



# EAST LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SPRING HALF TERM NEWSLETTER

### KEY DATES

**Summer Term Begins  
Monday, 17 April  
2023**

**Reception 2023 Offer  
Day  
Monday 17 April 2023**

**Reception Parents'  
Workshop  
Wednesday 26 April  
8:15 & 1:40**

**May Day Bank  
Holiday  
Monday, 1 May 2023**

**School Photos  
25 and 26 May 2023**

**Half Term  
Monday, 29 May 2023  
to Friday, 2 June 2023**

**Year 5 Celebration  
Event  
Monday 10 July**



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are coming to the end of a busy and productive Spring Term and making way for our final Summer Term.

Our Spring Term began with World Book Day early in March, where children and staff dressed up as their favourite story-book character. The costumes were fantastic and the children had a wonderful day celebrating reading. Thank you to all parents for their efforts with the children's costumes on this day. There were many enjoyable activities to promote a love of reading: sharing stories, designing book covers, acting out a scene from a book and many more. What a great way to encourage all children to develop their love of reading!

The booster clubs for Year 2 and Year 6 have been going very well this half-term, with many pupils being provided with this extra support and guidance. Pupils are given the opportunity to practise their skills and improve their reading and maths skills, with the help of tailored, bespoke lessons. It is great that our pupils are given this chance to improve their skills in preparation for SATs.

There have been many exciting clubs happening this half-term, with many children gaining places. The range of clubs on offer is extensive; from Choir to Chess to French to Street Dance, and many more. It is wonderful to see so many of our teachers volunteering to hold enrichment clubs at ELPS; the children clearly love these clubs and will often speak about them to their teachers.

As we now progress into the final term of the academic year, it is important that we continue to maintain the resilience and discipline required to achieve the best standards possible. KS1 and KS2 SATs will soon be upon us, so please do continue to encourage your children to revise key skills in preparation for these. It is also important for all our pupils to be reading regularly at home so that they can continue to improve their reading skills, but also develop their love of reading. Your continued parental support is always appreciated.

Lastly, from all the staff at ELPS, we wish our families a safe and restful

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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

Year 1 Celebration  
Event  
Friday 14 July

Reception Celebration  
Event  
Monday 17 July

Year 6 Celebration  
Event  
Tuesday 18 July

Summer Term Ends  
Friday, 21 July 2023

Rec and Year 1 finish at  
11:00

Year 2-Year 6 finish at  
11:15

### Importance of Swimming:



Being able to swim is an incredibly important life skill for both safety and fitness. 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. ELPS has arranged swimming lessons taught by expert swimming teachers at Vale Farm Sports Centre for all Year 5 and 6 pupils to work towards this goal, however it is critically important that parents register their children for swimming lessons outside of school.

In order to become confident and proficient swimmers, children should participate in swimming lessons from as young an age as possible; it is never too early to start! We strongly encourage parents to consider registering their children for swimming lessons 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>.



### Sports Day:

ELPS are looking forward to Sports day, which takes place on the 21<sup>st</sup> June for Reception, Years 1 and 2 and the 22<sup>nd</sup> June for Years 3-6, between 2-4pm.

Pupils will be participating in multiple sports events/activity stations alongside other pupils in their form class.

### Peripatetic Music Lessons—Trumpet & Guitar:

We are excited to announce that we will be offering Trumpet and Guitar Lessons at East Lane Primary School on Thursdays and Fridays starting in the Summer Term. Sessions will take place at school and we are now taking reservations. Sign up now by returning your form or emailing [reception@elps.co.uk](mailto:reception@elps.co.uk) and secure your place by making payment through the parent pay app.



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*Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think.*

*-Albert Einstein*

### Visit to Parliament

A group of Year 1 pupils visited the houses of parliament.

The children were given a guided tour by MP Barry Gardiner, where they discovered lots of interesting facts.



### World Book Day

One of the highlights of this term was World Book Day, which we celebrated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March. Staff were delighted to see students come to school wearing wonderful costumes and hear them talk enthusiastically about their favourite stories and book characters. Throughout the day, students took part in many fun-filled activities like designing alternate book covers, writing shared stories and performing scenes from their favourite books. Thank you to parents for helping your children prepare for this very memorable day.



### Celebrating Achievement -Spring 2



At East Lane we believe passionately in rewarding pupils for their positive attitudes, behaviour, attendance and achievement. Congratulations to all the pupils who have been awarded certificates in their assemblies this week, for all their hard work and dedication. Students are nominated by their teachers every half term based on the number of achievement points they have received. Parents can monitor their child's achievement points by logging onto the MCAS app.



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### School council- Trips and Wet-Play Boxes:



This term, ELPS School Council Representatives were surveyed to share their opinions and give feedback about ELPS. School Council Representatives discussed what they like most about ELPS and what makes our school such an amazing place to learn while also providing suggestions for how things could become even better.

Two of the main suggestions made by School Council Representatives were that they wanted to go on more trips and wanted more games to play with their classmates during wet play breaktime.

We are excited to share that as a result of this feedback from School Council Representatives, we have a variety of exciting trips scheduled throughout Summer Term:

- **Reception – Rose Theatre ‘Zog’ Production**
- **Year 1 – Science Museum**
- **Year 2 – KidZania**
- **Year 3 – British Museum**
- **Year 4 and 5 – Wembley Stadium**
- **Year 6 – Central London ‘Grand Tour’ with Horrible Histories ‘Terrible Thames’ River Cruise**
- **Year 6 – Residential to Sayers Croft**

In addition to the trips outlined above, we are working to arrange even more trips for ELPS pupils.

Please make sure all trip payment is paid by the deadline.

We have also purchased a substantial collection of new board games, card games and trivia games to significantly expand the wet play boxes in all ELPS classrooms so that pupils have a greater variety of games to enjoy with their classmates during wet play. School Council Representatives recently had an exciting School Council meeting with Mr Cooke where they collected their new games, filled their classroom’s wet play box, and brought the new games back to share with their classmates.



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**Well done to all those who entered the Young Writers' Poetry Competition back in February. It was a huge success and such a pleasure to read so many wonderfully creative poems from pupils across KS1 and KS2. Thank you also to parents for all of your support and encouragement with this. We are very excited to announce that the following pupils' work will be published in the upcoming Young Writers' Poetry Stars book!**

Aadyaa Kapoor  
Aarav Nair  
Aathujan Wijayakumar  
Abeer Agrawal  
Abiraami Umakanthan  
Akeesha Balasuriya  
Akshaj Pulinkumar  
Alexandra Bogdanina  
Ali Butt  
Amay Sachdev  
Amaya Sachdev  
Amruti Sachdev  
Ana Liz Ribeiro  
Anika Mervana  
Apishath Vasantharaja  
Arik Anoj  
Arivuthee Hariharan  
Aswin Sureshkumar  
Avi Thakrar  
Ayla Saka  
Ayushma Rai  
Birva Patel  
Buffon Cardoso  
Carlos Lima Sacchetto  
Darsh Desai  
David Debiec  
Dea Bengali  
Deveshi Thakker  
Ethan Pinto  
Evren Saka  
Faberge Williamson  
Hasina Mohamad  
Kavya Dabhi

Neev Anand  
Nishika Vekaria  
Omar Hoda-Vaughan  
Paarth Jansali  
Keshavane Sivasuthan  
Krishika Rawat  
Krupa Mistry  
Kushagra Singh  
Lamees Abbas  
Lianne Barbutska  
Madina Ahmed  
Mahi Sangani  
Malaak Saleh  
Manha Irfan  
Maria Pislaru  
Meha Assani  
Mehreen Rahman  
Muhsinah Rafique  
Muminah Rafique  
Hazel Prajapati  
Iman Ismail  
Insha Durrani  
Isabella Reed  
Isabella Rajendram  
Iyana Thakrar-Gil  
Jaiven Assani  
Jannat Ahmed  
Jayen Karia  
Jennah Haque  
Joy Patel  
Jvala Vora  
Kabisan Thavaranjan  
Kairo Ross-Bourne

Pari Arvindkumar  
Prachi Pathak  
Purvy Thushyanthan  
Raaghavi Thusyanthan  
Raiyah-Iman Ahipeaud  
Riaan Variya  
Riah Mamoojee  
Richa Pandya  
Riya Mervana  
Riya Kumar  
Rubaanvir Sukhija  
Ruhaanvir Sukhija  
Rutvik Soman  
Samantha Vanianban  
Seraphina Prakash  
Shambhavi Mahajan  
Shlok Chaudhari  
Sia Persaud  
Smriti Dherani  
Smruti Pandya  
Soraya Asare  
Sujal Panchal  
Tharini Rahunath  
Tia Parekh  
Tianna Patel  
Viaan Modi  
Vivethee Hariharan  
Yahya Khalil  
Yashi Parmar  
Yashwinn Rahunath  
Yuvraj Rana  
Zavier Tawasin  
Zhaheim Morris



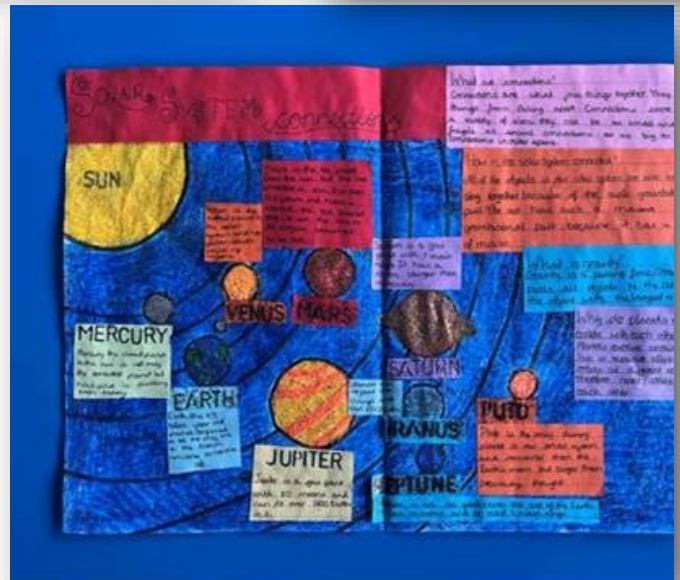
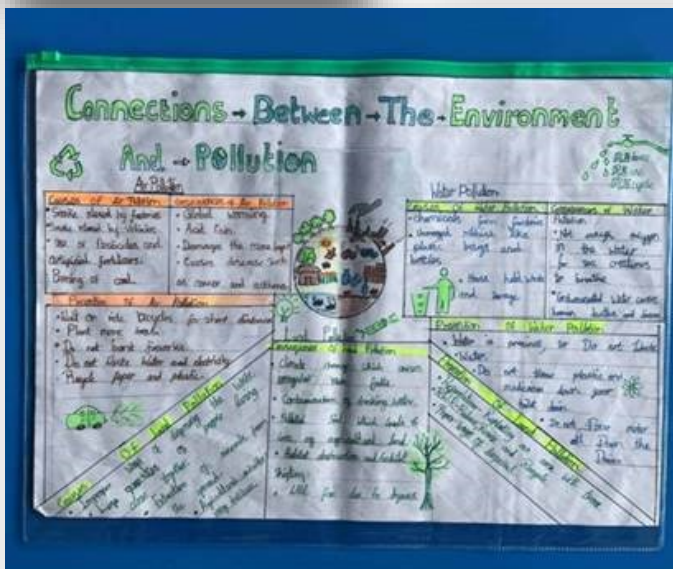
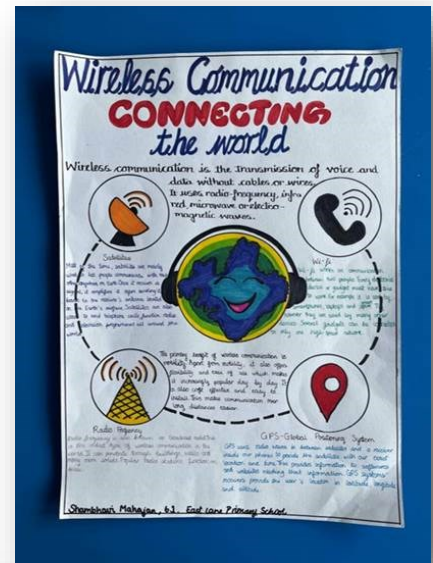
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### British Science Association.

During the week of March 13<sup>th</sup>, ELPS joined the rest of the country in celebrating British Science Week! Pupils created posters to represent connections across STEM subjects. Congratulations to the 156 students for creating posters that show creativity and great explanations of scientific knowledge.

The following five students will have their posters submitted to the British Science Association: Rushiv Patel (R1), Zavier Tawasin (1.2), Shravhan Thusyanth (3.1), Sanchi Jain (6.2), and Shambhavi Mahajan (6.1). Additionally, all pupils also received Science Week Activity Packs and were encouraged to complete STEM experiments and investigations at home to extend their curriculum knowledge. Well done to the many students that completed these experiments! Finally, each year group learned about connections within STEM subjects and their importance to everyday life in assemblies.





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### Caterpillars in EYFS

Reception have been learning all about the life cycle of butterflies.

Each class got their own pot of caterpillars which they were able to look after and watch as they formed chrysalis.

Some of the caterpillars have turned into butterflies and we are eagerly waiting for the rest to turn into butterflies very soon!



### World Book Day in EYFS

Reception children had a great time visiting different classrooms which were all themed based on a book. R1 was based on *Jack and the Beanstalk*, R2 was *The Gruffalo* and R3 was *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Children were able to listen to the story in an immersive setting, take part in engaging activities and were able to re-tell the story using picture cards.



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### SATs– Year 6

Please see the table below for the upcoming dates for Year 6 SATS

Tuesday 9 May 2023	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Wednesday 10 May 2023	English reading
Thursday 11 May 2023	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Friday 12 May 2023	Mathematics paper 3

### Parking on East Lane

We would like to kindly ask for help from all ELPS parents and carers in reducing vehicle congestion on East Lane during pupil drop-off and dismissal. East Lane is very busy and with this it is important that everyone driving to ELPS parks their vehicle sensibly so as to reduce safety risks to children, parents and other members of our community. Please be reminded that parking along zigzag road lines is not allowed and leaving vehicles unattended along double yellow lines is not allowed.

As the weather continues to improve we encourage families to please consider walking, biking, scootering, or taking public transport 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 all.

Some other strategies to help improve safety along East Lane include:

- Carpooling with families that live nearby to reduce the number of vehicles driving to ELPS
- Avoiding street parking by parking in the pavilion car park just a bit further down East Lane
- Arranging for one parent to walk children from multiple families down to ELPS from the pavilion car park to reduce the time that cars spend occupying the car park

We thank you all very much for your help in reducing vehicle congestion and making East Lane safer for everyone during pupil drop-off and dismissal!



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### Mathletics Year Group Leader board

Year Group	Activity Points	Skills Quest	Live Points	Total Points	Ranking
Year 2	276610	123040	26244	425894	1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 1	303990	0	5449	309439	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Year 3	148700	75910	14412	239022	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Year 5	157660	3260	10335	171255	4 <sup>th</sup>
Year 6	120900	19640	12464	153004	5 <sup>th</sup>
Year 4	90690	1490	1889	94069	6 <sup>th</sup>



### Mathletics Champions

Name	Class	Total Score	Position
Paarth Jansali	1.1	79837	1 <sup>st</sup>
Khushali Mehta	2.1	63450	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Buffon Cardozo	2.1	62052	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Kashvin Sivanujan	5.2	58226	4 <sup>th</sup>
Samim Akbari	3.2	51607	5 <sup>th</sup>
Khalifa Rahman	3.2	49953	6 <sup>th</sup>
Anoyan Sivakumar	6.1	45150	7 <sup>th</sup>
Arpit Goraniya	2.1	34719	8 <sup>th</sup>
Monika Goraniya	5.1	31257	9 <sup>th</sup>
Darsh Patel	2.1	26145	10 <sup>th</sup>

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### Extracurricular Activities Summer

The following school run clubs will be taking place next half 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