



Elloughton School News

The Newsletter of
Elloughton Primary School



December 2024



Word from the Headteacher

On the last day of term, I reflect on how much we have achieved together this term. It has been a delight to see all our children settle and flourish in their new classes. Our Opal Play project has continued to evolve and transform our lunchtime provision. Thank you once again for your overwhelming support which has enabled us to now offer a wide range of lunchtime play opportunities for all our children.

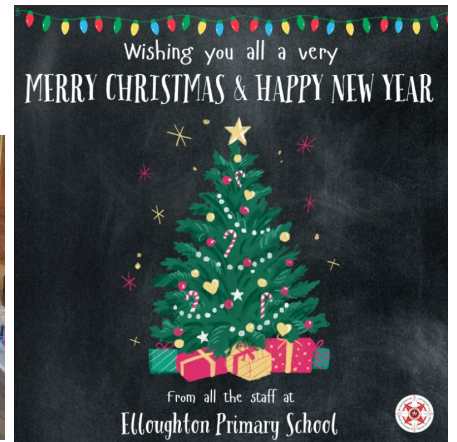
I know how much Christmas experiences at primary school define memories for parents and children alike. The last few weeks in school have certainly been busy with all our festive events and activities. The Christmas Market, the church services, the nativity, our special visitor in the forest for EYFS, Christmas jumper day and lunch, the Winter Warmer Café, our Christmas choir appearances, the theatre trips, the nursery Christmas Sing Song and our Stay & Play have all helped to make the end of term both enjoyable and memorable.

It has been lovely to welcome so many parents and grandparents into school for all the different events. As always it has been a pleasure to visit classes and see children still eager to learn as well as being excited and looking forward to the Christmas holidays. It's been a long term and we're all ready for a much needed rest. The many informal and the formal chats, the emails, telephone calls and words of thanks are really appreciated and truly make a difference. I love the way each and every day, school is full of children keen and eager to do their very best, enjoying learning (most of the time!?).

Very best wishes to you and your families for Christmas and the New Year. I hope you find time to relax and enjoy the festivities with your nearest and dearest. I look forward to welcoming you all back in the new year.

Happy Christmas!

Warmest wishes
Mrs Fulstow



Governor of the Month - Katherine Parsons

This year are continuing with our Governor of the Month initiative and each month the nominated governor will enjoy a 'Back to School Day', shadowing a child so they can experience life at Elloughton through the eyes of a child! This month Katherine had the pleasure of being with Bella in Year 6, who along with her friends, chaperoned her throughout the day, telling her lots about life at Elloughton School. Here's a few words about her day...

"Spending a full day as a Year 6 and meeting Bella was a great experience! Bella told me all about her Christmas plans and family traditions and also gave me a wonderful tour of the playgrounds over lunch, talking me through how Opal Play has made these breaks more fun and interesting. Maths was my least favourite lesson of the day, as I was taken back to all the times I got frustrated when the answer wasn't clear but the children on my table picked it up straight away, I was so impressed! Attending the church service was a lovely way to end my back to school day and I hope the children, parents and grandparents enjoyed the service and fantastic singing as much as I did! Thanks for having me!" Katherine

GOVERNOR OF THE MONTH
DECEMBER

Katherine Parsons

All about me!
I work at York St John University and have done for 22 years. This is like a big school for adults but you can learn to be a teacher or police officer or a nurse here, or just learn more about a subject you love such as history or art. I have travelled to many different places with my job and met lots of different people in England and further afield.

Why did I choose to be a governor at Elloughton?
My parents were school governors at my primary and secondary schools, so it is something I was always interested in. With my experience and interest in Education and young people, I wanted to put it to good use. Although I don't go to Elloughton, I have always been aware of what a special place it is to learn.

My favourite thing about being a governor is...
Talking to you, hearing about what you enjoy and what your aspirations are for the future. I love coming into school and seeing you all working so hard. I work with young people in Years 2-6 at schools and colleges. I really enjoy learning about what happens at the start of your educational journey.



Reception September 2025 Application Countdown— 15th January 2025!

The closing date for applications for school places is fast approaching. Have questions about applying for a place at Elloughton Primary School? Please do not hesitate to get in touch or visit our website. We are really looking forward to welcoming lots of new children into the family of Elloughton School.



Parking Outside School

Unfortunately we are still receiving complaints from residents who live near our school about parents parking irresponsibly before and after school.

Incidents will be reported to the police using the Operation Snap [link](#)



Reporting your child when absent

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school it is vital that you contact the school office DAILY to report your child's absence. If your child has an ongoing illness it's important to keep us updated on their progress towards recovery.

[Guidance for Parents](#): Is my child too ill for school?

Staffing

It will be a delight to welcome Miss Louise Walsh into nursery in January when Mrs Callaghan starts her maternity leave.



We excitedly await news of the arrival of her new addition to the family.

Reverse Foodbank

Thank you so much for all the contributions to our reverse advent in support of Hull Foodbank. The foodbank were delighted to receive our very large donation of food filled boxes.



Communication Reminder

Please remember to use send@epsch.co.uk for matters relating to pastoral and SEND. If a message is for Mrs Bates, Mrs Stillings or Mrs Robbins this is the channel to use.

Messages sent via RMP to individual staff relating to pastoral/SEND matters will not be responded to as this not the appropriate forum to send such messages.

Special Thanks to R & R Studio who once again have kindly videoed our nativity Whoops-a-Daisy Angel so our EYFS parents have a wonderful memento of their child's first Christmas at Elloughton.



Bags2School

Please fill a bag or two if you are having a clear out over the Christmas holiday, when your bags are full bring them to the school office. Collection is 9:00am on 27th February. Thank you for your support!



Christmas Market

Special thanks to FESA for organising the Christmas Market and to all those who donated prizes for the bottle stall, chocolate tombola, jarbola and the raffle. Well done to all the children who created items to sell. Their stalls raised an amazing £1,578.85 This is absolutely fabulous!



Attendance – Autumn Term

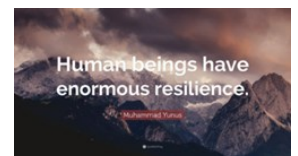
There are 58 pupils who have received a 100% certificate and swim voucher today for attending school for the full day, every day this term. Well done!

At the end of the spring and summer term, certificates and a swim voucher will also be issued to those who attend school every day. At the end of the academic year, all pupils who have attended every day for the full year, will be entered into a draw to win a special prize!



Moral Compass – Assembly Focus– Resilience

During December we have focussed on resilience which we define as the ability to recover from difficult circumstances. In assemblies we have been looking at the fact that sadly sometimes in life things don't always work out as we'd like. In a society that often seeks instant reward we need to be reminded that sometimes it's resilience, perseverance and hard work that brings about true success and success can sometimes come when we least expect it if we are sufficiently driven. Each and every day in school resilience is something that is continually encouraged by all staff and many children show resilience in classroom and outdoor activities.

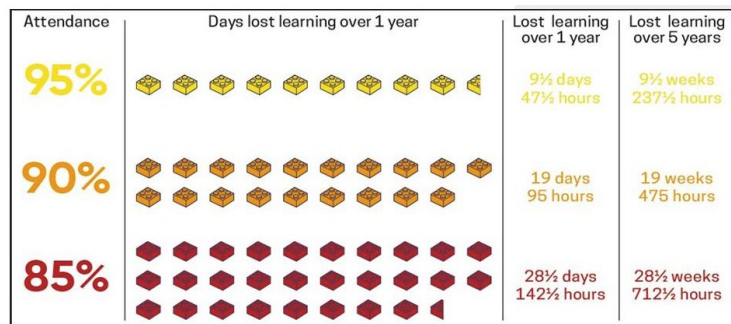


Attendance in school

Attend today, achieve tomorrow.....

95% attendance is generally considered good, this is where pupils have missed 9.5 days across the school year. Learning is affected once attendance falls below 96%.

Persistent absence is defined as 90% or below, this is where pupils miss 19 days across the school year. Take a look at these figures below:



One day of absence can affect a pupil for the entire week

- social disruption and distraction of relationships with peers
- get into bad habits when attendance becomes a choice - children must be in school

Absence we will authorise

- Sickness
- UNAVOIDABLE medical/dental appointments when supported by medical evidence
- Days of religious observance
- Exceptional family circumstances i.e. bereavement
- If permission for absence has been granted by the Headteacher

Absence we will NOT authorise

- Parents/carers keep children off school unnecessarily i.e. birthdays, shopping, visiting family, holiday

Update Personal Details

Please update your mobile number in case of an emergency or if you change your address. We must have all the correct contact details for your child. Please do this on the Reach More Parents App - click on your initial at the top right of the screen/person icon/ personal details/edit.



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Term and Holiday Dates 2024/2025

Spring Term

Opens Tuesday 7th January 2025
Closes Friday 14th February 2025
Re-opens Monday 24th February 2025



Closes Thursday 3rd April 2025

Summer Term

Opens Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Closed Monday 5th May 2025
(Bank holiday)
Closes Friday 23rd May 2025
Re-opens Monday 2nd June 2025
Last day Friday 18th July 2025



Teacher Training Days

Monday 6th January 2025
Friday 4th April 2025
Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Term and Holiday Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term

Opens Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Closes Friday 24th October 2025
Re-opens Monday 3rd November 2025
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 1st September 2025
Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Monday 5th January 2026
Friday 27th March 2026
Monday 20th July 2026

Important Dates

6th January	Staff Training Day
7th January	School reopens
9th January	Young Voices
13th January	Invite a Special Person for Lunch
14th January	EYFS – Year 6 Parent Consultation Evenings
21st January	Invite a Special Person for Lunch
22nd January	EYFS – Year 6 Parent Consultation Evenings (except Marie Curie class)
23rd January	Marie Curie Class – Parent Consultation Evening
29th January	Invite a Special Person for Lunch

