

SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the fantastic experiences and opportunities our children have enjoyed over the past few months. At ELPS, we are committed to providing a rich and engaging curriculum that extends beyond the classroom, ensuring our pupils develop a love for learning in all its forms.

One of the highlights this term was our trip to the Royal Courts of Justice, where our pupils had the unique opportunity to step into the shoes of legal professionals and understand the workings of our justice system. These real-world experiences are invaluable in broadening their horizons and inspiring future aspirations. It is important to me that our pupils have the opportunity to experience extra-curricular trips and visit places that they may not ordinarily get to visit.

In addition, we have enjoyed a variety of engaging workshops and experience days, including Pyjama Day, which was held on what is known as Blue Monday. We also welcomed the Breck Foundation, who delivered an important online safety workshop, and Transport for London (TfL), who provided essential travel safety education. Our focus on children's mental health remains a priority, and this term's activities helped reinforce the importance of emotional well-being.

We were also delighted to host a toothbrushing workshop led by the oral health nurse, reinforcing the importance of good dental hygiene. Healthy habits start early, and ensuring our pupils develop strong routines for oral health will benefit them for years to come.

As always, reading remains at the heart of our curriculum. Developing a love for books is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children, and research shows that strong reading habits significantly impact academic progress across all subjects. We encourage all our families to dedicate time to reading at home—whether it's a bedtime story, shared reading, or independent exploration of books.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to remind families of the **importance of attendance**. Every day in school is a valuable learning experience, and consistent attendance ensures children make the most of all the opportunities available to them. Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring your child attends school regularly and punctually.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break, and we look forward to another exciting term ahead.

Ms.Miller

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ELPS Personal Development

It is imperative that children are able to link their learning to the wider world and understand the importance of their education as a tool to enable future success. Research shows that 'starting aspirations learning at an early age' and 'meeting real-life role models from the world of work increases motivation to learn and challenges stereotypes'.

As part of our Personal Development offering, we recognise the importance of ensuring our pupils are provided with motivational and engaging learning opportunities. With this vision, all classes at East Lane Primary School participated in a virtual event hosted by Primary Futures. Along with several other schools, the children had the wonderful opportunity to delve into the world of Literature and Science.

Biomedical Scientist Cassisa, explained how she followed her passion and became a Scientist, sharing an insightful presentation about her career path. Additionally, pupils were able to participate in a Question and Answer session with David Salariya, author and illustrator of the popular children's book 'You Wouldn't Want to be an Ancient Egyptian Mummy' and completed activities based on the careers of both individuals.





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Reception News

On the 20th of January, the reception children received a visit from the oral health nurse. This was a fun, interactive workshop designed to teach them the importance of brushing their teeth regularly and maintaining a healthy diet to prevent cavities. The session included demonstrations on proper brushing techniques, using oversized toothbrushes and models, which made the learning experience both educational and entertaining. Additionally, the nurse provided the children with brushes and toothpaste to do their brushing at school to promote taking good care of their teeth at home. Thank you to all the parents that attended the workshop put on by our health professionals on that day. It was very informative and gave lots of tips, hints and tricks to support children's health and wellbeing across what they eat, drink and watch. This is reflective of our school's commitment to developing children's knowledge of their health and well-being. In ensuring that these areas are well managed, children are then in the best position to be successful both in and out of school.







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Attendance Data for this term

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Class	Attendance %
Rı	92%
R2	95%
R ₃	95%
1.1	97%
1.2	95%
1.3	94%
2.1	97%
2.2	97%
2.3	96%
3.1	96%
3.2	97%
3.3	97%
4.1	97%
4.2	97%
4.3	95%
4.4	92%
5.1	94%
5.2	96%
5.3	97%
6.1	96%
6.2	96%
6.3	94%



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<u>Pyjama Day</u>

On Monday 20th January, to raise awareness for Blue Monday, all the children were dressed up in their most comfortable clothes. We all chased our blues away by wearing colourful pyjamas. Staff and children alike enjoyed their day in their comfys

Children's Mental Health Week

ELPS marked Children's Mental Health week starting from the 3rd February.

The week kicked off with our pupils writing heartfelt letters to their future selves, capturing their hopes, dreams, and reflections. These time capsule-style letters were a wonderful exercise in self-expression and goal-setting.

Our younger pupils were delighted to take part in wellbeing workshops led by the talented team from West End in Schools. Through engaging activities, they explored themes of happiness, resilience, and mindfulness, bringing a touch of creativity to their wellbeing journey.

Our older students had the opportunity to engage in thought-provoking workshops from DYCE, where they delved into the important themes of Belonging, Migration, and Social Media. These sessions encouraged deep thinking and discussions, helping our students to understand and empathise with diverse perspectives.



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<u>Safeguarding – Safer Internet Day (week)</u>

We are excited to share the successes from our Safer Internet day workshops. Children were provided with not just one but two fantastic workshops during the final week of the half-term. The week was filled with inspiring and informative activities designed to equip our pupils with the knowledge and skills to navigate the online world safely. The Breck Foundation led engaging workshops that captivated our students, sharing powerful stories and practical tips on staying safe online. Additionally, we reinforced key online safety messages through sessions with our safeguarding training providers, ECP Safeguarding. These vital lessons emphasised the importance of responsible online behaviour and protecting personal information. We're proud of our pupils' enthusiasm and commitment to online safety, and we encourage you to continue these important conversations at home.





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"Fortitude is the marshal of thought, the armor of the will, and the fort of reason."— Francis Bacon



We're excited to celebrate the incredible achievements of our students in the 50 Recommended Reading Challenge once again. From thrilling adventures to thought-provoking stories, it's been wonderful to see so many students embracing a love for reading.

A huge congratulations to all participants for their enthusiasm and dedication!

The year group with the greatest total of books read	Year 2	
The class with the greatest total of books read	5.2	
	Year 1	All of 1.2
	Year 2	Vrishtilaya Kirushanth
The pupil with the greatest total of books read in each year group	Year 3	Amay Sachdev
	Year 4	Kushali Mehta
	Year 5	Kavya Dabhi and Jannat Ahmed
	Year 6	Mihaan Shah

Your commitment to reading is truly inspiring! Keep exploring new books over the break, and we look forward to even more reading success next half-term.



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ELPS News

To celebrate the Chinese New Year, several of Year 3- Year 6 students took part in making their own Chinese Zodiac Animal Year Spinner.

Our students displayed remarkable passion and dedication, pouring their artistic talents and creative energy into designing their spinners. The children were excited to discover their own zodiac animals, along with those of their family and friends. Many believe that the animal associated with one's birth year can shape personality and destiny, adding an enriching dimension to this experience.

Thank you and well done to all the students and families who participated in and supported this activity. We are incredibly proud of your commitment and effort as a school community.

Thank you to Ms. Wang for looking after this project!

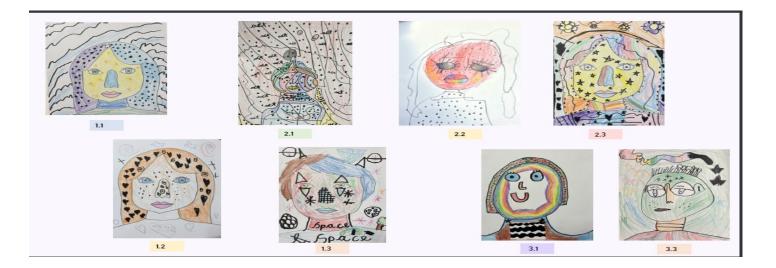




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ELPS ART News

Last week in art, children from Years 1-6 created a self-portrait to mark Children's Mental Health week. Inspired by Yayoi Kusama, each child created a piece using colour and pattern to represent their thoughts, emotions and identity. The art studio was filled with so much self-reflection and creativity, and it was absolutely fantastic to see such incredible portraits made by each child.





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ELPS Music News

The spring music concert was a wonderful celebration of talent and hard work.

Planning began months in advance, with teachers and students carefully selecting pieces to showcase a variety of musical styles. Rehearsals were held regularly, with students dedicating hours to perfecting their performances. The concert featured a range of instruments, including violins, flutes, pianos, and drums, creating a rich and dynamic sound.

When the big day arrived, the children performed beautifully, filling the room with melody and joy, leaving the audience in awe of their dedication and skill.

We want to thank all the children involved and Ms. Mooy-Ley for her continued dedication to all the children's musical journeys here at ELPS!





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ELPS TRIPS

Year 4 went to the Royal Courts of Justice on Friday to learn about one of the fundamental British values: Rule of Law. They had a great time learning about the history of the building, what judges wear and what the courts do. We even met a barrister and saw a live court session .



Upcoming Trips for the year:

Date	Venue	Year Group out of school
Monday 17th March 2025	British Museum	Y3
Wednesday 26th March 2025	Aesop's Fables visiting theatre	None
Wednesday 26th March 2025	Historical Royal Palaces: Hampton Court Palace	Y5
Tuesday 1 st April 2025	The Royal Botanical Gardens Kew	Y2
Tuesday 20th May 2025	Bletchley Park	Y6
Thursday 5th June 2025	City Hall	Y3
Monday 2 nd June – 6 th June	Grittleton RESIDENTIAL	Y6 – selected number
Wednesday 11th June 2025	Thames Explorer Trust	Y4
Monday 16 th – 18 th June 2025	Sayers Croft -RESIDENTIAL	Y4 – selected number
Tuesday 24th June 2025	Author visit: Maz Evans	None
Wednesday 25th June 2025	London Zoo	Y1
Monday 30th June 2025	HMS Belfast	Y6
Tuesday 1st July 2025	Historical Royal Palaces: Tower of London	Y2
Wednesday 2nd July 2025	Bekonscot Model Village	Y3
Thursday 3rd July 2025	Aldenham Country Park	Reception

All payment must be made in advance on ParentPay.



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Other ELPS News

National Pizza Day

On Sunday, 9th of February it was National Pizza Day! Out of all the photographs we received we loved this the best. Thank you so much to everyone for sharing their favourite pizza toppings with us, it made us all very hungry indeed!

Zakariya Haq, Eesha Haq and Zarrar Haq made a very yummy Chicken Tikka pizza.



Volunteers

A big thank you to all of the reading volunteers. It is fantastic walking around the school and seeing so many volunteers reading and interacting with the children. All staff massively appreciate the time you are all giving to help develop the children's reading ability.



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ELPS Notices

Data Collection on SIMS

We have added a data collection sheet option to your Parent SIMS app. This collection sheet is ONLY to be used to update your personal details, address, change of GP Surgery, and adding emergency contacts.

If you are adding emergency contacts you must include their contact numbers and they must live in a close locality to the school. This is necessary, if the school is unable to contact either parent, we will then proceed to contacting the emergency contacts.

This form is not to be used for the School Collection List which is a list of adults that you have authorised to pick up your child from school in your absence. If you wish to add to this list you must email the Reception Office.



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ELPS Notices

Party Bags

Please ensure that when you are bringing any party bags in these must **<u>not contain any</u>** food whatsoever. Please make sure, all items are ageappropriate to for child's class.

<u>No Nuts</u>

We want to remind all parents that we are a Nut Free School. Under no circumstances, should any child bring in any food containing nuts. Some of our ELPS students have a severe nut allergy. We ask that you respect this policy that we have in place and refrain from sending your child in with food that can cause a severe reaction.

Bikes/Scooters

No bikes or scooters should be left at the front of the school.

Neither should any bikes be chained to the front gate. We ask that you place your child's bike/ scooter in the bike shed near North Gate.



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Other ELPS News

Lost Property

Every term we accumulate a huge amount of lost property, without any labels or names on. We are urging you to ensure you either label your child's property, with personalised labels, sew in labels, iron on labels or laundry pens, to clearly identify who it belongs to. If labelling a bottle you can use a permanent marker like a sharpie.

These items for labelling can easily be purchased via Amazon, Ebay or the supermarket. During the half term please do go through all your child's school items and ensure they are all named and readable to all.

Losing an item can be quite distressing to your child especially if they are attached to that item, so we must ensure that does not happen. Please do label the things your child brings into school.

Thank you in advance!







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House Points

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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. Congratulations to Orion who are leading the Board once again!

House Team	Points
Orion	3865
Pegasus	3770
Aries	3570
Phoenix	3055

Our next House Competition will be a Spelling Bee, where all students will compete to be named the Spelling Champion for their year group. In the first week of the half-term, children will be given the spelling words to practice before the competition.



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House Teams

Over these past few weeks, all ELPS students have participated in the latest House Team Competition. The contest was to work within their House Teams to complete Problem solving activities. Children competed in a qualifying round and a final. All pupils were enthusiastic and did exceptionally well and this Maths competition proved to be a huge success.

Below are the winners from each year group.

Year 1: Orion	Year 2:	Year 3: Orion	Year 4: Orion	Year 5: Aries	Year 6: Aries
	Pegasus	and Pegasus			
Laith, Rayan,	Niti, Mahi,	Niam,	Raaghavi,	Juie, Yusuf,	Hari,
Aarya,	Het, Rushiv	Isabella,	Birva, Ethan	Vaisnavee,	Samiriddhi,
Edward		Zavier,	D, Matei	Yaseen	Siddhant,
		Akeesha			Zahra
		Maryam,			
		Richa, Jamie,			
		Avi			



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Whole School Mathletics Year Group Leader board

Ranking
68,431
38,870
30,714
19,008
11,734





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Enrichment at ELPS

Here at East Lane Primary School, we try to offer a extensive club overview. We strongly believe that Enrichment activities and club participation in after-school programs provide children with valuable opportunities to explore their interests, develop new skills, and build social connections outside of the traditional classroom setting. Engaging in clubs such as Cheerleading, drama, Dance, music, or sports allows students to discover their passions in a structured yet enjoyable environment. These activities help enhance creativity, critical thinking, and teamwork, which are essential life skills. Additionally, enrichment programs often reinforce academic concepts in a more interactive and hands-on way, making learning more engaging and enjoyable for students.

Participating in after-school clubs also benefits children socially and emotionally. It provides them with a sense of belonging, boosts self-confidence, and fosters positive relationships with peers and mentors. Clubs create a supportive space where students can collaborate, share ideas, and develop leadership skills, all while having fun. Furthermore, involvement in extracurricular activities has been linked to improved academic performance, better time management, and increased motivation. By encouraging children to participate in enrichment programs, schools help nurture well-rounded individuals who are better prepared for future challenges and opportunities.

All our after school clubs are run by professionals in their field. All payments are to be made either directly to the club or via ParentPay where indicated. Please refer to the Enrichment Programme attached for further details.





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Clubs

Mondays

Judo Girls Football Drama Club SATS Maths Booster Y3-Y4 Y3 – Y4 R – Y6 Y6 selected children only

Tuesdays

ELPS Cross Country Club	selected children only
Bollywood Dance Club	R – Y6
Basketball	R – Y6
Contemporary Dance	R – Y6
Elps Angels Cheerleading	R – Y2
Team Games Club	selected children only
Chess Club	Y3 -Y6
SATS English Booster	Y6 selected children only

Wednesdays

Judo	
Boys Football	
Gymnastics	
LAMDA	

Girls Football

Ballet

ELPS Cross Country Club

Elps Angels Cheerleading

SATS English Booster

Y5 – Y6 Y3 – Y4 R – Y6 R – Y6

Thursdays

selected children only Y5 – Y6 R – Y6 Y3 – Y6 Y6 selected children only

R – Y2

Y5 – Y6 R – Y6

R – Y6

Y4 -Y6 only Y1 – Y6

Fridays

Judo Boys Football Football Tennis Debate Mate Spaghetti Maths



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Dates for your Diary 2024/2025 :

February Half Term	Monday, 17 th February 2025 to Friday, 21 st February 2025
Spring Term 2025 Ends	Friday, 4th April 2025 All years finish at 11:00
Summer Term 2025	
Summer Term 2025 Starts	Tuesday, 22 nd April 2025
May Bank Holiday	Monday, 5 th May 2025
May Half Term	Monday, 26 th May 2025 to Friday, 30 th May 2025
Summer Term 2025 Ends (for students)	Tuesday, 22nd July 2025
	All years finish at 11:00
Staff Training Days	Wednesday 23rd July 2025
	Thursday 24th July 2025

Days and Events for Pupil Participation

Thursday 6th March

World Book Day—come to school dressed up as your favourite book character

Friday 28th March

Wear a hat day—We are raising money for find a cure for all brain tumours. We ask that a voluntary £1.00 donation be made via ParentPay. Children must come to school in School Uniform and fun headgear! The payment is now live on ParentPay.





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Dates for your Diary 2025—2026

Autumn Term 2025		
Staff INSET Day Monday 1 st September 2025		
Staff INSET Day	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	
Reception Induction Meeting	Wednesday, 3 rd September 2025	
Reception Induction Meeting	Thursday, 4th September 2025	
Autumn Term Begins for all years	Friday, 5th September 2025	
Staff Training Day	Friday, 24 th October 2025	
No Children in School		
October Half Term	Monday, 27 th October – Friday 31 st October 2025	
Christmas Break	Monday 22 nd December 2025 – Friday 2 nd January 2026	
	Spring Term 2026	
Staff INSET Day	Monday 5 th January 2026	
Spring Term 2026 Starts	Tuesday 6 th January 2026	
February Half Term	Monday, 16th February 2026 to Friday, 20th February 2026	
Spring Term 2026 Ends	Friday 27 th March 2026 – at 11am	
Easter Break	Monday 30 th March 2026 – Friday 10 th April 2026	
	Summer Term 2026	
Summer Term 2026 Starts	Monday 13 th April 2026	
May Bank Holiday	Monday, 4 th May 2026	
Staff INSET Day	Tuesday 5 th May 2026	
May Half Term	Monday, 25 th May 2026 - Friday,29 th May 2026	
Summer Term 2026 Ends (for students)	Tuesday, 21 st July 2026 – at 11am	
Staff INSET Day	Wednesday, 22 July 2026	
Staff Training Day No Children in School	Thursday, 23 July 2026	





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Fun Things to do this Half Term Break





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As part of our on-going aim to reach out to families who would like a fun and educational day out for their kids but who would not necessarily like to bust their budget on admission costs we are opening Pug Yard Learning Centre, Windsor Castle on Tuesday 18th February for a **Free Family Fun Day**.

This will be a <u>free</u> day run entirely within the Learning Centre (no access to the castle.) It is hoped these days can become a regular fixture, with one scheduled each school holiday.

We would like to offer this opportunity locally to people who don't, or feel unable to, visit us; those who wouldn't necessarily think of the Castle as somewhere accessible for them.

Please can you spread the word and publicise this for us amongst your families? I attach a link. <u>https://tickets.rct.uk/product/11/6034</u>





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Fun Things to do this Half Term Break

Free creative workshops for Brent families this February half-term

This February half-term, join us at the Barham Park Community Studio in Wembley, Brent, for free workshops designed for primary-aged children and their carers. Led by artist Josh Bilton, these sessions will explore the transition from winter to spring, inspired by the last frost.

Together, you'll reflect on the changing season through a mix of ink painting, movement, and storytelling. In these three fun sessions, families will explore what spring means to them and the symbolic moment when winter gives way to new beginnings. It's a great way to enjoy creativity and connect with nature as you prepare for the season ahead.

Book now

Free, register your interest here.



Join us at Barham Park Studios for three free workshops for primary-aged children and their carers, with artist Josh Bilton.

When

Where we are

17, 18 and 19 Feb 10.30am-12.30pm Barham Park Studios HAO 2HB

Our Flourish sessions are inclusive and free, and we provide light refreshments.





ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND Sign up acava.org





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Fun Things to do this Half Term Break

At Preston Park Family Wellbeing Centre we help and support families with children from ages 0 - 19 years (24 years with disability). We offer a wide range of sessions for families throughout the year and offer sessions during half terms and school holidays. We also work closely with many agencies linked to families from midwifes, health visitors to Citizen Advise Bureau.

Brent		Preston Park Family Well Being Centre February Activities 17 th to 21st February 2025				😁 Brent
February 2025 School Half-term	MONDAY 17 th Feb	TUESDAY 18 th Feb	WEDNESDAY 19 th Feb	THURSDAY 20 th Feb	FRIDAY 21⁵t Feb	SATURDAY
Preston Park Family Wellbeing Centre College Road Wembley HA9 8RJ	Feb Bumps 2 Babies 0-12 months 10:30-11.45 am Meeting new mums and learning about the development of babies. Book Online Solution Special Ramadan Crafts 1-2 pm 2-7 years Special ideas Fun craft activities making moon, star and lanterns Book Online	Feb Family Cooking Session 10-11.30 am 2-8 years Fun family cooking together, making yummy snacks Book Online Future Book Online Future	Let's Talk 1-2 pm 14mths-3.5 years Get advice to support your child from the Speech and Language Team. Book Online	REAL Reising Early Attainment in Literacy 2-5 years 10-12 pm 16 Jan-27 Feb A 6-week programme that supports children's early literacy and learning Appointment only literacy and learning Appointment only Ilteracy and learning Appointment only Ilteracy and learning Appointment only Ilteracy and learning Appointment only Ilteracy and learning 9-13 years Discovering the exciting world of beauty, Mastering the at of nails, Mastering the factor of the atom Mastering the at of nails, Mastering the at of nails	Junk modelling. 1.30-3 pm 3.10 years Different activities that is creatively. Book Online Image: Second Secon	Free Early Education Children may be entitle for up to 15- or 30-hour FREE childcare. Conta Brent Council for more information. Search fr early education' on their website Brent gov.uk. Tel: 020 8937 3010 Email: cfis@brent gov.uk Children to the search of the search of the Email: cfis@brent gov.uk

