Ellison Primary Academy 6.3.26

Friday 6th March 2026

Newsletter

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



It has been wonderful to see the sunshine returning and the days beginning to feel a little warmer. The brighter weather has certainly lifted everyone's spirits and it has been lovely to see the children enjoying their time outside during playtimes and throughout the school day.

A particular highlight this week was World Book Day. The children looked absolutely fantastic in their costumes and it was clear how much thought and effort had gone into them. From favourite story characters to creative homemade outfits, the enthusiasm for books and reading was evident across the school. Events like this remind us how important it is to nurture a lifelong love of reading in our children.

We are also looking forward to welcoming families into school for our Mother's Day teas and breakfasts. These occasions are always very special and provide a lovely opportunity for the children to celebrate the important people in their lives while sharing time together in school.

Next week, we would like to wish our Year 5 pupils the very best of luck as they perform Hamlet at the New Vic Theatre. This is an exciting opportunity and we are incredibly proud of the hard work, dedication and confidence the children have shown while preparing for the performance.

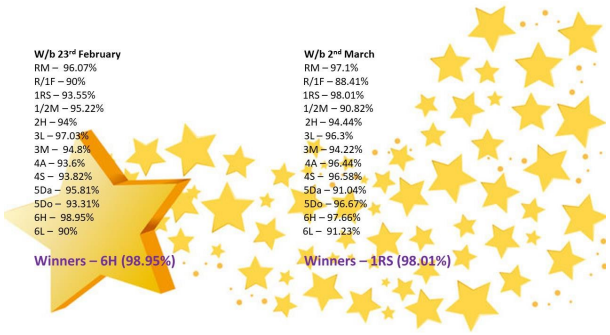
We are also looking forward to parents' evening next week. It is always a pleasure to share the wonderful learning your children have produced and to celebrate their progress and achievements with you.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Wishing you all a peaceful weekend.

Attendance

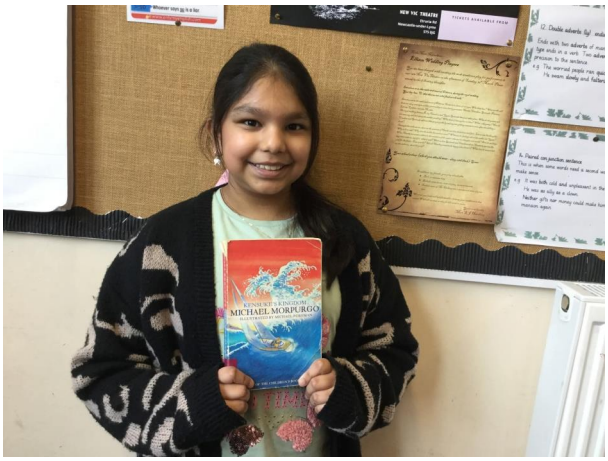
We would like to share the children's super attendance! Well done children! Please see below the attendance figures.

Well done to class 6H and 1RS for winning the attendance awards!



World Book Day

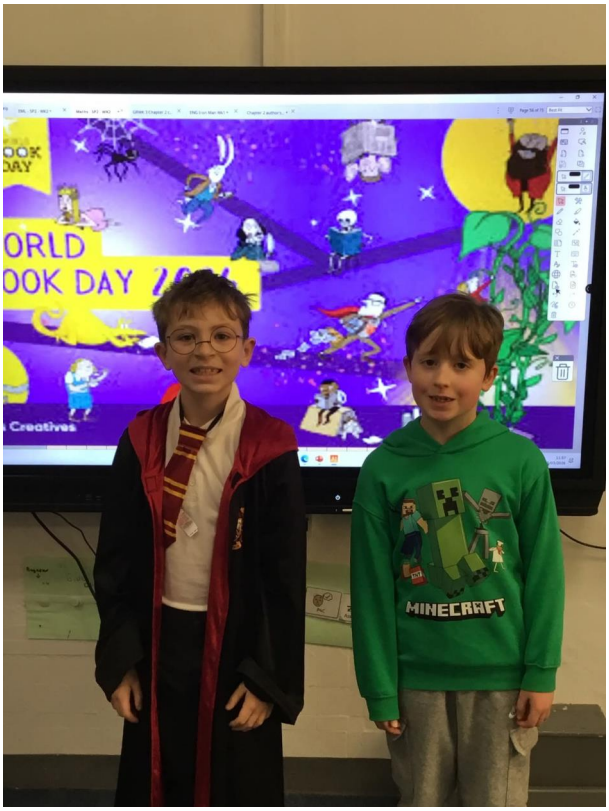
Year 5 have loved dressing up for World Book Day today and exploring our class text of Kensuke's Kingdom.





Year 3 have loved celebrating World Book Day! The children have made their own bookmarks based on their favourite books. All of the children looked amazing in their costumes!




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As Creatives





Year 1 truly embraces the magic of World Book Day! We began by sharing our reading-based homework, with children proudly showing off the creative activities they chose. Then we got crafty, making colourful story-themed bunting to decorate our reading areas. Just before playtime, we set a fun challenge: 'Find the most unusual place you can to read!' From cosy corners to imaginative hideaways, the children came up with some fantastic ideas.

Why not join in at home and see where your reading takes you? We'd love to see your photos of unusual or funny reading spots.

Happy World Book Day!





Mother's Day Breakfast

We are delighted to invite you to our Mother's and Other's Day Breakfast, a special event to celebrate the wonderful role of parents, carers, and loved ones in our children's lives.

📅 Date: Friday 13th March (1RS, 1/2M and 2H) Monday 16th March (RM and R/1F)

⏰ Time: 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM

📍 Location: School Hall

You will have the opportunity to enjoy a delicious breakfast together, with a choice of a breakfast bap or oatcakes, available for £2 per item. Please ensure that a cash payment is made on the day, covering both the adult and child's breakfast item (spaces are limited to one adult per child). In addition to breakfast, we will be serving water and squash, and there will be some small craft activities to enjoy with your child. 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. We hope you can join us for this special occasion and support the event. Your presence will make the morning even more meaningful! Please confirm your attendance by completing the link to the forms below. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mother's Day Afternoon tea

We are delighted to invite you to our Mother's and Other's Day Afternoon Tea, a special event to celebrate the wonderful role of parents, carers, and loved ones in our children's lives.

 Date: Friday 13th March (Year 5 and Year 6), Monday 16th March (Year 3 and Year 4)

 Time: 2:15 – 3:00 PM

 Location: School Hall

You will have the opportunity to enjoy a delicious afternoon tea together for the cost of £2 per person.

Payment can be made on the day, covering both the adult and child's afternoon tea (spaces are limited to one adult per child). In addition to sandwiches and cakes, we will be serving water and squash, and there will be some small craft activities to enjoy with your child. 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.

We hope you can join us for this special occasion and support the event. Your presence will make the morning even more meaningful! Please confirm your attendance by completing the link to the forms below. We look forward to seeing you there!

Year 4 Multiplication check - information evening

As your child is in Year 4, In May they will be having a Multiplication Times Table check. I would like to invite parents/carers in after school on Monday 16th March to have a small workshop with you to explain what this is and how to support your child. The workshop will be 3.30 until 4.15. This will be most beneficial for your child and your support at home really helps.

Year 5 parent/carer workshop

On Monday 23rd March there will be a creative workshop for Year 5 parents/carers between 9:15 and 10:15. This will be an opportunity for you to join your child in class and take part in a creative activity with them.

Please note that due to limited space in the classrooms only one person will be able to attend per child.

Year 1 and Year 2 Easter performance - Tuesday 24th March

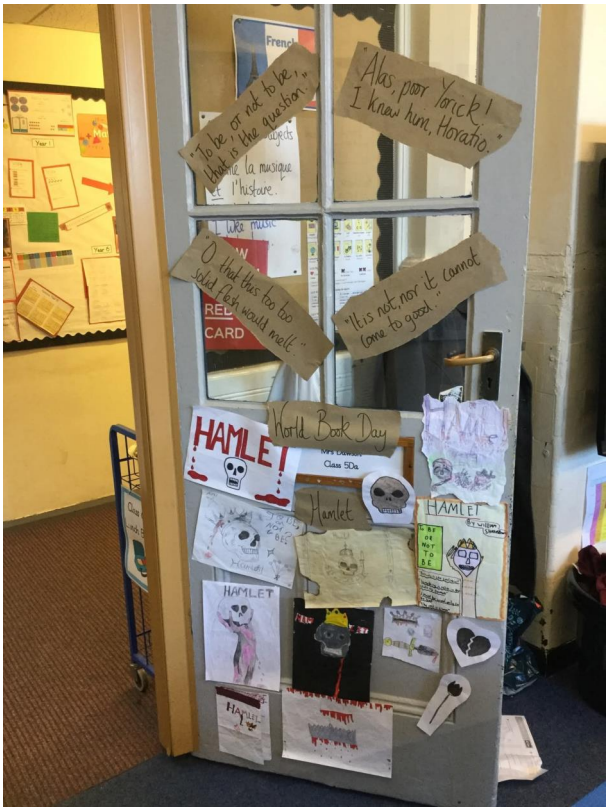
On Tuesday 24th March at 9.15am and 2.30pm we would like to invite you to come into school to share our Year 1 and Year 2 Easter performance. On this occasion we are able to accommodate two tickets per child. If you are unable to attend grandparents/or other adult family members can use the tickets. Toddlers/babies – If possible parents/carers are asked not to bring babies and toddlers to our Year 1 and Year 2 Easter performance as they can cause distractions. I am sure parents/carers will understand the need to provide our pupils with the best possible atmosphere for their assembly.

Reception parent/carer information evening - Tuesday 14th April

We would like to invite parents/carers in after school on Tuesday 14th April to have a small workshop with you and your children regarding your child's reading and writing. The workshop will be 3.30p.m. until 4p.m.. This will be most beneficial for your child and your support at home really helps.

World Book Day

Here is a sneak peek of 5Da getting the classroom ready to celebrate World Book Day!





EYFS learning

A busy and brilliant day in EYFS!

Our EYFS children have had such a wonderful day exploring, building and creating across the setting!

In the large construction area, the children worked together to build amazing structures, using their imagination and teamwork to bring their imagination and teamwork to bring their ideas to life. Over in the wooden blocks and small world area, they had lots of fun designing and building animal habitats.

In the creative area, the children let their artistic sides shine as they made their very own octupuses, complete with creative details.

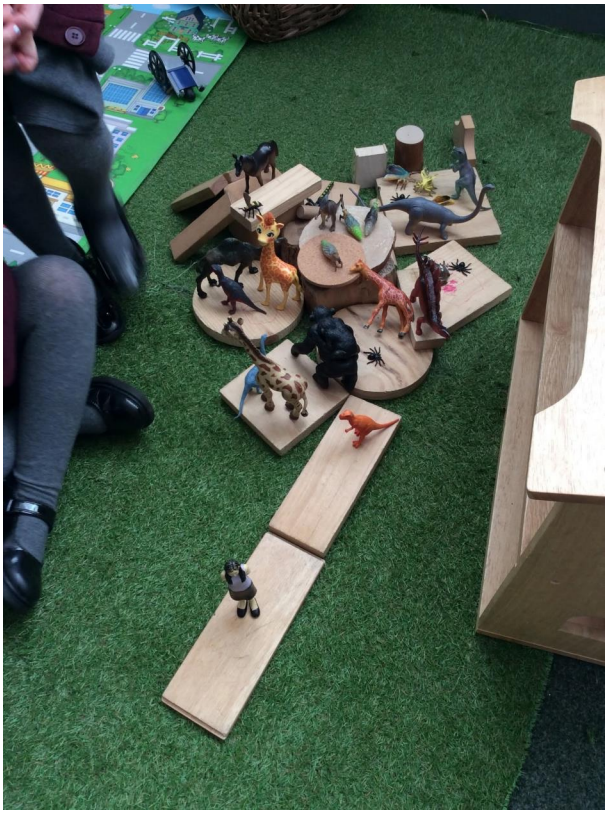
It was fantastic to see so much engagement, teamwork, and imagination throughout the day. Well done, EYFS!













Reception Mini Movers Club - What a session!

Our Reception children had an amazing time at the Mini Movers Club1

We started with some lively scarf dances, and the children absolutely loved swishing, twirling and moving to the music. Afterwards, we learned all about building muscles and keeping fit, with everyone having a go on the exercise equipment. It was fantastic to see them so enthusiastic about staying active!

As always, the children were brilliantly behaved and threw themselves into every activity with big smiles. We're so proud of them all!

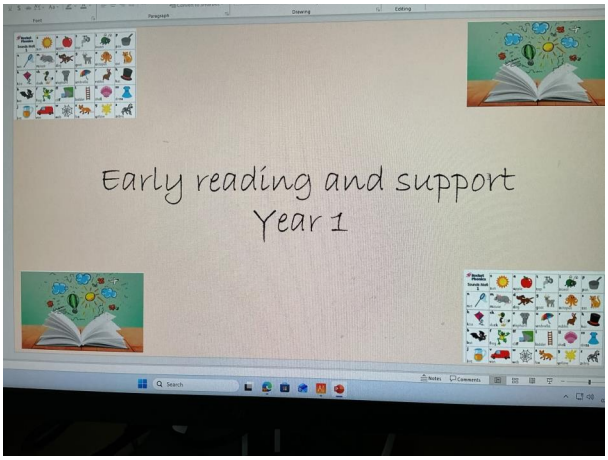
Looking forward to more fun next time!





Year 1 parent workshop

Thank you to all the Year 1 parents for attending the parent workshop. Your support is always grateful. Look how much fun they had.








What Can You See in the Rainforest?



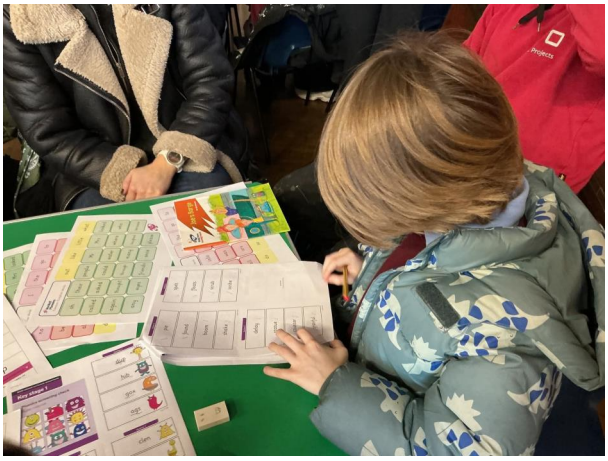





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Porthill Pickers

Mr Johnson from the Porthill Pickers came to speak to the children during our assemblies about showing respect to our community. He shared examples of all the different things he finds when he is out and about in the local area and how long certain items take to decompose. We found out lots about litter picking!

A huge thank you to Mr Johnson for giving up his time and for everything he does for the local community.



Year 5/6 Football team

We're incredibly proud of our Year 5 and 6 football team, who completed their league fixtures during Wellbeing week!

On the night, the team secured 1 huge win and narrowly lost a game. Across the whole league campaign, they only lost 2 matches overall - a fantastic achievement and a real testament to their hard work and dedication.

The children represented the school brilliantly showing excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout. They supported on another, communicated well on the pitch and never gave up - qualities we love to see both in and out of school.

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to support, especially in the freezing conditions. Your encouragement from the side lines makes such a difference to the team.

Well done to all of the players - you have made us very proud!



Dance show

Ava (6H) and Edie and Poppy (6L) spent their half term performing in their dance school show. 'Thank you for the Music' was put on by the JC Performers of the Jill Clewes Academy and they performed 4 shows over 3 days. They sang and danced to songs from musicals such as Copacabana, Newsies, Mamma Mia, Hercules and more. Edie and Poppy even sang solos. They were all brilliant. Well done!






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Time4Sport Easter clubs



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.

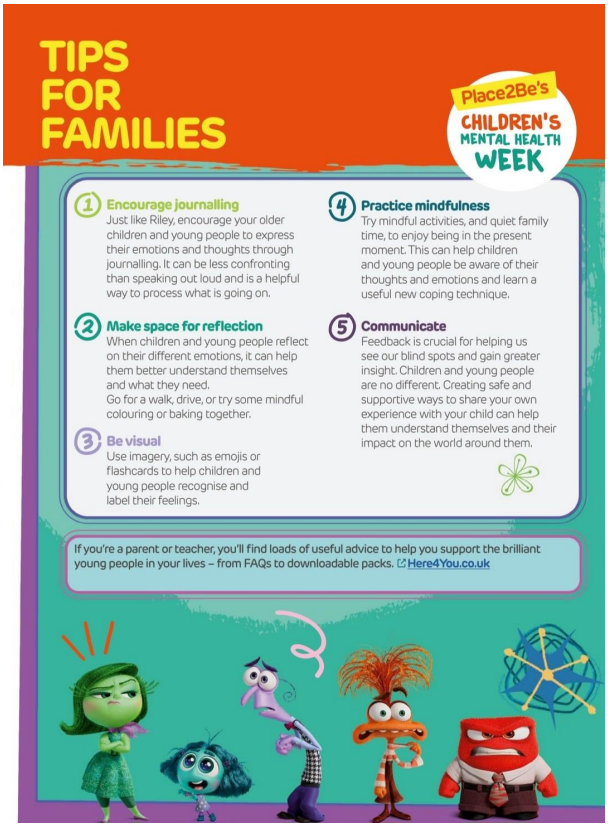
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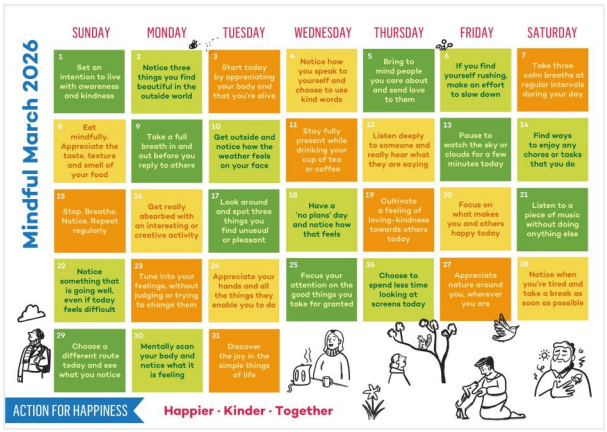

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OAKLANDS NURSERY SCHOOL
OPEN DAYS
Are you looking for a Nursery place for your 2, 3 or 4 year old child?
Come and visit us to find out more about our 'outstanding' Nursery provision!
DATES TO REMEMBER:
WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER-
TUESDAY 17TH MARCH-
(10-11AM/ 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


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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.



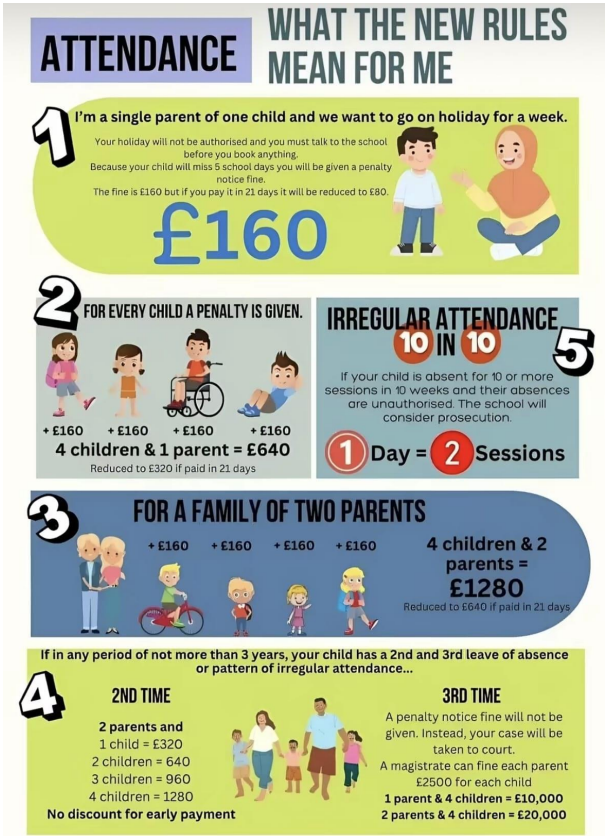


Food bank - please help yourself

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 3 Alternative sports club (3.15p.m. - 4.15p.m.)

Tuesday - Reception/Year 1 Creation station club (3.15p.m. - 4.15p.m.)

Tuesday - Reception Mini movers club (3.15p.m. - 4p.m.)

Wednesday - Year 5 Football club (3.15p.m. - 4.15p.m.)

Thursday - Year 5 and Year 6 Netball club (3.15p.m. - 4.15p.m.)

School Term Dates

School re-opens: Monday 23rd February 2026 until Thursday 26th March 2026

Inset day: Friday 27th March 2026

School closes: Monday 30th March 2026 until Friday 10th April 2026

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

Autumn term 2025:

INSET DAY: Monday 1st September

INSET DAY: Tuesday 2nd September

Pupils: Wednesday 3rd September – Friday 24th October

Holiday: Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October

Pupils: Monday 3rd November – Friday 19th December

Holiday: Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January

Spring Term 2026:

INSET DAY: Monday 5th January

Pupils: Tuesday 6th January – Friday 13th February

Holiday: Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

Pupils: Monday 23rd February – Thursday 26th March

TRUST INSET DAY: Friday 27th March

Holiday: Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

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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