

Elsenham C of E Primary School



2026 SUMMER NEWSLETTER: Oak Class

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Welcome back!

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and feel excited to start the summer term. This is always a very busy time of year for our Year 6s as we look forward to completing SATs, the Y6 production, our trip to Warner Bros Studio and prepare for our move to secondary school.

In regards to homework, the children should be completing the activities that are set weekly on Atom, as well as practising their times tables recall on Times Table Rock Stars, spellings and reading and recording at least four times a week.

SATs will take place between the 11th–14th May. The children have worked hard and we are very proud of their efforts. SATs Club will continue on Wednesdays and Fridays at 8am and, on the week of SATs, will be Monday-Thursday (a separate letter will go out about this).

Mathematics

This half term, our focus will be on algebra and statistics, alongside revisiting key Year 6 objectives to get ready for the SATs. After the tests, we'll shift towards transition activities and engaging problem-solving challenges designed to prepare the children for the move to secondary school.

Science

In the first half term, we'll be exploring light—discovering how shadows are created, how light reflects, and what happens when it's blocked. Following that, our focus will shift to electricity, where the children will learn about circuit components and get hands-on experience building and designing their own circuits.

And there's more!

In history this term, we will be studying significant figures from history, with the opportunity to research and present on a chosen figure.

In R.E., we will be looking at scientific and theological theories of creation and science and whether these areas complement or conflict each other. In the second half term, we will be studying Islam and how Muslims show commitment to God.

In geography, we will investigate why population changes and the global factors that affect this.

For our P.E. lessons, we will be focusing on dance for our indoor sessions and rounders and athletics for our outdoor sessions. We will continue with outdoors on Wednesdays and indoors on Thursdays.

In art, we will explore creative photographic techniques, creating new images through photomontage and applying digital photography to art design.

English

This term, our writing units will be inspired by our guided reading novel, Clockwork, giving the children a chance to sharpen their narrative and descriptive skills.

We will then move on to poetry, studying The Highwayman to explore its powerful imagery and rhythm. Alongside this, we'll be learning persuasive writing techniques to help the children craft compelling and convincing texts. Later, we'll bring poetry to life through performance, encouraging expression and creativity.

Reading remains a key focus throughout the busy summer term. Daily reading exposes children to rich, challenging vocabulary, and in class, we highlight a 'word of the week' to expand their language bank—feel free to ask your child about it! To support their progress, pupils should continue practising the essential Year 5/6 spellings, building a solid foundation for their learning journey ahead.

