Dates for your diary

Wednesday 2nd September—*School opens*

Monday 7th September— *Closing date for registration and application forms for LRGS entry*

Noon on Wednesday 9th September— *Closing date for registration and application forms for LGGS entry.*

Meet and greet the class teacher—time tbc

Tuesday 22rd September 5pm: *Borwick Hall meeting for parents in Oak Class*

Saturday 26th September—*LGGS/LRGS Entrance Exam*

Tuesday 6th October—Friday 9th October—Borwick Hall residential visit

Tuesday 6th October— LRGS *results*

Saturday 17th October—LGGS *results*

Friday 23rd October—*School Closes for Half Term at 3:15pm*

Saturday 31st October— LA Common Application Form for Secondary Schools deadline

Monday 2nd November—*School re-opens*

Friday 18th December—school closes

W/B Monday 10th May—*SATs week—please do not book any holidays during this week or in the run up to the assessments.*

Important Information

- The school day will begin at 8:45am, children can walk up the school driveway and enter the class through the fire door. The side gate is opened at 8:35am. Please do not allow your child to come to school any earlier as they will be placed in Breakfast Club. Learning will begin immediately, so please ensure that your child is on time everyday.
- The school day will finish at 3:15pm.
- Mrs Meikel and Mrs Wood are the Class Teaching Assistants.
- **Please ensure that all items of school uniform and P.E. kit are clearly named** to avoid things getting lost and it cuts down on wasted time searching for lost clothing. Please ensure that the children have the required P.E. kit in school at all times as PE times are subject to change.
- Please ensure your child has a named water bottle with them every day so that they remain hydrated.
- Please do not buy special clothing for Borwick Hall, the centre will provide all equipment necessary including wellingtons. The children need old clothes that can get very muddy and possibly torn.

If you want to discuss anything with me then please see me at the school gate at 3:15pm.
If that is not convenient then please telephone the school to make an appointment or email the office.

Year 6
Oak Class
Mrs Poole
Miss Thompson

Ellel St. John's CofE Primary School

2026-2027

Welcome to Oak Class!

This is your final year in primary school! I promise that it will be the best year you've ever had but it will also be the quickest as time absolutely flies past. Our time together is full of many extra curricular activities such as our: coffee afternoon, Borwick Hall residential, Young Voices, Bikeability plus our visits to local sites of interest. Make sure to enjoy every moment and savour all those lasts!

Year 6 is all about preparing for the future. We will encourage your child to develop their independence skills. Being independent and not relying on parents to get kit ready or bring kit to school will help them to make a successful transition to secondary school. By working together we can help make this a successful year!

Things to remember:

Tuesday & Friday - P.E. Kits required While the children are in Forest School they will have one PE lesson per week on a Friday. Otherwise PE will be on a Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure that P.E. kits are in school all week as slots are subject to change. As the weather gets colder, your child may wish to wear joggers or leggings and a separate long sleeved top (not their school jumper).

Homework—Maths and English/topic homework will be sent home on a Friday and should be returned by the following Friday. Your child will have spellings and times tables to learn and will be tested on a Thursdays. If your child does not complete their homework they will be required to stay in at break-times until it is completed. Your child should also read to an adult at least three times a week. Please record their reading in their planner. Planners will be checked weekly to ensure that reading is happening.

Creative Curriculum

Topic - A ship called Hope —Topic Web to follow

We continue to embrace a Creative Curriculum and will teach History, Geography, Art, Design & Technology, Computing, Music and P.S.H.E. as much as possible through the topic.

Science - Light and how we see

R.E. - Life as a journey

P.E. - Outdoor Adventurous Activities

This is in addition to **Maths** and **English** which will be linked to topic work wherever possible/appropriate.

Forest School—Tuesday 8th September, Tuesday 15th September and Tuesday 22nd September

Mrs Poole will teach Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon.

Mrs Padfield will teach on a Thursday while Mrs Poole has her SENCO time.

Mr Walsh will teach on a Friday morning while Mrs Poole has her PPA time.

Miss Thompson will return from maternity leave later on in the school year.

Reading Books

Reading is a vital life skill and should take precedence over any other homework set. Being a fluent reader enables your child to access the curriculum independently. The older your child becomes the more of the curriculum that is accessed through reading ,especially when in Year 7 and above. Your child should be reading every day at home and to an adult at least three times a week, this is recorded in their planner. Please encourage 'Book Talk'. I am happy to provide a list of questions and tips, please let me know. The children should have their reading book with them in school every day as they have periods of reading time each day.

Spellings

Each week the children will be given a list of spellings to learn , these are taken from the Statutory word list which the children are tested on in their SATs and from spellings covered in lessons. They will be tested on these on a Friday. The children should practice their spellings every day using the 'Look, Cover, Write, Check' strategy. After each weekly test, they will be given a new list of words to learn for the following week.

Times Tables

Each week the children will be assigned a times table to learn, depending on their needs and ability. This test will also take place on a Friday and the times tables will not be tested in order. They will therefore need to learn the full table up to 12X in random order and the corresponding division facts. A score of less than 30 will result in them remaining on the same times table for the following week.

By the end of Year 6 your child should:

- Be walking home by themselves or to an agreed pick-up point.
- Be packing their own school bag each day with the equipment that they need eg PE kit, homework etc. Not calling home for missing items.
- Be responsible for their own equipment, taking care with their stationary.
- Completing their homework with no excuses.
- Speak to adults if need some support or an issue resolving.
- Be resilient when suffering a setback