



EAST LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER HALF TERM NEWSLETTER

KEY DATES

Half Term

Monday, 29 May to
Friday, 2 June 2023

First Day back after Half Term

Monday, 5 June

Year 6 Trip- Horrible Histories

Thursday, 8 June

Year 1 Trip- Science Museum

Friday, 9 June

Year 6 Residential Trip

Monday 19- Wednes-
day 21 June

Year 2 Trip-Kidzania

Wednesday, 21 June

School Photos Day

Tuesday 27-
Wednesday 28 June

Year 3 Trip-British Museum

Thursday, 29 June

Year 5 Celebration Event

Monday 10 July



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the summer term 1 and are getting increasingly closer to the end of the academic year, it is important to reflect upon all of the wonderful things that have been happening at ELPS.

Throughout the month of May, our Year 2 and Year 6 children successfully completed their KS1 and KS2 SATs. During this period, and throughout the year, our pupils have demonstrated huge effort, resilience and commitment to learning, which will hold them in good stead for their future aspirations. We look forward to receiving the results of these and hope their efforts have been justly rewarded.

There have been many enrichment opportunities happening over this past half term, which have enabled our pupils to broaden their experiences and enhance their educational experience. Year 4 and 5 children visited Wembley Stadium and had the chance to take a wonderful tour of the grounds and to see where the players congregate before a big game. They loved seeing the players' shirts and especially loved stepping foot onto the pitch! ELPS was also fortunate enough to have a visit from Middlesex Cricket Club, who developed the sporting skills of our pupils.

We are delighted to now offer individual music lessons to so many of our pupils. The children have been excited to begin learning how to play the trumpet, guitar, violin, keyboard or drums. Learning an instrument is invaluable, as it improves memory function whilst also providing an outlet for creativity. It has been lovely to witness our children getting creative with their new instruments, with over 50 children taking part.

It is hugely vital that our pupils read not only regularly, but also read a wide range of books. The recommended reading books provided by the school offer pupils a variety of genres and allow them to broaden their knowledge of vocabulary. It is important that pupils read as many of these books as possible in order to enrich their educational diet. It is great to see so many pupils reading these on a daily basis and in order to receive a certificate in the summer celebration assembly, pupils must continue to read as many as they can between now and then.

As summer approaches and temperatures rise, we kindly remind parents about the school's uniform policy. Children are permitted to wear a plain navy blue or black cap without any logos. Nail varnish and jewellery, with the exception of one pair of small studded earrings, are not allowed. Additionally, socks should be either black or white.

As always, your support and encouragement for your child is greatly appreciated. From all the staff at ELPS, we wish all families a safe and restful break.

Kind regards,

Ms Siddiqui

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Year 4 Celebration
Event
Tuesday 11 July

Year 3 Celebration
Event
Wednesday 12 July

Year 2 Celebration
Event
Thursday 13 July

Reception Trip- Zog
Thursday, 13 July

Year 1 Celebration
Event
Friday 14 July

Reception Celebration
Event
Monday 17 July

Year 6 Production
Tuesday 18 July

Year 6 Leavers
Assembly
Friday, 21 July 2023

Summer Term Ends
Friday, 21 July 2023

Rec and Year 1 finish at
11:00

Year 2-Year 6 finish at
11:15

SATs

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the exceptional achievements of Year 2 and Year 6 students who have successfully completed their SATs examinations this term. You should be immensely proud of your accomplishments, dedication, perseverance, and hard work.

We commend each and every one of you for the commitment you have demonstrated throughout the preparation and execution of these assessments. Your conscientious efforts have undoubtedly laid a strong foundation for your academic journey. As the well-deserved half-term break approaches, we encourage you to take this opportunity to rest, recharge, and celebrate your accomplishments. We look forward to witnessing your continued growth and success as you embark on the next phase of your educational journey.

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

We are delighted to announce that this term at ELPS has commenced with resounding success, particularly with the introduction of music lessons. We are thrilled to witness the immense enjoyment that many of you have experienced while exploring the array of new instruments we have to offer.

As a friendly reminder, we wanted to inform you that there are still a limited number of slots available for all instruments. If you are interested in participating, we encourage you to seize this opportunity. To secure your spot, kindly send an email to reception@elps.co.uk and make the required payment through the Parent Pay app.

We eagerly anticipate welcoming more enthusiastic participants into our music program. Don't miss out on this chance to discover your musical talents and join us on this remarkable journey!



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*Education is for
improving the lives of
others and for leaving
your community and
world better than you
found it.*

*-Marian Wright
Edelman*

Recommended Reading Books



As you are all aware, reading forms a large part of a child's educational diet and as a school we encourage our pupils to develop a love of reading. The recommended reading books that our pupils have access to provide a range of themes and broaden their vocabulary knowledge, which is required in order to excel in reading. This being said, we would like to congratulate the top 10 readers of each year group; these pupils have read the most books from the recommended reading list in their year group. A big well done to all pupils who continue to read daily and to those who have managed to get into the top 10.

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Zavier Tawasin	Khushali Mehta	Sanvi Thatola
Richa Pandya	Jaiven Assani	Hrida Doshi
Evren Saka	Azaan Haider	Shravhan Thusyanth
Iman Ismail	Jvala Vora	Miloni Patel
Rubaanvir Sukhija	Buffon Cardozo	Riaan Patel
Dhanvi Pandya	Riya Mervana	Sienna Hirani
Pearl Williams	Arani Mathiyalagan	Maiya Mistry
Malaika Gomez	Jaineel Patel	Akshay Angaluri
Elisa Belady	Ruth Nistor	Yusuf Khandwalla
Jamie Navsaria	Hely Barvaliya	Kanishka Mondal

Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Kaviya Kirubakaran	Veer Mistry	Anne Selvam
Shenali B L Rathnayaka	Deveshi Thakker	Janki Joshi
Dev Patel	Dhanvi Parekh	Ghanshyam Patel
Meha Assani	Liza Patel	Dhruv Sompura
Imaan Abbasi	Punya Mistry	Dea Bengali
Daneen Butt	Mehreen Rahman	Dhruvi Hirani
Jiyan Patel	Dafina Stergu	Mahi Sangani
Kevin Hristov	Keshavane Sivasuthan	Dhrumil Jayswal
Aviella Sahu	Sainijaa Suthakaran	Shambhavi Mahajan
Nishika Vekaria	Azaan Chodhry	Aaryan Dattani

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The Brilliant Club

Throughout this term, selected year five students have participated in The Brilliant Club's Scholars Programme. This is an initiative run by Ph.D researchers designed to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to prepare pupils for higher education. Students have been meeting weekly in small group tutorials to understand science, history and maths concepts, while exploring ancient mathematics and Pythagoras' theorem. This program will continue in the summer term and conclude with a graduation event at a partner university. It has been wonderful to see the dedication and insight from these young scholars!



Turkey/Syria Fundraiser

On the final day of the Spring term, ELPS decided to raise money for the recent Turkey/Syria earthquakes. We are very pleased to announce that a total of **£610.83** was raised. This was a very proud and memorable moment for ELPS to appreciate the community of parents coming together.



A huge thank you to everyone who donated so generously.

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WOW Day in EYFS

Reception pupils had a fantastic time on Friday 12th May for their WOW day, based on the theme 'People Who Help Us'. We had an array of potential career choices; including doctors, nurses, police officers, teachers, lollipop ladies, vets and postmen.



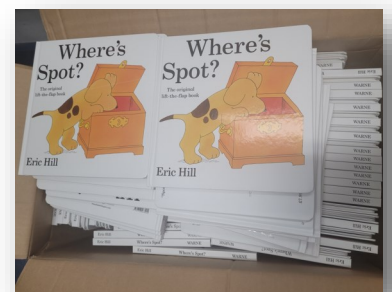
Eid Celebrations

To those who celebrated, we hope you had a joyous Eid! Pupils across the school shared their festivities with their classes; including going to the mosque, meeting family and attending Eid fairs.

Where's Spot?!

A big thank you to a Reception parent who generously donated 180 brand new copies of the book "Where's Spot?"!

Every child was gifted one of these books to take home.



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Coronation Seeds Arrive at ELPS

Pupils at ELPS are excited to share The King's love of nature by planting wildflower seeds. They prepped the soil by digging out any weeds and using rakes to spread it out.

We are excited to bring some colour to our school grounds and improve our biodiversity!



Drama At ELPS!

Reception and KS1 had an incredible time visiting Neverland on Wednesday 24th May! Pupils had the opportunity to become fully immersed in the story of Peter Pan and could re-enact key parts of the story.

They were shown different actions for each character and travelled around the hall into each scene.



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Walking/Cycling to School



As the weather continues to improve we encourage families to please consider walking, biking or scootering to and from school where possible, as every vehicle that is not on the road helps to reduce congestion and make the area around ELPS safer for everyone.

Walking, cycling or scootering to school is also a fantastic way to start your child's day with some physical activity which will activate their body and mind for a productive day of learning at school, not to mention the fact that it is better for the environment too!

Sports Day

We are looking forward to hosting our very first sports day at ELPS. On Wednesday 21st June, sports day will take place for Reception, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4. On Thursday 22nd June, sports day will take place for Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6. On both days, it will begin at 2pm and will be finished by 4pm. Please make sure your child has a water bottle and a sunhat for that day.

The session will include a range of carousel sporting activities for pupils to enjoy and compete together. Children must make sure they have their PE kit in school on these days, as they will be changing into their kit for the event.



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Swimming Data Summary



Swimming is an important life-saving skill that encourages a healthy and active lifestyle amongst pupils. In accordance with the National Curriculum, ELPS provides swimming instruction; ELPS pupils have their swimming lessons in Year 5 and Year 6.

The programme of study for PE sets out the expectation that pupils should be taught to:

Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres

Use a range of strokes effectively (e.g. front crawl, backstroke, breaststroke)

Perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

Throughout the 2022-23 academic year thus far, 5.2, 5.3, 6.2 and 6.3 have completed their swimming lessons with 5.1 and 6.1 participating in swimming lessons throughout Summer Term. The swimming results for the classes that have completed swimming lessons this year are as follows:

<u>Year 5 Swimming Results (5.2 and 5.3)</u>	<u>%</u>
% of pupils who are proficient and confident at swimming 25 metres	26%
% of pupils who are able to perform a range of swimming strokes effectively	29%
% of pupils who are able to perform a safe water-based self-rescue	26%
<u>Year 6 Swimming Results (6.2 and 6.3)</u>	<u>%</u>
% of pupils who are proficient and confident at swimming 25 metres	40%
% of pupils who are able to perform a range of swimming strokes effectively	40%
% of pupils who are able to perform a safe water-based self-rescue	32%

All children should be able to swim by the time they are 11 years old, and ideally should be able to swim confidently over a distance of at least 25 metres. School swimming lessons are a helpful step towards achieving this; however, in order for this to be accomplished for all children it is incredibly important that parents register their children for swimming lessons outside of school from as young an age as possible.

We strongly encourage parents to consider registering their children for swimming lessons starting from Reception and would highly recommend Vale Farm Sports Centre, which is very close to ELPS. If you are interested in registering your child for swimming lessons please contact Vale Farm at 020 8908 6545 or visit <https://joinonline.everyoneactive.com/lessons>.

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Wet Play Sample Update from Pupils

ELPS pupils have very much enjoyed playing with the collection of new games that have been added to the wet play boxes of all classrooms as a result of advocacy from School Council Representatives:

‘Now that there are lots more games, more children can play without having to wait for a turn. I also love that with the new games lots of children can play together at the same time. We are having more fun during wet play!’ – Devi (Year 4)

‘I really like 5 Second Rule because I can have fun playing with lots of my friends together at the same time – it is a fun challenge for your mind!’ – Harshaan (Year 4)

Student Council Catering Meeting



On Tuesday 23rd May, School Council Representatives had a meeting with the catering company that cooks school dinners to provide feedback that they have gathered from their peers regarding school dinners and to offer suggestions for upcoming menu items.

The meeting was very productive with lots of suggestions put forth by School Council Representatives, who enjoyed having the opportunity to share their feedback directly with the catering company and have a positive impact on what school dinners at ELPS will look like moving forward.



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FA Cup Semi-Final Player Escorts

For those of you who watched the FA Cup Semi-Final between Manchester City and Sheffield United on Saturday 22nd April, you may have spotted two ELPS pupils on the football pitch at Wembley Stadium!

Millie in 4.3 and Pelumi in 5.2 were both very excited to have the opportunity to serve as Player Escorts at the FA Cup Semi-Final. They enjoyed an afternoon of activities at Wembley Stadium and had the opportunity to meet players for both Manchester City and Sheffield United before the match; however, the highlight of their days was walking out on to the pitch alongside the players for the opening ceremonies. Pelumi must have been a good luck charm, as Riyad Mahrez went on to score a hat-trick in the match after being escorted onto the pitch by Pelumi!



Both Millie and Pelumi thoroughly enjoyed their experience as Player Escorts at the FA Cup Semi-Final and we are hopeful that more Player Escort opportunities at Wembley Stadium will be made available to ELPS pupils in the future!

Trips to Wembley

In early May, all ELPS pupils in Year 4 and Year 5 attended trips to Wembley Stadium. Pupils spent part of the day in the Wembley Stadium Learning Zone participating in various activities and educational workshops. Year 5 pupils took part in a Maths workshop which challenged them to assemble the highest-scoring football team within a budget of £75 million and Year 4 took part in a workshop about the history of Wembley and the construction of the stadium.

Pupils enjoyed their workshops thoroughly; however the highlight of the day was receiving a behind the scenes tour of the stadium! Pupils had the chance to sit in the stands in seats within the 'Royal Box' and visited the press conference rooms, player interview rooms, warm-up rooms and dressing rooms. Pupils loved seeing the shirts of their favourite England football players hanging up in the dressing rooms and the tour culminated with children running out of the players' tunnels to stand pitch-side! Overall the trips to Wembley Stadium were fantastic and very memorable for all Year 4 and 5 pupils!

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Free Wembley Tickets

The Wembley Stadium Learning Zone kindly allocated ELPS 50 tickets to the Vanarama National League Promotion Final on Saturday 13th May at Wembley Stadium. These tickets were offered to Year 6 pupils and their families on a first come first served basis as a way of celebrating all of the hard work that Year 6 pupils had put into revising for their SATS which had taken place earlier that week. All of the tickets were claimed and many Year 6 pupils and their families enjoyed an amazing afternoon at Wembley Stadium watching Notts County defeat Chesterfield on penalties to gain promotion to League Two!

Middlesex Cricket

On Wednesday 17th May, ELPS was visited by an expert cricket coach from Middlesex Cricket Club. The coach ran cricket sessions with 3.3, 4.3, 4.2, 6.2 and 5.2 during their PE lessons and the children that took part had an amazing experience! During the cricket sessions pupils were focused on developing their fielding, bowling and batting skills through participation in a variety of drills and games. Overall it was an excellent day of cricket and we hope to have Middlesex Cricket visit our school again next year!



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Year 6 Leavers

The Year 6 children at ELPS have been absolutely outstanding and their remarkable achievements, along with their incredible attitude, have shone throughout their time here! It's time to celebrate their remarkable journey with two events:

- ♦ July 18th: Year 6 Production from 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM
- ♦ July 21st: Leavers Assembly from 8:00 AM to 8:45 AM



Parents, you are cordially invited to both of these extraordinary events, and we are eagerly looking forward to your presence. Prepare to be amazed as your children take the stage during the production, showcasing their exceptional acting, singing, and instrumental skills. It will be a truly awe-inspiring performance!

During the Leavers Assembly, our exceptional Year 6 students will be recognized for their incredible achievements at ELPS and will be presented with well-deserved awards. We are also offering the opportunity for your child to purchase a fabulous Leavers Hoodie, a memento of their time here. To show your interest and choose the size and colour, please log onto Parent Pay. More detailed information regarding this will be provided to you soon.

We have an extensive transition program in place for our Year 6 children, meticulously designed to support them as they make their way into secondary school. We are dedicated to ensuring their smooth transition and setting them up for continued success.



Example

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Mathletics Year Group Leader board

Year Group	Activity Points	Skills Quest	Live Points	Total Points	Ranking
Year 1	255700	0	2695	258395	1 st
Year 2	148090	68910	18073	235073	2 nd
Year 3	146200	65720	6683	218603	3 rd
Year 5	139880	3090	2225	145195	4 th
Year 4	91500	6080	5304	102884	5 th
Year 6	53100	2090	2687	57877	6 th

Congratulations to Year 1 for leading the scoreboard.



Mathletics Champions

Name	Class	Total Score	Position
Paarth Jansali	1.1	95229	1 st
Samim Akbari	3.2	55689	2 nd
Kashvin Sivanujan	5.2	45130	3 rd
Buffon Cardozo	2.1	42065	4 th
Khalifa Rahman	3.2	38720	5 th
Jiyan Patel	4.2	34261	6 th
Arpit Goraniya	2.1	33230	7 th
Monika Goraniya	5.1	33150	8 th
Neja Balasuriya	3.1	22750	9 th
Darsh Desai	4.2	22040	10 th

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Extracurricular Activities Summer

The following school run clubs will be taking place this Summer term from 2:50pm until 3:50pm. Places are limited, so if your child does not get a place, they will be added to the waiting list.

Choir (Y2 -Y6)

Moberly Stars
Judo Club (Y2-Y3)

Ancient History
(Y5-Y6)

Willesden & Brent
Chess Club (Y3-Y6)

Cricket (Y3-Y4)

Poetry (Y1-Y2)

Netball (Y5-Y6)

Creative Writing
(Year 5)

Rounders (Y5-Y6)

Musical Theatre
(Y3-Y5)

Gardening (Y1-
Y2)

Mindfulness (Y5-
Y6)

Tag Rugby (Y5-
Y6)

LAMDA — Year 3 - 6

uSports Football —
Year 1 - 2 & Year 4-6

uSports Netball—
Year 3-6

uSports Gymnastics
—Reception - Year
6

uSports Cricket —
Year 1-4

uSports Hockey —
Year 3-6