



EAST LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

AUTUMN HALF TERM NEWSLETTER

KEY DATES

Half Term Break

Monday, 21st October
2024 to Friday,
25th October 2024

Halloween Dress Up and Fun Day

Thursday 31st October
2024

ELPS Open Day for Reception 2025

Thursday 7th November
8:30-9:15
5:00-5:45

Remembrance Day 2024

Monday 11th November

Poet Visit by Paul Delaney 2024

Wednesday 13th November

Children In Need 2024

Friday 15th November

Year 5 Trip

Tuesday 19th November
2024 Unicorn Theatre

STAFF INSET DAY—NO SCHOOL

Monday 25th November
2024

Class 6.1 & 6.2 Trip

Thursday 28th November
2024 Gunnersbury Park &
Museum

Y1 Trip

Friday 29th November
2024
BAPS Swaminarayan
Temple

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the first half term, I am delighted to share that the children have settled into school life with enthusiasm and joy. Every day, we are greeted by many smiling faces and children who are eager to learn and take on new challenges.

Our new Reception children have begun their educational journey with confidence, quickly becoming a valued part of our school community. It has been lovely to see them so settled and growing in independence day-by-day.

We've had some wonderful highlights this term, including a memorable trip to the theatre to watch *The Lion King*, which captivated both students and staff alike. Our recent Parents' Evening was also a great success, providing an excellent opportunity for families to connect with teachers and celebrate the progress children have already made. It was great to see so many parents attending these sessions. Thank you for all the positive comments I received regarding our teachers and the hard work they put in every day.

As you are aware, reading at home plays a crucial role in a child's development, fostering not only academic skills but also a lifelong love for learning. Regular reading helps to improve vocabulary, comprehension, and critical thinking, all of which are essential for success across all subjects. It also strengthens the bond between parent and child, providing opportunities to share stories, discuss ideas, and ignite imagination. Even just 10-15 minutes a day can make a significant difference, helping children to develop strong literacy skills, build confidence, and improve their overall academic performance. Please continue to encourage positive reading habits at home and take any opportunity during the break to read with your child or to your child.

It is also important to spend quality time together and enjoy the break. There are many simple yet meaningful activities you can enjoy together, from exploring local parks and nature trails to crafting or even cooking together at home. There are many free activities to do in London. It might be worth taking a look! (<https://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/family-activities/31-free-things-to-do-with-kids>).

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half-term, and I look forward to seeing the children back, refreshed and ready for the next exciting part of the school year.

Kind regards,

Ms Miller



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Class 6.3 Trip

Friday 29th November
2024

Gunnersbury Park &
Museum

Reception Trip

Monday 2nd December
2024 St Martin's Theatre

Y2 Trip

Friday 6th December
2024 Watford Palace
Theatre

Reception Christmas Concert

Monday 9th December
15:00—15:30

Year 1 2024

Christmas Celebration
Tuesday 10th December
15:00—15:30

Year 2 2024

Christmas Celebration
Wednesday 11th
December
15:00—15:30

Y3 & Y4 Art Exhibition

Thursday 12th December

Christmas Jumper Day 2024

Friday 13th December

Y5 & Y6 Art Exhibition

Monday 16th December

Staff Training Day—No School

Wednesday 18th Decem-
ber 2024

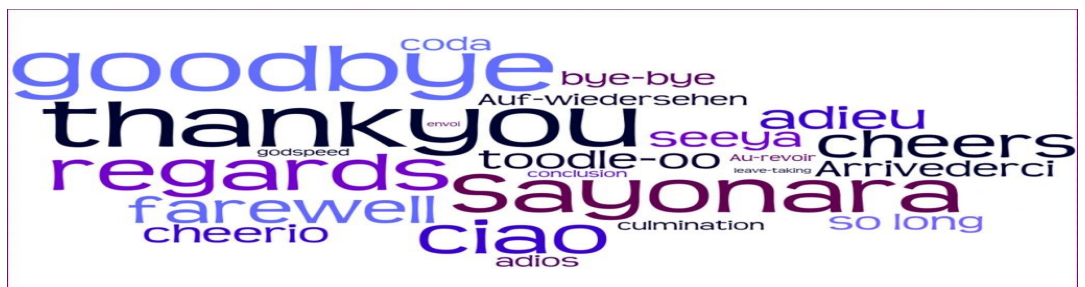
50 Recommended Reading Challenge

We are thrilled to announce that this year's Recommended Reading Challenge has been expanded to **50 books**—that's **10 more** than last year! Students have hit the ground running, diving into their books with enthusiasm, and many have already started earning badges for their achievements. The challenge encourages students to explore a wide variety of genres, building a lifelong love of reading. Let's keep cheering them on as they aim for this year's reading goal.

A special congratulations goes out to the students below, who have read the most books so far—keep up the amazing work!

The year group with the greatest total of books read	Year 4	
The class with the greatest total of books read	4.1	
The pupil with the greatest total of books read in each year group	Year 1	All of 1.1
	Year 2	Vrishtilaya Kirushanth
	Year 3	Arivuthee Hariharan
	Year 4	Yuvraj Rana
	Year 5	Amir Al-Wakeel
	Year 6	Ansh Ansingkar

Staff Who Are Leaving



We would like to take this opportunity to wish Ms. Yousif the very best of luck in new her adventure. Staff and students alike will miss her very much!

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Reception News

This half term we have had some Year 6 children volunteer to come to read to children in Reception. They have been fantastic role models for the younger children and shared their love of reading. The Year 6 children have been brilliant at selecting books to share and read stories with expression, captivating their young audiences. At the moment, they have been reading with small groups of Reception children but as they become even more confident, many of them would like to read with whole classes. Well done Year 6!



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*“Our lives begin to
end the day we
become silent
about things that
matter “*

Martin Luther

Autumn Term Attendance Data

Well done to Year 4 this term!

Year Group	Percentage
EYFS	94.7%
Year 1	97.6%
Year 2	97.2%
Year 3	97.9%
Year 4	98.3%
Year 5	97.6%
Year 6	92.2%

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Current Booked Trips

Date	Venue	Year Group out of school
Wednesday 9 th October 2024	Lyceum: Disney's Lion King the Musical	Y4
Tuesday 19 th November 2024	Unicorn Theatre: Odd and the Frost Giants	Y5
Thursday 28 th November 2024	Gunnersbury Park and Museum	6.1 & 6.2
Friday 29 th November 2024	BAPS Swaminarayan Temple	Y1
Friday 29 th November 2024	Gunnersbury Park and Museum	6.3
Monday 2 nd December 2024	St Martin's Theatre: The Smartest Giant in Town	Reception
Friday 6 th December 2024	Watford Palace Theatre: Aladdin	Y2
Friday 7 th February 2025	Royal Courts of Justice Tours	Y4
Monday 3 rd March 2025	City Hall London	Y3
Friday 7 th March 2025	City Hall London	Y3
Monday 17 th March 2025	British Museum	Y3
Wednesday 26 th March 2025	Unicorn Theatre: BEEGU	Y1
Wednesday 26 th March 2025	Historical Royal Palaces: Hampton Court Palace	Y5
Tuesday 1 st April 2025	The Royal Botanical Gardens Kew	Y2
Tuesday 20 th May 2025	Bletchley Park	Y6
Monday 2 nd June – 6 th June	Grittleton RESIDENTIAL	Y6 – selected number
Wednesday 11 th June 2025	Thames Explorer Trust	Y4
Monday 16 th – 18 th June 2025	Sayers Croft -RESIDENTIAL	Y4 – selected number
Tuesday 1 st July 2025	Historical Royal Palaces: Tower of London	Y2
Wednesday 2 nd July 2025	Bekonscot Model Village	Y3
Thursday 3 rd July 2025	Aldenham Country Park	Reception

Also, a quick reminder to all our parents that the Y5 trip to the Unicorn Theatre is just around the corner, scheduled for November 19th. Additionally, Year 6 is gearing up for an Victorian adventure to the Gunnersbury Park and Museum on 28/29 November. If you haven't already, please ensure you make the necessary payments via Parent Pay to secure your child's place on these exciting trips. Thank you for your continued support! Further trips are being booked.

Peripatetic Music Lessons—Trumpet, Guitar, Violin, Keyboard and Drums:



The musical lessons at ELPS are in full swing. It's been a joy to see so many of you delve into the wonderful world of music, trying out the broad range of instruments we've made available. We are currently full but we hope to release more availability soon to more parents!

Mr Tilds will be raising his prices from the Spring Term in January to **£84** for 10 sessions

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Trips This Term





Year 4 had an outstanding time at the Lyceum Theatre watching a production of The Lion King. Seeing the awe and excitement on all the children's faces was a great joy. They were incredibly well-behaved, especially as it was such a long day. Thank you to Mr Cooke, Ms Seow, Ms Chandler and Ms Kerai. And, thank you to Avnay's mum, Ayuub's mum, Kabbir's mum, Malak's mum and Mia's mum for volunteering. All of you helped make it a brilliant trip!

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House Points

House	Colour	Head of House	Qualities Represented
Pegasus 	Green	Mr McNeill	Pegasus represents being good-hearted, helpful and loyal.
Phoenix 	Orange	Ms Siddiq	The Phoenix displays strength, resilience and determination.
Aries 	Blue	Mr Veater	Aries is passionate, courageous and confident.
Orion 	Red	Ms Brazell	Orion portrays a thirst for knowledge and a love of challenges.

House Points Leadership Board

The current house team standings are below. These are the points gained from the lunchtime relay races and from the KS2 Reading Speed Challenge. Well done to Orion who are currently leading.

Orion	1640
Aries	1620
Pegasus	1390
Phoenix	1380

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House Team Competitions

During lunchtimes, children have competed in relay races within their House Teams. Thank you to Mr Cooke for organising and to all the children who took part.

This half term, children within KS2 took part in the first House Team Competition of the year. All pupils were extremely excited and eager to compete in the Reading Speed Challenge.

The top five children from each year group were announced in Assemblies and teammates and classmates celebrated their peers' victories. The Reading Speed Challenge was a great success and it is important that children are able to read quickly so they are able to complete their assessments in time.

Reading Speed Results			
	3 rd Place	2 nd Place	1 st Place
Year 3	Aum Mehta	Zavier Tawasin	Harry De Souza
Year 4	Ayuub Malik	Khushali Mehta	Raiyah-Iman Ahipeaud
Year 5	Alya Al-Khorsan and Kanishka Mondal	Yaseen Jafari	Arbion Kirti
Year 6	Zarrar Haq	Siddhant Sharma	Ansh Ansingkar

The next House Team Competition will be a Poetry Competition, which all year groups will take part in. Within English lessons, children will learn and practice performing a nonsense poem. The top five children from each class will then compete in the poetry recital final. This competition will take place in the week beginning 21st October. Children will be given a copy of the poem, so they can practice performing at home.

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Mathletics Year Group Leader board

Year Group	Mathletics Points	Curriculum Points	Total Points	Ranking
Year 3	3335	308870	312205	1 st
Year 2	3101	264270	267371	2 nd
Year 4	16553	213200	229753	3 rd
Year 1	2855	212360	215215	4 th
Year 6	11327	185030	196357	5 th
Year 5	5191	168180	173371	6 th

Congratulations to Year 3 for leading the scoreboard.



Mathletics Champions

Congratulations to Buffon Cardozo, keep up the good work!

Name	Class	Total Score	Position
Buffon Cardozo	4.2	47937	1 st
Henil Chawda	6.3	42360	2 nd
Szymon Galka	2.2	39827	3 rd
Amay Sachdev	3.1	28350	4 th
David De Souza	4.3	27012	5 th
Malek Aayat	2.2	26744	6 th
Jiyan Patel	6.2	24530	7 th
Zavier Tawasin	3.1	19820	8 th
Viyen Patel	2.1	18100	9 th
Hely Barvaliya	4.3	16990	10 th

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Halloween Dress up Fun Day

We invite all our children to dress up in their scariest outfits on Thursday 31st October 2024. We are really excited at ELPS as our staff will also be dressing up. We will be holding a best dressed competition as well. Our kitchen have also cooked up a scary menu for the day. We cannot wait to see you all, the excitement is horrifying!



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Fun Things to do this Half Term Break

Multi Sports Course—Challenge Sports Education

Our Multi Sport /& Football courses runs from 8am - 5.30pm each day and is open to boys and girls aged 5-11. To book cut and paste the link below into your web browser

<https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/supplier/challenge-sport-education-109ebed2-78ac-4473-acd1-02589a9d1485>



Aldenham Country Park

Spook-Fest runs from 12th October to 3rd November - Geared to families it is 'Spooky' rather than 'terrifying' and suitable for all ages. Your **Spook-Fest Ticket** includes your **Farm Pass** to see all the animals as well as enjoying the spooky themed farm featuring the **Aldenham Mausoleum** and **Spooky Shack** and activities including- **Giant Puzzles, Pumpkin Bingo, Spider Maze, Spooky-Oke, Mini Tractor Play, Bouncy Castle, Dance Tunnel** and the **Bale Play**. Interact with our **Scarecrow characters** and watch out for their **Pop Up Shows** (available 26th - 31st October).

<https://www.aldenhamcountrypark.co.uk/spookfest>



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Fun Things to do this Half



MEMBER SHARE

Diwali Celebration Day 2024

Heath Robinson Museum

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£7 per session

In-person

Where

The Heath Robinson Museum

West End Lane

Pinner, HA5 1AE

[Google Maps](#)

When

Project runs on following dates

19 Oct 2024

11:00 - 13:00

19 Oct 2024

14:00 - 16:00