making links between the two. They really brought history to life by re-enacting the fire and dressing up in Tudor clothing!

The day was full of hands-on fun - from playing with toys from the past and exploring fascinating artefacts t even writing their names using a feather quill.

It was a wonderful experience that sparked lots of curiosity and excitement. We are so proud of Year 1 for their enthusiasm and excellent behaviour throughout the day!

A big thank you to our amazing parent volunteers - we really appreciate your support!





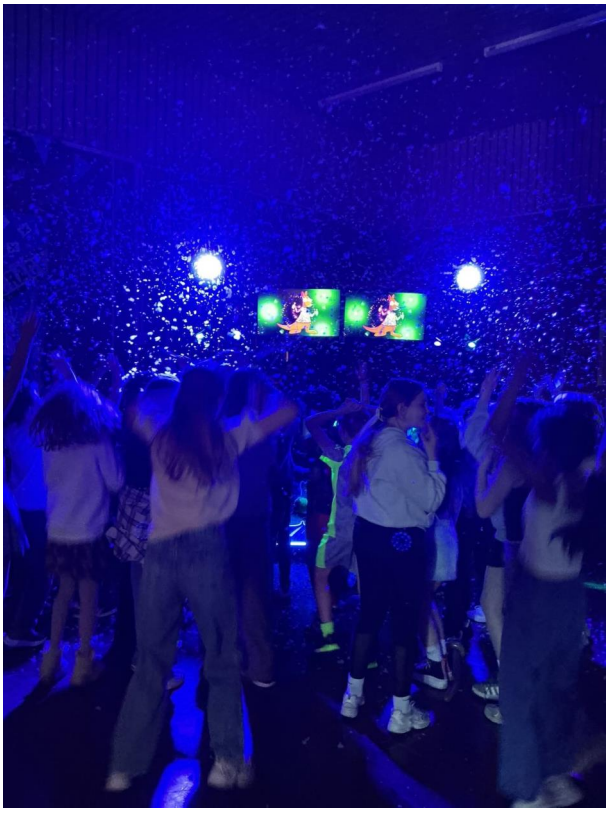
Pre-SAT's disco

Our wonderful Year 6 children had a fantastic pre-SAT's disco!

They had lots of fun dancing, singing, and playing games. It was a great way to celebrate together and boost spirits ahead of the upcoming tests.

A big thank you to all the parents and family members who helped make this event possible, and to everyone in the community who nominated our school to win this fantastic prize! We truly appreciate your support!

Thank you to Party Roo Children's Entertainment for making it so special.



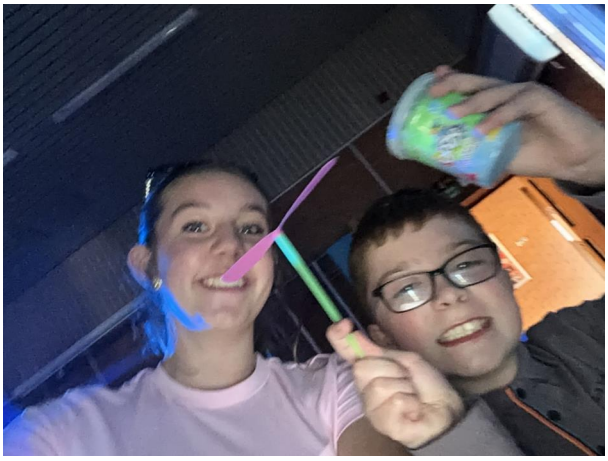





















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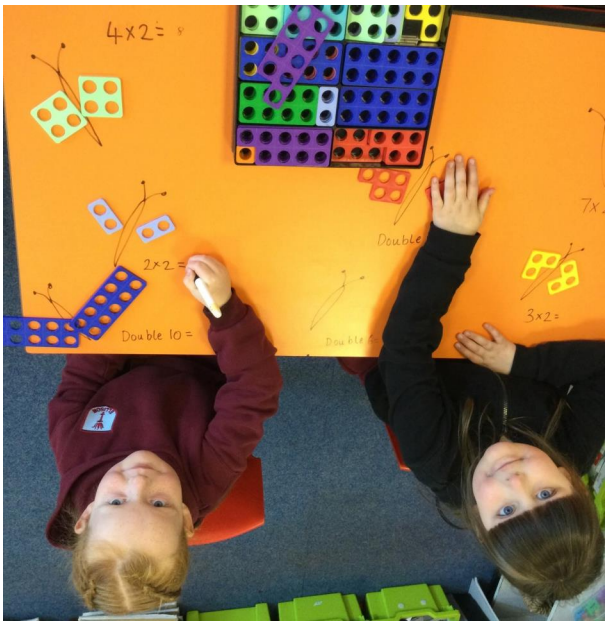


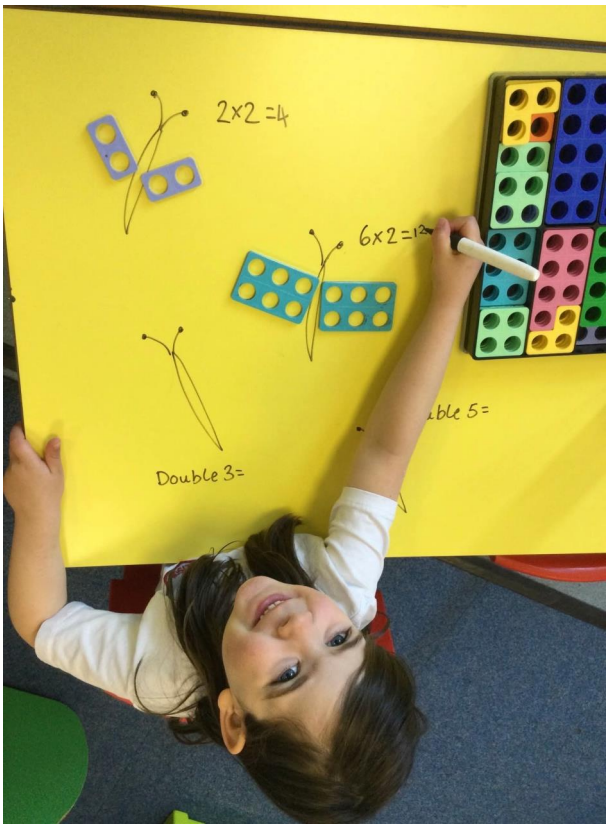
1/2M learning

Our amazing 1/2M learners have been working so hard mastering multiplying and dividing. ✖➗

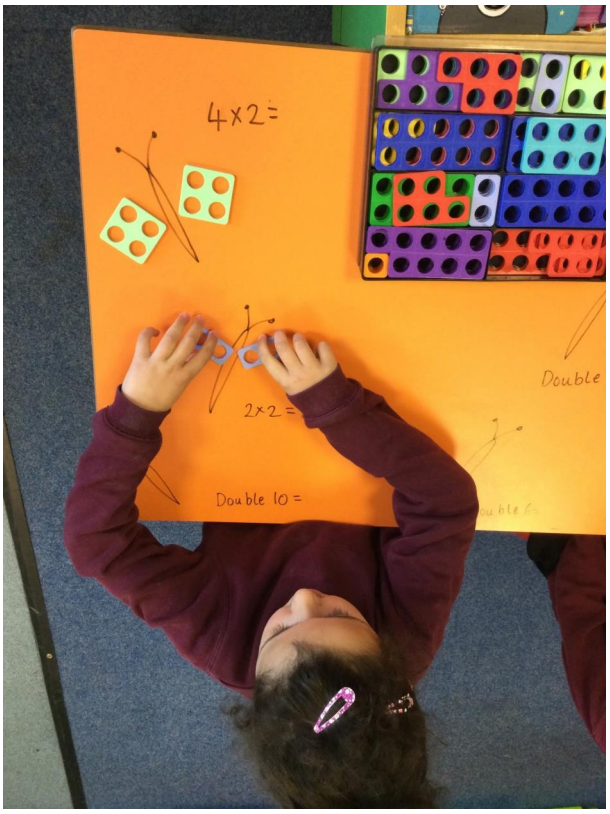
Their confidence is growing every day, and it's been fantastic to see them challenge themselves and succeed.

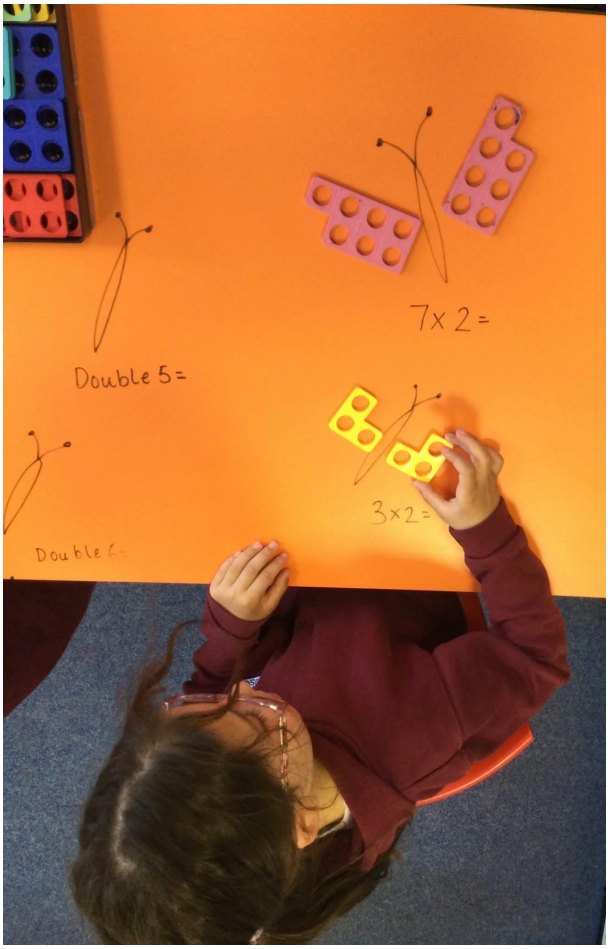
They've been using brilliant mathematical language and exploring different methods to deepen their understanding. We've also consolidated our learning by working practically with our friends to solve problems. We especially enjoyed helping our doubling butterflies gain their wings.


4x2=
2x2=
Double 10 =
3x2=


2x2 =4
6x2 =
Double 3=

2x2=4
6x2=
Double 5=
Double 3=6


4x2=
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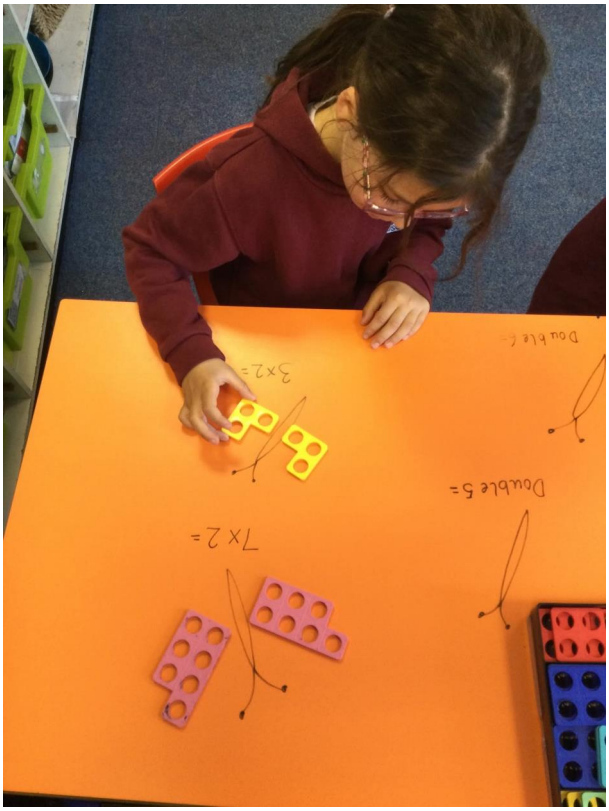

7x 2=
Double 5=
3x2=

2x2=4
6x2=
Double 5=
Double 3=6

Half of 6=3
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7x2=
Double 5=
3x2=
2x2=
Double 10=

4x2=
7x2=
Double 5=
3x2=
2x2=
Double 10=



Year 5 Science

Year 5 explored shadow experiments in Science. They are collecting data every hour to see how the shadows appear to move. They will examine how shadows change as the Earth rotates. 🌍🌍🌍



Nantwich Museum trip

2H had a fantastic trip to Nantwich Museum to learn all about the Great Fire of Nantwich.

The children went on a tour around Nantwich to discover the story of the fire and to see the wonderful Tudor buildings that are in the town. They also handled artefacts, dressed up as

Tudors and got to write their name with an ink pot and quill! Their favourite fact was that there were four bears that were set free in the town during the fire! 🐻

The children linked this knowledge to their topic of The Great Fire of London and were full of questions on their return to school.

A special thank you to the adult helpers that came along and made our trip possible.













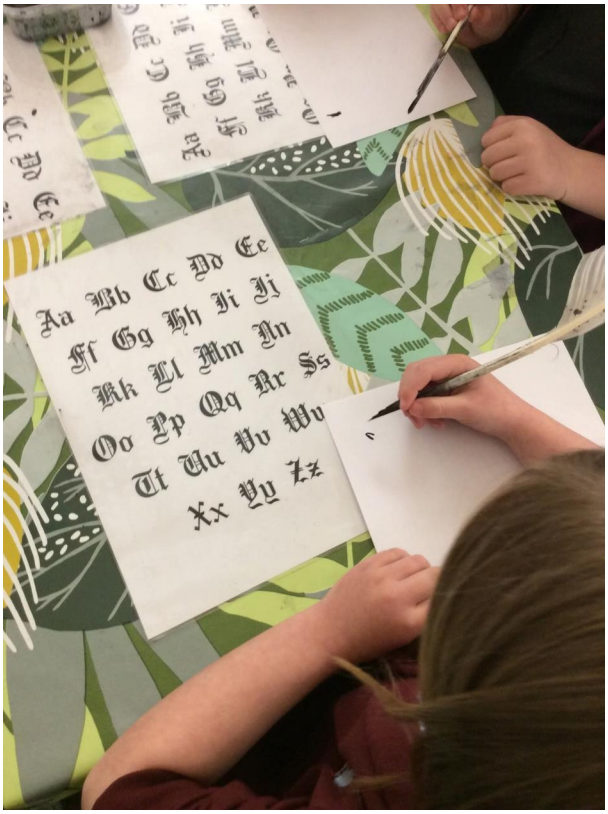












What a wonderful first week back in Early Years! ✨

We have had such a fantastic first week back and it has been lovely to see the children settle back in so happily.

This week, we have been learning all about bees, and the children have loved exploring our provision both indoors and outdoors. 🦋

Outside, the creativity has been flowing! The children have made some amazing mud pies and pizzas in the mud kitchen, and we even planted some herbs to use in our cooking creations. Lots of teamwork, imagination and muddy fun all round!

We also have some very exciting new visitors in our classroom. Our caterpillars have arrived, and the children are already fascinated as they observe them closely each day. I wonder what the caterpillars might change into? 🦋

We are so looking forward to the learning and adventures ahead. Thank you for another great week, Early Years!










Bee











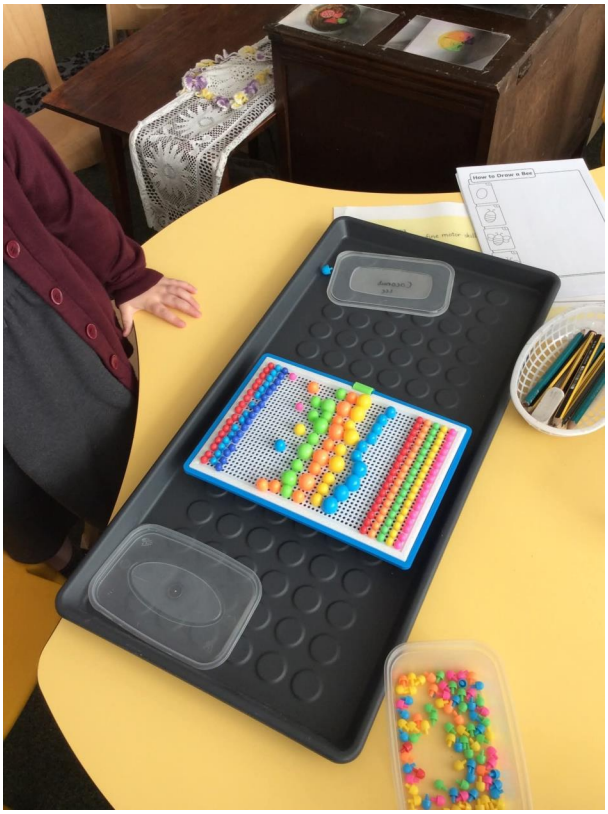

Rocket Phonics
Sounds Mat
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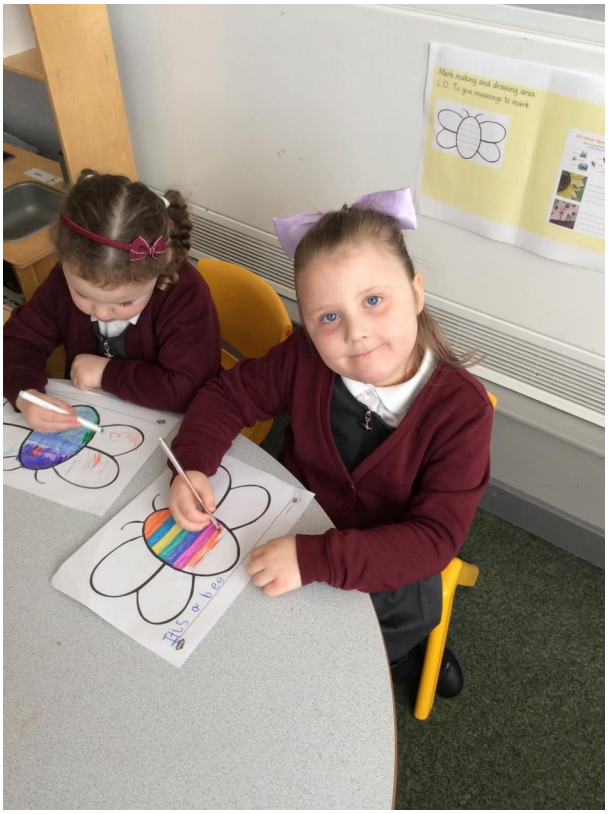

7 STAGES OF BLOCK PLAY






Investigation space
L.O. To explore caterpillars and butterflies
Vocabulary
- caterpillar
- butterfly
- chrysalis
- egg
- lifecycle
Can you draw what you can see?
butterfly lifecycle
caterpillar
egg
chrysalis


How to Draw a Bee



Year 1 Science

Our classroom was buzzing with curiosity as 1RS turned into little scientists! To kick off our learning about how plants are living things, the children spent the afternoon exploring a variety of seeds and bulbs. They practised their observation and classification skills by sorting them into different groups. It was wonderful to see them discussing the potential 'hidden life' inside each tiny seed and bulb!








CHILDREN'S ENCYCLOPEDIA
English



Rock Steady music lessons





Wolstanton Dance Academy



Marching for Mothers



Family steam days



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.

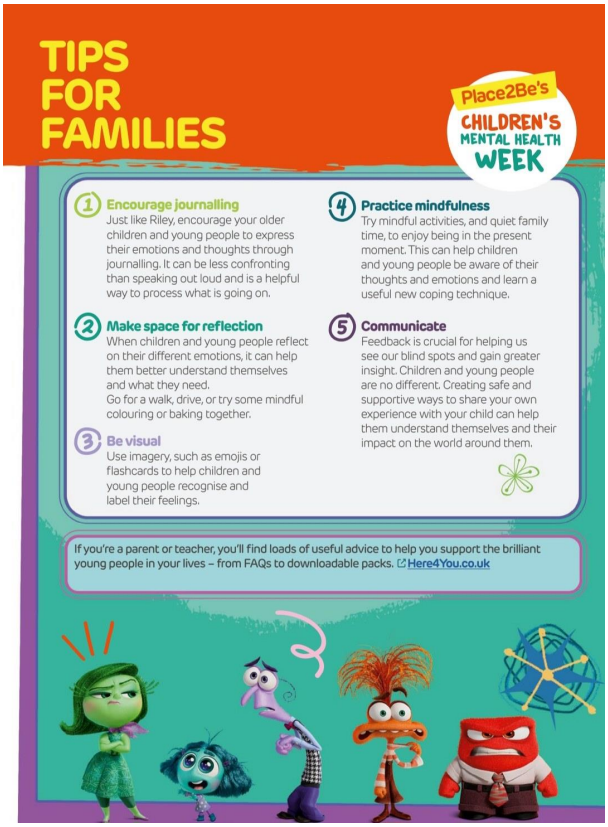
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Working in close partnership with Ellison Primary
Ofsted
Outstanding Provider
Oaklands
OAKLANDS NURSERY SCHOOL
OPEN DAYS
Are you looking for a Nursery place for your 2, 3 or 4 year old child?
Come and visit us to find out more about our 'outstanding' Nursery provision!
DATES TO REMEMBER:
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
01782 987075
www.oaklands.staffs.sch.uk
office@oaklands.staffs.sch.uk
Oaklands Avenue,
Porthill,
Newcastle
ST5 0EX


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
office@oaklands.staffs.sch.uk

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.

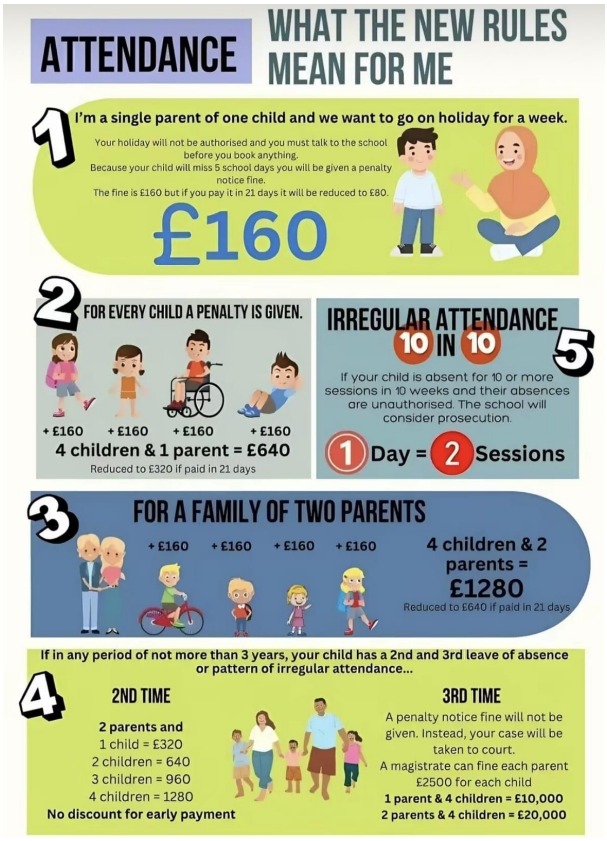


Food bank - please help yourself

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.



Changes to attendance from September 2024 - you can find the policy on our school website.



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 - Year 5 cricket club (3.15p.m. - 4.15p.m.)

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

Tuesday - Phonics club (3.15p.m. - 4p.m.)

Wednesday - RM and R/1F Fun-damental club (3.15p.m. - 4.15p.m.)

Thursday - Year 4 Newspaper club (3.15p.m. - 4.10p.m.)

School Term Dates

School re-opens: Monday 13th April 2026 until Friday 22nd May 2026

May Day: Monday 4th May

School closes: Monday 25th May 2026 until Friday 29th May 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

Academic Year and Holiday Dates 2025 – 2026

Summer Term 2026:

Pupils: Monday 13th April – Friday 22nd May

MAY DAY: Monday 4th May

Holiday: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

Pupils: Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July

INSET DAY: Friday 5th June

INSET DAY: Monday 20th July

Holiday: Monday 20th July – Friday 28th August

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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