

Doodlemaths

From January 2026, we will be making a change to the way we celebrate and monitor children's use of DoodleMaths at home. Up to now, many children have enjoyed tracking their streaks. However, after careful consideration, we will no longer be celebrating streaks as part of our approach to home learning. Instead, we will be focusing on pupils staying in the green zone. Here's why:



- Accuracy matters more than logging in. A streak can be maintained by simply opening the app, even if answers aren't correct. In contrast, earning enough stars for accurate answers is what keeps children in the green zone.
- Better outcomes. Working towards the green zone develops stronger learning habits and leads to more meaningful progress. This is what DoodleMaths is all about.
- Healthy routines. Our home learning expectation is that children complete DoodleMaths four times a week. Encouraging daily "streak chasing" goes against this policy, while working towards the green zone supports it.

By focusing on the green zone, we aim to encourage children to develop accuracy, independence, and effective home learning routines. Thank you for supporting us in helping your child build positive learning habits that will last well beyond primary school. If you have any questions about this change, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Year 5 Math's Challenge

So proud of our Maths Team who were runners up in a recent Maths Challenge at Pocklington School, they put their mathematical skills and knowledge to good use.

They thoroughly enjoyed their day and were brilliant ambassadors for Elloughton Primary.



500 Words Writing Competition

Well done to everyone who entered the 500 words writing competition, we loved reading all your entries and seeing your creativity.

The winners were;

KS1 Georgia Fortnam
KS2 Joshua Deyes

Superb writing by lots of entrants. The judges had a tricky time selecting our winners.



Parking Outside School

Can parents please park legally and respectfully at school drop off and collection. It is an offence to park on zig-zag lines outside school or near pedestrian crossings, regardless of the time. This offence and other road traffic offenses can be reported by you and investigated through Operation Snap! Click here for more information about Operation Snap. Operation Snap is a secure online platform that allows you to submit video/photographic evidence of driving offences that you or other members of the public have witnessed. Its purpose is to improve road safety and to prosecute those that place others at risk. The service has been produced with the support of the Department for Transport. Let's keep our children safe!

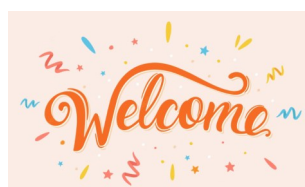
Please click the link below to submit video evidence of driving offences that you or other members of the public have witnessed.

Operation Snap [secure online platform](#)



Welcome New Pupil

It's been lovely to welcome Felicity into Year 3. We hope Felicity and her family enjoy being part of the Elloughton School community.



After School Activity Clubs

Please remember we do not run the After School Activity Clubs the first week back or the last week of each half term. If you require childcare you need to book After School Club 3.30pm – 4.30pm or 3.30pm – 6.00pm.



Striving for excellence in Attendance

Attendance for November was **96.2%**



A percentage of 95% or above is the benchmark for good school attendance. You can view your child's attendance on RMP by clicking on the Family icon, then the attendance button.

We monitor punctuality and attendance closely. Where action is required, this will follow a staged approach.

Reminder— All absences must be accounted for and parents need to provide valid reasons for an absence. You must provide medical/dentist appointment evidence, in order for an absence to be recorded as authorised. If you are going on holiday, an Absence from School for Exceptional Circumstances form must be completed well in advance. These are available on the school website and the office. Please be aware all holiday requests will be unauthorised in accordance with our Attendance Policy.

If your child has 10 'unauthorised absences' in a 10 week period, a penalty notice and fine will be issued by the Local Authority.

Governor of the Month - Mrs Lesley Hemingway

As part of Governor of the Month initiative each governor takes part in a 'Back to School Day', shadowing a child in a chosen class, experiencing life at Elloughton through the eyes of a child.

Mrs Lesley Hemingway has been this month's governor and she shadowed Sophie in Year 4 who was a wonderful ambassador for our school.

Here is what she had to report!

I had a very enjoyable day with Mrs Fairbank's class, guided by my "buddy" for the day, Sophie. I took part in English, Maths and Science lessons, attended the Young Voices group, had a delicious lunch and enjoyed some outdoor play. My favourite parts of the day were hearing the children read out loud so well and joining in a very competitive game of Destination X, as a starter for work on setting descriptions. Thank you to all the staff and pupils, especially Sophie, for welcoming me into their classes.



SchoolCycled

Please keep bringing in your plastic lids for recycling. Thanks to everyone who's sent us in a collection. It's been another busy month. Here's our current balance which we will be able to use to buy products made from recycled plastic.

Latest bottle cap collection : 56.88kg (14,220 Earth Tokens)

Total Balance: 64,452 Earth Tokens



Children In Need

Thank you for supporting this year's Children In Need, by 'Wearing Something Pudsey' we raised £222.



Here Today, Gone Tomorrow - Lost Property

Due to the ever increasing pile of unnamed items of school uniform and water bottles, we will continue to have a weekly lost property display in the front playground every Friday 3.00 -3.30. If items are named we can easily return them to children but sadly this is not possible when they are nameless.





Our Moral Compass – Assembly Focus – Teamwork

During November we focused on the value of Teamwork. The ability to work together with others as part of a team is not simply a skill needed at school; it is a vital skill used and needed in all areas of life. In school the children experience teamwork in many different forms. Whilst children will experience team based activities at school, it is important to continue the ethos of good teamwork at home too.



School Uniform



EcoUniforms

Eco Uniform is live for parents to order.



Eco Uniforms offer home deliveries through Evri, during term time or free delivery to school on Thursdays.

The school office are selling Rawcliffe's logo'd excess stock as we no longer use this supplier. These items are brand new at discounted prices. Please email admin@epsch.co.uk with your order/requests.

We have limited stock, first-come-first-served basis and we will email when your order is ready for collection from the office.

Card payment only for these items.

Brand New Logo'd stock

Cardigans	Age 2-3, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 13 - £10.41
Jumpers	Age 9-10, Age 13, medium - £9.56
Red polo shirt	Age 3-4, 5-6, 11-12, 13, XS, M - £7.64
White polo shirt	Age 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 13, XS, S, M - £7.64
Indoor PE top	Age 3-4 - £8.49
Outdoor Coat	Age 3-4, 9-10, 11-12, 13 - £23.80
Fleece	Age 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13 - £13.18

FESA

Please help FESA raise funds for our school.



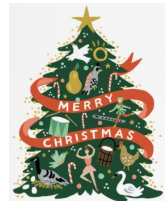
Shop for Christmas with many favourite brands at discount prices and raise donations for school at the same time!

Easyfundraising will donate part of what you spend to our school. It won't cost you any extra, the cost is covered by the brand! [Click here](#) for further information!

Spreading Christmas Cheer

We're encouraging children to send Christmas cards to a class rather than every pupil within a class.

You may prefer to donate money to charity!



Bag 2 School - Save the date

Bag 2 School is an eco-friendly fundraising scheme to raise funds through textile recycling. Your child will soon bring home a donation bag. Please bring your filled bag to school on the morning of Thursday 29th January 2026.



Artist of the Term Competition



This term's challenge: inspired by **Vincent Van Gogh's** painting 'Poppy Field'

- You may decide to create your own painting, drawing chalk or collage of a poppy field. You may also decide to use this as inspiration for your own landscape piece of art.
- Remember to give your artwork to Mrs Garnett by Monday 8th December
- The art work will be judged and there will be a prize for children in each phase.

School Social Media



Reach More Parents Messaging

Teachers check the messaging section regularly but not always daily therefore the messaging feature is for non urgent simple queries for subjects such as:



- Lost property
- Forgotten items to school
- Clarification of home learning tasks

All other queries must go via official means through the school office (admin@epsch.co.uk) and should not be discussed through Reach More Parents. Examples include:

- Discussions about behaviour
- Appointments/holidays
- Complaints
- Concerns about a child
- Going home with another child

For any Special Educational Needs (SEN) or Pastoral queries, please email send@epsch.co.uk

Term and Holiday Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term

Closes Friday 19th December 2025



Spring Term

Opens Tuesday 6th January 2026
 Closes Friday 13th February 2026
 Re-opens Monday 23rd February 2026
 Closes Thursday 26th March 2026



Summer Term

Opens Monday 13th April 2026
 Closed Monday 4th May 2026
(Bank holiday)
 Closes Friday 22nd May 2026
 Re-opens Monday 1st June 2026
 Last day Friday 17th July 2026



Teacher Training Days
 Monday 5th January 2026
 Friday 27th March 2026
 Monday 20th July 2026

Term and Holiday Dates 2026/2027

Autumn Term

Opens Wednesday 9th September 2026
 Closes Friday 23rd October 2026
 Re-opens Monday 2nd November 2026
 Closes Friday 18th December 2026



Spring Term

Opens Tuesday 5th January 2027
 Closes Friday 5th February 2027
 Re-opens Monday 15th February 2027
 Closes Friday 19th March 2027



Summer Term

Opens Tuesday 6th April 2027
 Closed Monday 3rd May 2027
(Bank holiday)
 Closes Friday 28th May 2027
 Re-opens Monday 7th June 2027
 Last day Friday 23rd July 2027



Teacher Training Days
 Monday 7th September 2026
 Tuesday 8th September 2026
 Monday 4th January 2027
 Monday 5th April 2027
 Monday 26th July 2027



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