



# ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Oct / Nov 2024

## NEWSLETTER



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Our school community continues to inspire me with its dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm. This newsletter provides a snapshot of the wonderful experiences and achievements over the past couple of months. I am delighted that parents and carers appreciate the efforts made by staff to enrich the lives of our children. Inside, you'll find the results of our recent survey - thank you for sharing your thoughts! Let's continue to work together by ensuring your child attends school regularly, arrives on time, and reads daily at home. These simple yet powerful habits significantly impact their progress and future success. Wishing you all the very best for the final weeks of 2024!



Raphael Moss, Headteacher



**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

### NURSERY 2025 APPLICATIONS

We are now accepting applications for part-time Nursery places (15 hours per week, Monday – Friday).

If your child was born between 01/09/2021 – 31/08/2022 you are eligible to apply. **Please collect an application form from the School Office.**



### 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](mailto: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.

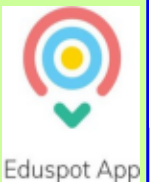
**Attendance** - Inform us by 9am if your child is absent for any reason. Include your child's name, class and reason for absence. There are three options to update us:

- 1) Email: [absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk](mailto: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](https://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.



### THE A.R.P. IS OPEN

We are thrilled to announce the opening of our brand-new **Additionally Resource Provision.**



This marks a significant milestone in our commitment to inclusive education, ensuring that every child receives the tailored support they need to thrive.

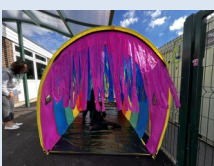
Converted from our Learning Hub over the last year, The ARP is a dedicated resource for 10 children with Autism, social communication needs, speech and language difficulties, and other complex learning needs. All of our children have an Education Health Care Plan, with individual targets integrated into everyday teaching across our learning environments, outdoor provisions, and at home. These children are supported with the goal of working towards independent integration into the mainstream school. We are excited about the positive impact this will have on our whole school community.



The ARP is led by Mrs Mulji (SENDCO) and Mrs Cronin (Assistant SENDCO). There are two teachers, Mrs Davies and Mrs Randhawa, are supported by a fantastic team of three teaching assistants.

Within our ARP, we have a main classroom, a smaller intervention room, an immersive sensory room and toilets. The building also has a training room, a meeting room and the caretakers' office. Check out the ARP page on our website to find out more about it and how we aim to support the children in their school experience.

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



### December

### Dates for your Diary

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| Tuesday 10th  | Year 3 Extended Day                            |
| Thursday 12th | Year 1 Nativity Performance                    |
| Tuesday 17th  | Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch         |
| Thursday 19th | End of Term. <b>School finishes at 1:30pm.</b> |

### January 2025

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| Mon 6th     | Staff INSET training day.                       |
| Tuesday 7th | Spring Term starts for pupils (8:45 Soft Start) |

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The whole school celebrated Black History Month this year through the theme 'Reclaiming Narratives' which celebrates a significant shift towards recognising and correcting narratives of Black History and culture. We celebrated a Cultural Day in October and invited everyone to come in wearing traditional and cultural clothing. There were Key Stage parades and performances as well as interesting displays that can still be seen in the hall celebrating an array of inspiring figures from Black history.



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

On 11/11/24, Children and staff of Elsley Primary, stood in silence to remember those who had lost their lives during war. Ms Campbell concluded the silence by playing 'The Last Post' on the trumpet.



## STEM AND LANGUAGE WORKSHOPS



Year 5 enjoyed a STEM Workshop delivered by the Exa Foundation. They investigated the functions of a Micro:bit, collaborated to unlock a padlock and learned about STEM careers.

Year 6 experienced a Year 7 French lesson to support their MFL transition to high school. It was a real confidence boost and fun session led by Katie Tiller, Head of MFL at Ark Elvin Academy.



## DIWALI ASSEMBLY

Thank you to Year 4 for sharing their Diwali assembly this term; parents enjoyed their singing, dancing and storytelling.

## ODD SOCKS DAY FOR ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

On 12th November, children wore odd socks for Anti-bullying week. This is to remind us that we are all different but should all be treated the same.



## YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL



Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic couple of days in Stratford-Upon-Avon. During the 2 night stay they visited a Butterfly House and got up close to its winged residents. The children also visited the MAD Museum (Mechanical Art & Design) and explored the beautifully crafted, moving sculptures and quirky designs. Finally, they visited the school that Shakespeare attended and took part in some Elizabethan roleplay.



## KEY STAGE 2 MUSEUM TRIPS



Year 3 visited the Natural History Museum to explore some fossils and bones. The children took part in an exciting Dino Dig workshop. This fantastic and engaging experience supported their history and geography

topics. Meanwhile Year 4 visited the British Museum as part of their Ancient Egyptian learning in history. They had a fascinating guided tour around the artefacts and enjoyed getting up close to the mummies!



Thank you for joining us for our first **coffee morning** of the academic year. It was great seeing so many of you and hearing your views.

**\*\*\* ONLINE SAFETY TOP TIP \*\*\***

> Check out this excellent resource from NSPCC

Visit: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>



# Elsley Primary School

## Feedback from parents/ carers, November 2024

98% say their child feels safe.

Less than 1% disagree (This is very similar to 2022 and 2023)

97% believe their child feels happy.

1% disagree and less than 2% are unsure. (Very similar to 2022 and 2023)

96% say school makes them aware of what their child will learn.

Less than 1% disagree and 3% are unsure. (This is an improvement from 2022 and 2023)

95% say Elsley makes sure its pupils are well behaved.

Less than 1% disagree and 4% are unsure. (Very similar to 2022 and 2023)

95% say their child does well at Elsley.

1% disagree and less than 4% are unsure. (This is very similar to 2022 and 2023)

94% say there is a good range of subjects available to their child.

1% disagree and less than 5% are unsure. (This is very similar to 2022 and 2023)

92% would recommend Elsley to another parent.

Of the 8% who disagree, there were no comments or suggestions for improvement.

(This is a slight decrease from 95% in 2023)

92% say that Elsley lets them know how their child is doing.

3% disagree and less than 5% are unsure. (This is a slight decrease from 94% in 2023)

Over 90% say the school supports their child's wider development.

Just 2% disagreed and 7% were unsure. (This is similar to 2022 and 2023)

90% agree that Elsley has high expectations for their child.

Less than 4% disagree and 5% are unsure. (This is a further improvement from 2022 and 2023)

85% said that their child can take part in clubs and activities.

5% disagree, 9% were unsure. (This is an improvement from 2022 and similar to 2023)

84% said when they raised concerns they have been dealt with properly.

Less than 5% of parents disagreed and 11% were unsure. (This is similar to 2022 and 2023)

Over 82% agree that school dealt with bullying quickly and effectively or their child had never experienced bullying.

Less than 5% disagreed and 16.5% were unsure. (This is similar to 2022 and 2023 but an increase in those who are unsure)

Of parents whose children have SEND (special educational needs or disabilities),

72% say Elsley gives the support their child needs to succeed.

(This is an increase from 2022 and 2023. Separate surveys of parents/ carers of pupils with SEND reveal much more positive feedback suggesting that this question is still misunderstood)

From the comments at the end of the survey, 94% were positive with just 2 negative comments, both of which related to delays in processes involving external organisations.

*Thank you to the 182 parents/ carers who took the time to provide feedback.*

*This is a similar response rate to 2022 although a decrease from 2023.*



### Wordart comments

The wordart image was created from comments made in the 'free text' box. The size of the words corresponds to the frequency with which words occur.

### Detailed previous survey of parents/ carers of children with special educational needs

- 100% say that the school understands. 71% strongly agree and 29% agree.
- 100% say that Elsley lets them know. 71% strongly agree and 29% agree.
- 100% say that teachers give them the. 88% strongly agree and 12% agree.
- 100% say that teachers listen to their. 81% strongly agree and 19% agree.
- 100% say that they know the staff wh. 95% strongly agree and 5% agree.
- 100% say that they are pleased with t. 71% strongly agree and 29% agree.
- 100% say that they are involved in re. 71% strongly agree and 29% agree.
- 98% say their child is happy at school. 79% strongly agree, 19% agree and 2% are unsure.
- 93% say they are happy with the help. 86% strongly agree, 7% agree and 7% are unsure.
- 93% say that they work together with. 41% agree.

# RESIDENT HUB AND WEMBLEY LIBRARY



## GRAND OPENING

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 2024

11AM - 4PM

BOOKTRUST STORY AND  
RHYMES PLUS SANTA @ 11AM

HEALTH AND WELLBEING  
INFO AND ADVICE

WASTE, RECYCLING AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE INFO  
STALLS

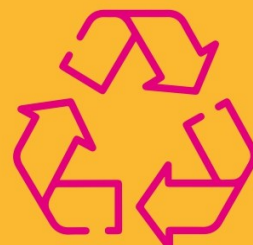
CHILDREN'S STORIES AND  
CRAFT WORKSHOPS

RAFFLE PRIZES FOR ALL AGES

FACEPAINTING FOR LITTLE  
LIBRARY MEMBERS

REFRESHMENTS

ENTERTAINMENT: DRUMMING  
& DANCE PERFORMANCES,  
RAP ARTIST & DJ



BRENT CIVIC CENTRE, ENGINEERS WAY,  
WEMBLEY PARK HA9 0FJ



# BRILLIANT PARENTS – December 2024

## Parent Support Programmes for the London Borough of Brent, Harrow & Hammersmith and Fulham

S/N	PROGRAMME TITLE	WHO IS IT FOR	DELIVERY DATE	BOROUGH/TIME	LOCATION
1.	Managing Fighting & Aggression	Parents/Carers with 0–11-year-olds	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2024	Brent/H&F/Harrow 6-8pm	Zoom
2.	Coping with Teenagers' Emotions	Parents/Carers with Teens (11+ 16-year-olds)	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024	Brent/H&F/Harrow 6-8pm	Zoom
3.	Dealing with Disobedience	Parents/Carers with 0–11-year-olds	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Brent/H&F/Harrow 10-12noon	Zoom
4.	Developing Good Bedtime Routines	Parents/Carers with 0–11-year-olds	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Brent/H&F/Harrow 10-12noon	Zoom
5.	Getting Teenagers to Cooperate	Parents/Carers with Teens (11+ 16-year-olds)	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Brent/H&F/Harrow 6-8pm	Zoom
6.	Reducing Family Conflict	Parents/Carers with Teens (11+ 16-year-olds)	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Brent/H&F/Harrow 10-12noon	Zoom
7.	Stress Free Shopping with Children	Parents/Carers with 0–11-year-olds	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Brent/H&F/Harrow 10-12noon	Zoom
8.	Building Teenagers' Survival Skills	Parents/Carers with Teens (11+ 16-year-olds)	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Brent/H&F/Harrow 6-8pm	Zoom

To register for **any** or **all** the Discussion Groups, kindly complete and submit the registration form at this link:

<https://www.brilliantparents.org/brilliant-parents-self-referral>

## FARM NEWS



We have welcomed 4 lovely Texel sheep on our Elsley Farm this Autumn. At only 5 months old, their breed is characterised by a white face, black nose and no wool on their head or legs. They are a great way for children to learn where their warm woolly clothes come from!