

EYFS

Elsenham C. of E. Primary School
2025-2026

Welcome to Elsenham C. of E. Primary School!

EYFS Lead Miss Sneath



Acorn Class
Mrs Shanks



Cherry Class
Miss Sneath

7 Areas of Learning

Communication and Language

Physical Development

Personal, Social and Emotional
Development

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design



Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage

Setting the standards for learning,
development and care for children from
birth to five

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Prime Areas of Learning

Building a strong foundation to ignite curiosity, enthusiasm for learning, form relationships and thrive.

Communication and Language

- *Listening, Attention and Understanding, and Speaking.*

Physical Development

- *Gross Motor Skills and Fine Motor Skills.*

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- *Self-Regulation, Managing Self and Building Relationships.*



Specific Areas of Learning

Literacy

Comprehension, Word Reading and Writing.

Mathematics

Number and Numerical Patterns.

Understanding the World

Past and Present, and People, Culture and Communities, and

The Natural World.

Expressive Arts and Design

Creating with Materials and Being Imaginative and Expressive.



How Do We Teach Reading?

Read, Write Inc. approach:

[Parent guide to
Read Write
Inc. Phonics |
Oxford Owl](#)

[Curriculum |
Elsenham C.
of E. Primary
School](#)



Teaching each
child in their
'Goldilocks' spot'.

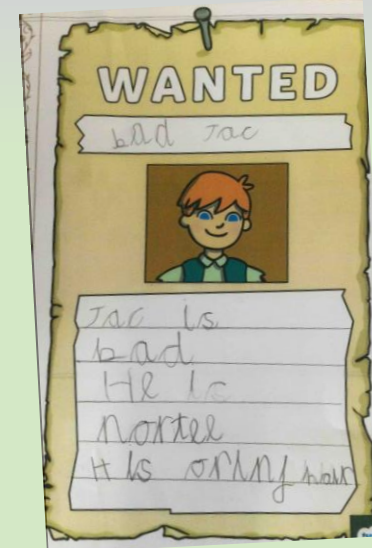
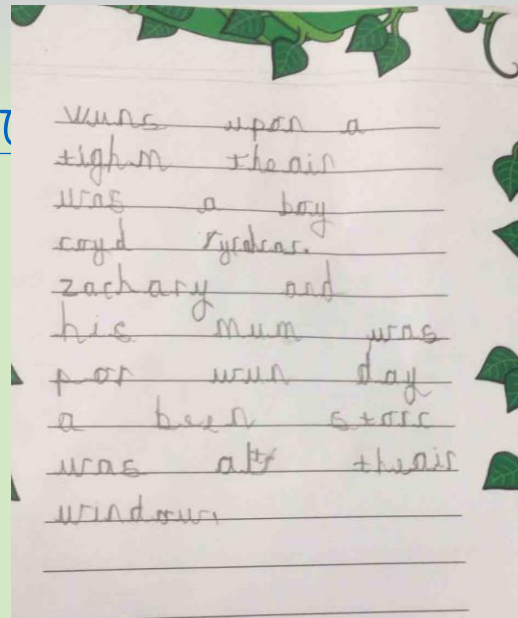


Handwriting

- We write in a pre-cursive style
- This will increase fluency and improve presentation.



- www.letterjoin.co.uk
- **Click Class 1**
Username: else
Password: nham



Our Topics

- Come Outside!
- Winter Wonderland
(including Christmas)
- People Who Help Us
- Under the Sea
- Once Upon a Time
- Once Upon a Time in Year



Our Daily Routine

8:35am School gates open-SODA

8:45am Gates close and register

8:55am Assembly

9:15am English

10:00am Snack and milk

10:20am Playtime

10:40am RWInc.

11:10am Topic

11:50am Lunch time

13:00pm Register

13:05pm Maths

14:45pm Chatter time

3:10pm Home time



Outdoor Learning

Lots of the purposeful play in EYFS takes place outdoors. It is an opportunity to explore the natural world and develop gross motor skills. We have a mud kitchen, a building area, a butterfly garden, a gardening area and plenty more opportunities for the children to get messy.

Please provide your child with a pair of welly boots that can be kept in school for regular outdoor use. This year, we are also requesting that you provide us with a puddle suit to allow us to get out in all weathers!

We also go to Forest School every



Online Learning Journey

- A chance for you to keep up to date with your child's learning.
- Evidence Me
- You can update the teacher too!
- WOW MOMENTS!



Uniform and P.E.

- In the first term, children come to school in their P.E. kit on their allocated P.E. days.
- In spring and summer term, children get changed at school.
- Each week the children will have a Forest School day. They are asked to wear long sleeves and trousers.

- After Christmas, P.E. bags are kept in school.
- They are returned each half term to be washed.
- Label all items of clothing, even trainers and socks.
- For safety, earrings must be removed not covered and long hair must be tied up.

School Trends website

FOES pre-loved uniform
option

Lunch and Snack

Snack:

- Children receive a fruit snack at break time provided free of charge. They may choose to bring their own snack. This must be a cereal bar or piece of fruit. We are a 'no nuts' school.
- Under 5 year olds receive milk daily for free. If your child is over 5, you can choose to pay per day for milk. Please check your email for a link to sign up to order



- ld. • In line with government policy of Universal Free School Meals, all of the children in Early Years and in Key Stage 1 are entitled to have a free school lunch. We would recommend this however....
- Children may choose to bring a packed lunch. This can be decided daily. No nuts, chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks please!

Have you heard of pupil premium? It's SO much more than free school meals...

- Tutoring, extra support in class - catch up & keep up, money towards trips, open opportunities and doors
- Office staff are willing
- So much more!



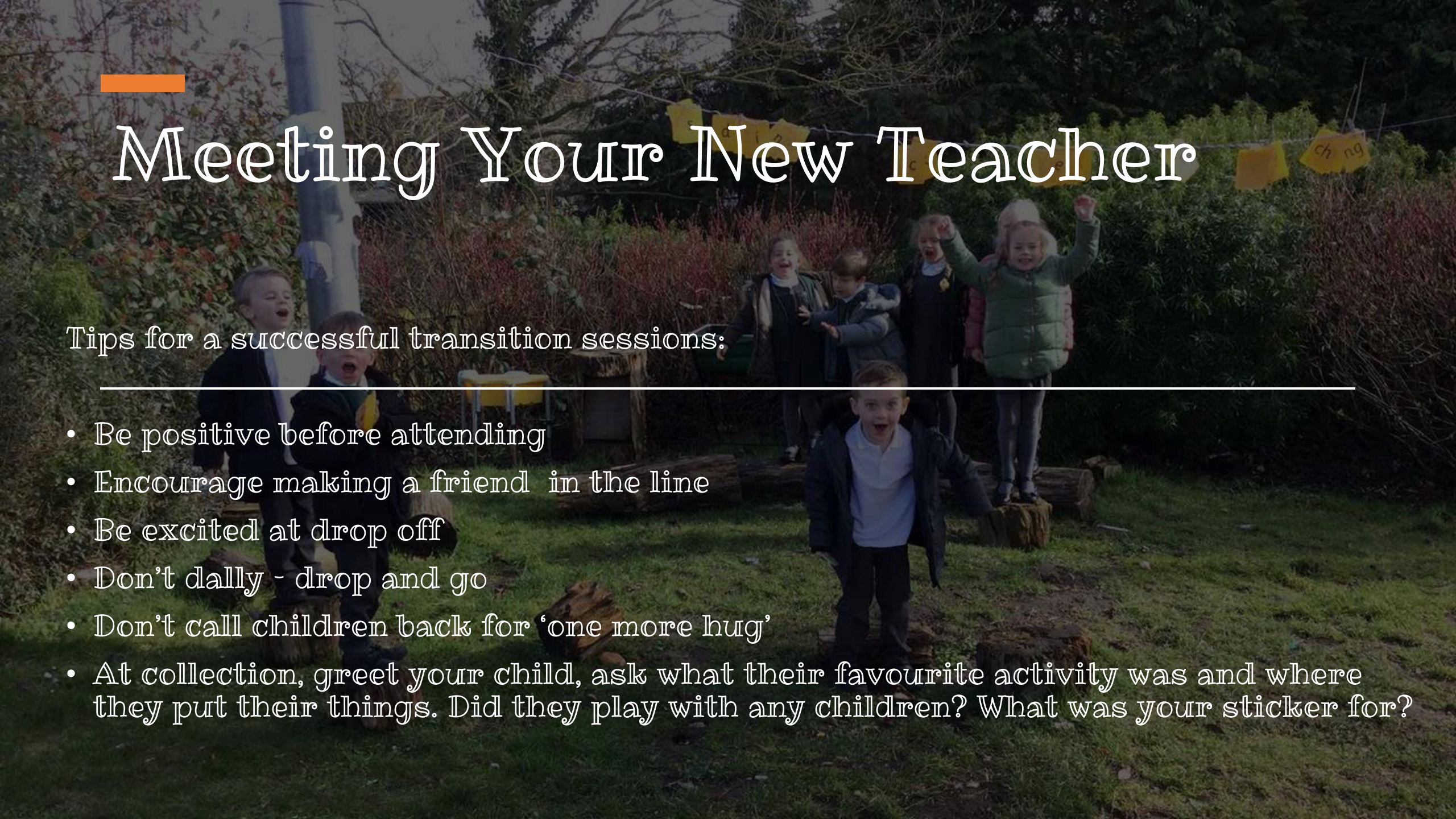
Water Bottles and Book bags

- Each day children should bring a suitable, **named** water bottle to school.
- This should be filled with fresh **water**, nothing else.
- Please note, that twist cap water bottles are not practical in EYFS.
- Transparent water bottles are easier for us to monitor.
- Bags are not permitted in EYFS/KS1, unless agreed with the class teacher. Instead, children should have a book bag.
- Key rings should be limited to one only.



How to Prepare for Starting School

- Before starting school, ensure that your child can use the toilet confidently and independently.
- Share a bedtime story every day.
- Practise getting changed into school uniform and into P.E. kits independently.
- Ensure that your child can put their coat on, without assistance, and begin to master the art of zipping up.
- Be positive.
- Label, label, label. Label all clothing, even P.E. kits and socks!
- New starter pack.
- We will be visiting your child at their nursery setting.
- You can sign up to a 10 minute talk with your child's class teacher, following class allocation.
- Share the classroom story with your child to get them used to their new environment and teacher.

The background image shows a group of young children in a garden setting. They are standing on a path made of logs, with some children raising their hands in excitement. In the background, there are trees and a string of yellow paper flags hanging across the scene. The overall atmosphere is bright and cheerful.

Meeting Your New Teacher

Tips for a successful transition sessions:

- Be positive before attending
- Encourage making a friend in the line
- Be excited at drop off
- Don't dally - drop and go
- Don't call children back for 'one more hug'
- At collection, greet your child, ask what their favourite activity was and where they put their things. Did they play with any children? What was your sticker for?



Communicati ON

- You are always welcome to come and speak to any of the staff in EYFS at the end of the school day.
- You can also contact staff via the office or telephone.
- 1:1 handover provides an opportunity to talk to staff
- Let us know if you have made arrangements for someone else to collect your child.
- Don't panic if you're asked to come into the classroom - it's most likely something to celebrate!
- Keep the school office up to date with any changes to medical requirements or personal details. It is vital that we have your most up to date contact information.
- Passwords are used at handover.

Wider Communication

- Check out the weekly school newsletter for upcoming events/ dates and general updates.
- Sign up to Parent Mail to receive updates and emails regarding the school. You will receive this in the first couple of weeks of term.
- School website - a great place to look for term dates and information.



Before and After School Club ~ Butterflies

- Privately run and managed by Jayne Hu
- Please book and pay directly with her



Homework

- Half termly creative homework
- Daily reading



How to Help at Home

- Read at home every day.
- Ensure the children are prepared for the day with their coat, book bag, water bottle (filled with water only), lunch box, reading books and reading record.
- Practise forming letters at home in pre-cursive writing too.
- Count every day objects and encourage children to identify numbers in the environment.
- Send an email observation for your child to share at school.



Our Elsenham C. of E. Transition Journey 2025-2026

Our journey begins:
School place acceptance
Receive welcome letter



Complete pre-school
questionnaires and
Google forms

Welcome talk 11th June
Taste school dinners
Receive welcome pack
and admin pack

EYFS teachers speak to
key workers and children
in their current settings

First transition visit to school
on either the 24th or 25th of June.
Admin return deadline

Friday 4th of July
Class allocations sent via
email

Final transition morning on
the Thursday 10th of July in
September classes.

Google forms sent to sign up
to an optional 10 minute talk
with your child's class
teacher. Sign up by 3pm on the
14th July. Phone calls take
place on Wednesday 16th July.

Over summer:
Transition videos and
presentations are available
on the website.

Soft start in September
First day: Wed 3rd finish at
12pm (no lunch)
Second day: Thurs 4th finish
at 1pm (lunch included)
Fri 5th onwards: full days

Any questions?

We very much look forward to seeing you in September!



Get involved!

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 28872

REASONS TO JOIN FOES

- **FOR THE CHILDREN**
THE EVENTS WE PLAN AND RUN WILL SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S EXTRA CURRICULAR EXPERIENCE IN CREATING FUN OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM
- **FOR YOU**
VOLUNTEERING IS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE. WE PLAN TO HOST MANY SOCIAL EVENTS TO RAISE MONEY AND ALSO TO ENJOY EACH OTHERS' COMPANY
- **FOR THE SCHOOL**
HELP THE SCHOOL TO RAISE FUNDS
HAVE A VOICE IN THE PURCHASES THAT ARE MADE TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN
- **BE CONNECTED**
THERE IS NO BETTER WAY OF KNOWING WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL.
MEET OTHERS THAT SHARE THE SAME COMMON GOALS TO HELP IMPROVE THE SCHOOL
- **IT IS FUN!**
WE AIM TO ENJOY OURSELVES IN ALL OUR ROLES.
FROM PLANNING EVENTS TO RUNNING A STALL IS EXCITING!
- **KEEP THE PTA GOING**
AS PARENTS LEAVE SCHOOL WE NEED TO KEEP THE COMMITTEE GOING.
COME JOIN OUR FRIENDLY TEAM AS MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

CONTACT CHAIR - LOUISE
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Follow us on facebook - Friends of Elsenham School (FOES)
Instagram - elsenham_foes

Whether its an hour, helping clear up or set up an event
we'd love the support



FOES
YOU'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE...

Thank You

HERE ARE SOME OF THE
RESOURCES FOES HAVE BOUGHT
THIS YEAR FOR THE CHILDREN TO
ENJOY

PSHE resources
£367



EYFS Playground
Bamboo
Glockenspiel
£864



EYFS Playground
Funky Junkyard Outdoor
Music Frame
£420

