



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

September 2024

Welcome to the new school year! A special welcome to our new children and families joining us as part of our community. The children have settled in wonderfully, and we are proud of their excellent behaviour and positive attitudes. As always, you'll find me and other leaders at the gates in the morning or after school, ready to answer questions or simply have a chat.

At Elsley, we have high expectations for attendance, behaviour, and learning. We ask parents to support us by ensuring children attend regularly, arrive on time, behave well, and read every day at home - why not visit the local library for great book choices? Working in partnership will ensure the best outcomes for your child.



Wishing everyone a successful year ahead! *Raphael Moss, Headteacher*

NEWSLETTER



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MEDICAL REQUEST: If your child has suffered an injury that requires the school to make any special arrangements, please inform the school office of this before your child returns to school so that we can best cater for their needs.

SAFEGUARDING IS

EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

If you have concerns about a child or an immediate concern about a child then please call 999.

Alternatively contact Brent family front door 020 8937 4300 (option 1)

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Ms Tyndale.



REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

We are here to help you with all your enquiries.

The School Office is open everyday **8.45am - 9.30am** for all enquiries.

Outside of these hours, you can email parents@elsley.brent.sch.uk for general enquiries. We aim to respond within 24 hours.

If you require a **letter regarding your child's attendance at school**, eg. for the Home Office, please email, allowing 48 hours for a reply.

The office closes 3.45pm on Fridays, and 4.15pm Monday to Thursday.

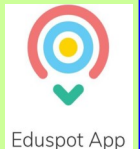
Attendance - Inform us by 9am if your child is absent for any reason. Include your child's name, class and reason for absence. There are three options to update us:

- 1) Email: absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk
- 2) Complete the absence form on the website or
- 3) Call **0208 902 8003, option 1.**

Lunches at primary school are FREE for ALL children.

Schools get extra funding for children eligible for Pupil Premium if their parents receive certain benefits. You can check if your child is eligible Free School Meal Eligibility Checker here: pps.lgfl.org.uk

School Communications – Please download the Eduspot app which allows you to receive text messages, emails, make payments and book online for Wraparound Care.



APPLY ON TIME FOR SCHOOL

A guide for Brent parents to help you apply on time and online for a school place starting September 2025.

Full information for parents/carers of children starting school in September 2025 can be found at www.brent.gov.uk/admissions.

	Transferring to Secondary school	Starting Primary school and transferring to Junior school
Who should apply?	Apply for children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014	Primary: Apply for children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 Junior: If your child is in year 2 at an infant school and born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, you must apply for a place at a junior school
Deadline	31 October 2024	15 January 2025
Offer Day	3 March 2025	16 April 2025
School Starts	September 2025	September 2025

Apply now at www.eadmissions.org.uk



Dates for your Diary

October

Black History Month

- Thur 3rd Year 6 Secondary School Open Day Fayre
- Thur 17th Last Day of Autumn 1 term. (Pick up at 3:15pm)
- Fri 18th - Mon 28th Half Term (**school is closed on the Friday and Monday**)
- Tue 29th First day of Autumn 2 term. (Soft start from 8:45am)

November

- Thur 21st Parent-Teacher Consultations (School closes at 1:30pm.)



Meet Our New Members of Staff

Visit our website to view our staff list so you can always identify who's who in our ever growing school faculty.

<https://www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/staff>



Mr. Woolman is a new Assistant Headteacher, leading Year 4. He is an experienced teacher and leader with a master's degree in education. He believes that every child has the potential to achieve their dreams. He is committed to creating a learning environment where students feel empowered and supported. Having been a dedicated Scout leader for over 10 years, Mr. Woolman has always had a passion for working with children. In his spare time, he enjoys camping, reading, and spending time with his cat. He loves taking on new challenges and is delighted to be joining Elsley where he will be leading Year 4.



Ms. Serroukh is a new teacher in Reception. She is an experienced teacher with a background mostly in Early Years and KS1. Ms. Serroukh enjoys the creativity in Reception, where she finds the experience truly magical.

She loves observing the pupils make progress and feels privileged to be part of their learning journey. Ms. Serroukh is thrilled to be joining the team at Elsley Primary School and is excited to get to know new pupils, parents and staff. In her spare time, Ms. Serroukh enjoys crafting and has recently taken up knitting. While her knitting skills are currently limited to creations like scarves and blankets, she is excited to tackle more complex projects in the future.



Ms. Inson is a new Assistant Headteacher, leading Year 2. She began teaching English to children in Japan before training to teach at the University of Surrey, Roehampton. Since then she has taught in schools in Brent, Ealing and Hillingdon. Her interests include outdoor education and supporting bilingual learners. She has a black and white cat at home and is excited to get to know the farm residents at Elsley. Outside of school she enjoys dancing, hiking and travelling with her children.



Mr. Patel is a new teacher in Year 6. Now in his tenth year of teaching, he is passionate about creating a nurturing and dynamic learning environment where every child can thrive. Mr. Patel graduated with a degree in Primary Education from the University of Sunderland and is highly motivated to help students reach their full potential. Outside of teaching, Mr. Patel is an avid traveller, having visited 48 countries and counting. He loves exploring different cultures, hiking, socialising, and discovering new cuisines as a self-proclaimed foodie. He is thrilled to be joining Elsley and is looking forward to an exciting year ahead, working together with students, parents, and staff.



Mrs. Patel is a new TA in Year 2. With more than 20 years of experience in education, she brings a lot of knowledge and skills to her role. Her love for working with children and helping them reach their goals has always been a big part of her career. In her free time, Mrs. Patel loves to read, bake delicious treats, garden and spend time with her family, friends and her beloved pet dog. She is excited to meet the children, parents, and staff at Elsley and start building connections.

GOOD BYE TO MR. AL-DAGHIR

We wished farewell to Mr Al-Daghir who has left Elsley in order to train to become a qualified teacher.

Mr. Al-Daghir joined Elsley 8 years ago as a TA and has been a wonderful asset to the school in every year group he has worked in. We wish him all the success for the future.



NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED!

We are so pleased to have officially launched our new website in September. It is packed with information and beautiful photography that capture all aspects of Elsley life. We have new subject pages and updated our year group pages. You can click the **translate button** to view all our pages in a different language and keep up to date with our news and calendar pages. Please fill in our feedback survey which will be sent out soon.

Brent Start & Elsley Primary School



Welcome to
Free ESOL

Starts 24th September
(English)course

Available for adults 19 years old and over

*** ONLINE SAFETY TOP TIP ***

> Talk to your child about their online connections and make sure they aren't friends with strangers on games like Roblox.

Visit our new site: www.elsley.brent.sch.uk

