



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

Spring 2025

NEWSLETTER



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This has been another term packed full with learning and opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. There have been lots of activities and trips, some of which are highlighted within the newsletter. As always, we are proud to support the children not just in their academic studies, but also by giving them wider opportunities and support them to develop their character.

Following on from our Year 3 children who performed the Easter assembly, as we approach this important Christian festival, I wish all who celebrate, a joyous Easter filled with love and happiness.

Wishing everyone a happy holiday! *Raphael Moss, Headteacher*



Farewell to Miss Campbell After eight years at Elsley as an Assistant Headteacher, Miss Campbell is leaving at the end of this term to become Director of School Improvement for a chain of schools specialising in alternative education.



During her time at Elsley, Miss Campbell has worked with countless children, staff and parents, leading year groups and various subject areas. Her contributions span from English and writing, to music and providing opportunities for children through the Elsley farm. We thank Miss Campbell for her dedication to our school and community and wish her much success in her new role.



If you don't already do this, plan ahead for the good weather of the summer term. You and your child could **cycle**, **scoot**, or **walk** to school. Allow a bit more time for your journey; you will feel great and you will be helping the environment!

SAFER INTERNET DAY 2025

This year's Safer Internet Day was marked by our Digital Leaders with an engaging video presentation.



The internet has many benefits but also we also need to be aware of the risks. This year's theme was based around the idea 'too good to be true!' Not everyone on the internet is who they say they are. This year's focus included the risk of scammers. Messages included tips to reduce risks as well as reminders to report anything suspicious. Key points were that the internet is an amazing tool but we have to use it safely, by: being careful with our information; respecting others; and knowing what to do if something goes wrong.

Remember: Be safe, smart and kind online!

We expect our staff to be treated with respect and courtesy.

The **School Office** is open to parents for general enquiries between 9am - 9:30am on Wednesdays and **8.30am - 9.30am** on all other days. It **closes at 3.45pm on Fridays** and at **4.15pm on all other days.**

For help with School Money please come on **FRIDAYS** between **8.45am - 9.30AM** or **2.30pm - 3.30pm.**

Attendance **Email by 9am** if your child is going to be absent for any reason. **EMAIL : absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk** stating your **child's name, class, and reason for absence.**

School Lunches Thanks to the Mayor of London, ALL children continue to benefit from lunches at no cost.

Wraparound: Breakfast and After-School Care

We are pleased to offer this service before and after school. Costs for pre-booked places are here. Other charges are listed on the back page.

Pre-booked	From	Until	Charge
Breakfast Club	7:45am	8:45am	£ 5.00
After School Wraparound Care	3:15pm	5:15pm	£10.00

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Penalty charges for collection after 5:15pm

5:15pm	Until collection	£ 2.50 per 5 minutes
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APRIL & MAY

Dates for your Diary

Tues 22nd April Term starts for pupils - Summer I

Mon 5th May May Bank Holiday (school closed)

Mon 12th May KS2 SATs Week

Mon 26th May - Half term break

Fri 30th May

Mon 2nd June Term starts for pupils - Summer II

Wed 23rd July End of term. School closes at 1:30pm

For tips on how to keep your child safe online:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Careers Day

Once again, Elsley hosted a highly successful Careers Day event, providing our children with an insight into a wide range of careers, highlighting the skills and qualities needed, and strengthening the link between the effort they exert in their education, and their future opportunities.

By showcasing diversity in the professions shown and the relatable role models, we aim to broaden pupils' horizons, challenge stereotypes and promote high aspirations.



Children expressed that they have a better understanding of jobs available to them. This year children benefited from visits from a doctor, a nurse, a scientist, a journalist, an artist, a musician, accountants and tax inspectors, an actor and a police detective, as well as online sessions about careers in marketing.

We are grateful to all of the visitors who took the time to inspire our children!

Year 5 visited the London Aquarium which is one of the largest collections of sea life in Europe. Highlights included walking

through an ocean tunnel surrounded by sharks, rays and a variety of fish, getting up close to sharks swimming nearby and seeing penguins in their natural habitat.



Elsley Farm continues to be a dynamic and wonderful asset to our school, constantly changing and yet consistently providing a calming, almost magical provision for our children (and adults!) Earlier in the term we hatched a flock of new silkie chickens and now that spring has fully arrived the animals are enjoying more time outdoors. This term we were delighted to once again host some pygmy goats as well as our regular residents of guinea pigs, rabbits and our new flock of silkie chickens.



Year 2 visited the Tower of London

The Great Fire of London of 1666 started with a spark in a bakery in Pudding Lane, just a few streets away from the Tower of London. With the help of Samuel Pepys' maid (a guide in costume) children from Year 2 discovered how the Tower was protected and now houses the only Tudor building to have survived the fire.



The children met the Yeoman Warders or 'Beefeaters' who guard the tower. They told the children about the famous ravens (big black birds) which guard the Tower; legend has it that should the ravens leave, the tower will crumble to the ground! They also met a raven called 'Jubilee' he appeared friendly but they were advised to keep a metre away for safety!



The children were excited to see London landmarks including: Tower Bridge; St Paul's Cathedral; the River Thames; the Walkie Talkie, the London Assembly and the Gherkin.

Travelling by tube was a first for some children and they had a wonderful learning adventure. Thank you to all the adults who came and helped!





Mrs Ali is a teacher who joined our school earlier this term. She is currently teaching Computing to our children. With experience in both Brent and Qatar, she previously served as an English Leader and believes that books are key to holistic learning. Passionate about working with all age groups, Mrs Ali is excited to teach across the school.

Outside of school, Mrs Ali is a mother of four, enjoys time with her pet cat and loves exploring London's cultural offerings. She is thrilled to have joined the Elsley family!



Mr Gill is a teacher who joined Elsley at the start of 2025. He is currently teaching in Year 3 and is passionate about supporting students to become curious and independent learners.

Mr Gill has worked in education for nearly a decade, beginning in London before teaching for the last three years in an International school in Myanmar.

Outside of school, Mr Gill enjoys sport and exploring new countries and cultures. He is excited to have started working at Elsley and working with our wonderful students.

Children in Year 4 developed their fine motor skills and creativity through a hands-on sewing project in Design and Technology. They showed focus and determination



as they carefully threaded needles, used a range of stitches to join fabric securely, and selected appropriate materials for their designs. They not only strengthened their hand-eye coordination and patience but also developed problem-solving skills and resilience. The children were proud of their accomplishments.

Children in Year 3 used their imagination creating their own 'poisonous potions' and writing clear, detailed instructions. They enjoyed venturing outside to collect unusual items for their potions. The activity aimed to expand their vocabulary and refine their instruction-writing skills.



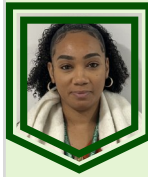
For **NSPCC Number Day**, children and adults dressed as numbers celebrating maths in creative ways while raising money and awareness for the NSPCC, who work to protect children, prevent abuse, and support families across the UK. The event combined fun and learning, with activities designed to inspire a love of maths while supporting a vital cause.



Meet Our New Members of Staff

The school website also lists our staff list:

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



Miss Clementson is a Teaching Assistant, employed by Elsley from January. With 4 years experience working in schools, she is passionate about helping students reach their full potential, academically and personally.

Miss Clementson is dedicated to fostering a positive and supportive learning environment for children. Her approach is centred on understanding each child's unique needs and strengths, providing individualised support to ensure they thrive. She takes pride in being a part of their journey, watching them grow, develop, and celebrating their achievements along the way. Her commitment to their success drives her every day. She is constantly seeking new ways to inspire and motivate children she works with. Miss Clementson has a passion for cooking and baking and also enjoys going for long walks.

Easter Assembly Year 3 explored the story of Easter and its significance in the Christian calendar. They learned about customs from around the world, comparing traditions and their meanings.

Their learning culminated in a thoughtful assembly performance where they showcased their performing skills, creativity, and understanding of Easter's importance, as well as the diversity of celebrations across different cultures.



The school was buzzing with excitement as everyone embraced the spirit of **World Book Day** with fantastic costumes and an infectious enthusiasm for reading. The event highlighted the importance and enjoyment of reading, with creative resources and activities enhancing the experience.



Behind the scenes, staff worked diligently to ensure the day's success. Resources were thoughtfully prepared, logistics expertly managed, and engaging activities like the golden ticket hunt were organized to delight students. Every child went home with a book, a World Book Day token, and enjoyed enriching reading sessions throughout the day.

2025/26 Term Dates

PUBLISHED, April 1st 2025

Autumn 2025	71 pupil days
Wednesday 3 rd September – Thursday 4 th September School closed for pupils on INSET day	2 days INSET*
Friday 5 th September	Pupils start
Friday 24 th October – Monday 3 rd November (inclusive) School will be closed on 24 th October and closed on 3 rd November	Half Term
Autumn 2 nd Half Term 2025	
Tuesday 4 th November	Pupils start
Thursday 20 th November Parent/Carer-Teacher consultations, close at 1:30pm	
Friday 19 th December school closes at 1:30pm	End of Autumn term
Spring 2026	54 pupil days
Monday 5 th January School closed for pupils on INSET day	1 day INSET*
Tuesday 6 th January	Pupils start
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February	Half Term
Spring 2 nd Half Term 2026	
Monday 23 rd February	Pupils start
Thursday 26 th March Parent/Carer-Teacher consultations, close at 1:30pm	
Friday 27 th March school closes at 1:30pm	End of Spring term
Summer 2026	65 pupil days
Monday 13 th April	Pupils start
Monday 4 th May School closed for Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May	Half Term
Summer 2 nd Half Term 2026	
Monday 1 st June	Pupils start
Monday 20 th July school closes at 1:30pm	End of Summer term
Tuesday 21 st July School closed for pupils on INSET day	1 day INSET*
*One further INSET day will be taken as a twilight session.	

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Wraparound Care - Charges for parents/ Carers.

(new charges from April 2025)

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Non-pre-booked	From	Until	Charge
Breakfast Club	7:45am	8:45am	£ 7.50

Non-pre-booked After School Wraparound Care

School finishes at 3:15pm. From 3:25pm the parent/carer will need to come to the front office for late collection.

Late collection charges apply from 3:30pm. *The child will be placed in wraparound after-school care.*

	From	Until	Charge
Charge for late collection from school (or non-pre-booked After School Wraparound Care)	3:30pm	5:15pm	£ 5.00 for the first 30 minutes and £2.50 per 30 minutes until 5:15pm
Penalty charges for collection after 5:15pm	5:15pm	Until collection	£ 2.50 per 5 minutes

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Late collection from after school clubs. *Some children attend boosters or after school clubs. These finish at 4:15pm. For children who attended an after-school club, late collection charges will apply if they are collected late. The child will be placed into wraparound after-school care. The full £10 charge for the session will apply, regardless of if the child is collected before 5:15pm.*

Charge for late collection from an after-school club	4:15pm	5:15pm	The full £10.00 wraparound charge is applied for any period of time after their club finishes until 5:15pm
Penalty charges for collection after 5:15pm	5:15pm	Until collection	£ 2.50 per 5 minutes

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