



'Ellow 'Ellow

This week at Ellowes Hall

THEME OF NEXT WEEK: Diversity in the UK and Anti-Slavery Day
HERO: Sir Lenny Henry **SONG OF NEXT WEEK:** Survivor
By Destiny's Child **CAREER OF THE WEEK:** Audiologist



Headteacher's Introduction

As we approach the final two weeks of term, many departments will be completing assessments and tests to measure students' progress and identify any areas where further support may be needed. Attendance this year has been significantly stronger than last year, and I would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support. However, these final weeks are particularly important, and I would encourage all students to attend school every day wherever possible. Regular attendance ensures that teachers can accurately assess progress and provide the best possible support to help every student achieve their potential. Every day in school truly matters.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the vast majority of students who arrive punctually to school and lessons each day. Good punctuality helps students settle quickly, maximise learning time and develop positive habits for the future. For the small number of students who continue to experience difficulties with punctuality, we encourage parents and carers to contact us if there are any barriers we can help to overcome. We are always keen to work in partnership with families to provide support where needed.

Our Year 11 students continue to demonstrate

excellent commitment to their studies through their engagement with the wide range of intervention sessions on offer. I am particularly impressed by the resilience, determination and maturity they are showing as they take responsibility for their learning and prepare for their mock examinations.

Meanwhile, students in the Bungello are continuing their collection of non-perishable food items for the Black Country Foodbank. We are extremely grateful for the generosity already shown by our school community and would warmly welcome any further donations, which can be delivered to Reception.

A reminder that our annual Halloween Disco will take place on Thursday 22nd October. Places at the event are available now via ParentPay, and I would encourage families not to leave bookings until the last minute as numbers in the Main Hall are limited.

As always, there will be plenty of fun activities, including apple bobbing, mummy racing and face painting, alongside a variety of refreshments and treats available to purchase. We would also be very grateful to receive donations of apples from families who have apple trees in their gardens to support our popular apple bobbing competition.

Thank you for your continued support of our school. We look forward to celebrating many more successes, achievements and memorable moments with our students during the remainder of the term.



4494
Positives
This Week



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Year 7: Summer J. **Year 8:** Noah S.

Year 9: Caiden F, Scott F, Ava T.

Year 10: Evelyn MK, Izabel S. **Year 11:** Braden P.

If your child is a Student of the Week but we have not included their picture, it means we do not have the necessary consent from you. Please contact us if you would like us to be able to use your child's picture!

Tuesday 13th Oct (Week A)

Black History Month Panel

Wednesday 14th Oct (Week A)

Year 11 Drama Trip to Nottingham

Thursday 15th Oct (Week A)

Harry Potter Warner Bros Studio London Trip

Tutor Groups with the Best Attendance

YEAR 7	7ASA – Miss Sabadas	98.4%
YEAR 8	8OM – Mrs McEvoy	98.89%
YEAR 9	9NM – Miss Munroe	99.31%
YEAR 10	10SRI – Miss Rigby	97.35%
YEAR 11	11RJ – Mr Jackson	97.62%

ABSENT PLEASE RING 01384 686600 Option 1

Attendance



Belonging

- 1 day = 2 sessions (AM/PM)
- There are 365 days in a year, and children should attend 190 days – every day school is open
- Being late (after the registers have closed) counts as an absence

What is Excellent Attendance?

97% and above	95% to 97%	Less than 95%	Less than 90%	Less than 50%
Excellent	Good	Concerning	Persistent Absence/Critical	Severely Absent/Critical
No more than 6 days/12 sessions absent in a year	No more than 10 days/20 sessions absent in a year	More than 10 days/20 sessions absent in a year	19 days/38 sessions or more absent from school in a year	95 days/190 sessions or more absent in a year



Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments.

Lost Learning

If you are absent 1 or 2 days a week this impact is.....

If you miss	That equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of school, that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years!

If you are late 10 minutes per day...

Only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of school, that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Near 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year
20 minutes per day	1 ½ hours per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years!

FANTASTIC START!

Our students are making a brilliant start to the new academic year!

Be here
Be you
Belong

Every day counts!



ACHIEVE

Good attendance helps you reach your academic potential.



BELONG

Being in school helps you build positive relationships and feel part of our school community.



SUCCEED

Every day in school helps you develop the routines and habits that will support you now and in the future.



Same students
Brighter futures 😊

FRIDAY ATTENDANCE DRAW!

WIN PRIZES!

100% Attendance Prize Winners

Last Week's Winners

Year 7

Oliver S and Taraleigh T

Year 8

Isabella Q and Grace C

Year 9

Oliver E and Danny S

Year 10

Amelie R and Tyler G

Year 11

MaxM and William H



HOUSE POINT TOTALS



KINVER

6297
points



HIMLEY

6287
points



CLENT

6108
points



ENVILLE

5706
points





Y10 are studying portraits.
This portrait of a friend is by
Olivia Greenaway and done
in charcoal.



Halloween Disco
Thurs 22nd Oct
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Fancy Dress & Pumpkin Carving Competition

**Bring your ready-carved pumpkin to enter the competition
and win a prize*

**Tickets are £2 and can be purchased
via ParentPay from Monday 5th Oct**



Stalls include Face Painting,
Mummy Race, Apple Bobbing.
On sale: Glow Sticks, Sweets,
Chocolate, Crisps and Pop
(NO HOT FOOD)

HOUSE POINT LEADERS OF THE WEEK



HIMLEY

Myla
Cowlshaw



ENVILLE

Maddison Sharp
Hayden Ashore



CLENT

Josh Brooks
Isla Griffiths



KINVER

George Coulter
Libby Palmer
Isabella Quick





**HIT THE BULLSEYE.
BEAT THE BELL!**



**ARRIVE.
AIM. WIN!**



Friday's Darts Winners

HIT THE BULLSEYE!

EVERY FRIDAY, ANY STUDENT WHO ARRIVES AT SCHOOL BETWEEN **8:00AM AND 8:35AM** WILL GET **ONE DART** AND **ONE SHOT** AT THE **BULLSEYE CHALLENGE**.

HOW IT WORKS:



ARRIVE BETWEEN **8:00AM AND 8:35AM** ON FRIDAY



TAKE **ONE DART**



AIM FOR THE **BULLSEYE**



BE ONE OF THE **FIRST FIVE BULLSEYES** AND WIN!

Congratulations to...

Harry G of Y7

and

Isabelle B of Y8

Nobody got the Bullseye but six students scored 25 with it in the outer bull and the above were drawn at random – well done to all.

FRIDAYS ONLY



8:00AM – 8:35AM



**ATTEND ON FRIDAYS
BE PART OF THE ACTION!**



**BE ON TIME
MAKE EVERY MINUTE COUNT!**



**HIT THE TARGET
WIN GREAT PRIZES!**

EVERY DAY COUNTS. EVERY FRIDAY GIVES YOU A SHOT!



Students in the Bungello have been exploring the fascinating world of the Romans in History. So far, they have learned about Roman gods and discovered what life was like for a Roman soldier going to war.



The students have also designed and made their own Roman shields (scuta) and worked together to form a *testudo*, the famous protective formation used to defend against enemy attacks. Next, they will be investigating why the Romans invaded Britain and how Boudicca courageously led a rebellion against the Roman Empire.





Rehearsals this week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch – 1.45-2.05	Lunch – 1.45-2.05		Lunch – 1.45-2.05	Lunch – 1.45-2.05
All cast – X1	Danny – X1		Rizzo - X1	Sandy – X1
Scene 5 - x4				
			After School – 3.15-4.30	After School – 3.15-4.15
			Full cast - Hall	Scene 6 – X4



FREE breakfast
for every student,
every day!

Enrichment Activities – Autumn Term 2026 (Sept-Oct)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	Breakfast in the Diner 8.00 – 8.40am				
	Question of the Day in Reception Area for House Points – Contribute each morning				
11:15		Break Time Thrive Grace Foundation Ethos 1 (ES)	Break Time Drop in Grace Foundation Ethos 1 (ES)	Break Time Drop in Grace Foundation Ethos 1 (ES)	
Lunch Time Clubs & Activities	The Library open to all every lunch time				
	Y7 Football in PE (Astros)	Y11 Football in PE (Astros)	Y10 Football in PE (Astros)	Y8 Football in PE (Astros)	Y9 Football in PE (Astros)
	Choir in X1 (WJ)	GCSE Drama Open Space in X4 (EH)	Drama Performance Club in X4 (EH)	Beginners Guitar in X1 (WJ)	Art Club in D2 (HH)
	Production Rehearsal in X4 (EH)	Christian Union / Drop in Grace Foundation Ethos 2 (ES)	Drop in Grace Foundation (ES)	Equality Ambassadors & Space in E3 (BH)	Y8/9 Dance Club in X3 (EH) PE Kit Needed
	Boys Boost in Ethos Room 1 (Invitation from VR)	Year 7 Dance Club in X3 (RG PE Kit)	Keyboard Club in X1 (WJ)	Scriptwriting Club in X4 (EH)	Orchestra in X1 (WJ)
After School Clubs Activities		Enough - invite only (MS) In Safeguarding Office	Poetry Drop in Club in E2 (PBJ)	Y7 Drop in Grace Foundation (ES)	Working Fridays (Careers and Health Ambassadors) in V6 (ATP)
		Textiles Club in D7 (TJO)	TCG Club in M2 (RJ/SAA)	The Lunch Bunch in the Safeguarding Office (MST & VR)	
		Producers Club (WJE X4)	Psychology Club in E8 Week B (SR)	Digital Ambassadors in V3 (OM) KS3 programming club in V3 (DJ)	
		Warhammer Club in D5 (MP)	FOYNE		
	BTEC Sport Intervention (JEV/LM/RGR)	STEM Go Kart Club D7 (TJO)	Lego Club 15:15 – 16:15 – Ethos Room 1 (VR)	Football Boys and Girls Y7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (JEV, LM, RGR, SM, JW)	Advanced Guitar Club 15:15 – 16:00 in X1
	Musical Theatre Club (PE Kit required) – 15:15 – 16:15pm (EH X4)	Netball Y7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (JW)	GCSE Drama Intervention/Rehearsal in X4 (EH)	Eco Ambassadors 15:15 – 16:15 in D4 (JMI)	Production Dance Rehearsals in X4 (EH) PE Kit Needed
	Production Rehearsal (WJE X1)	Rugby Y7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (JEV)		Games Club (All Years) 15:15 – 16:15 in Ethos 1 (ES)	
	Science Club Y7 – 8 in S8 (CB)	Production Dance Rehearsal in X3 (EH)		Production Rehearsal in X1 (WJ & EH)	
	Parallel Club in M10 (AR)			Production Dance Rehearsal in X3 (RG)	

HOMework SUPPORT

Ask
Learn
Achieve
Succeed
😊

You
Can
Do
This!

Need help completing your homework?

Small
Steps
Big
Progress



COMPUTER ROOM SUPPORT

V7 is open every
Tuesday and Thursday
from 8:00am
with Mr Bates



LUNCHTIME SUPPORT

V7 is open
Thursday lunch times



LAPTOPS AVAILABLE

Laptops are available
from Mrs Jones in the Library
every lunch time
(other than Thursday).



TUESDAY FORM TIME INTERVENTION

(Invite Only)



Get
Organised



Get
Support



Complete
Your Homework



Achieve
Your Best



We are here to help
★ you succeed! ✨

No student should struggle alone with homework.



Sparx

Parent/Carer Guide

How to log into Sparx to complete homework from home

Weekly homework will be set on the following days and then due on the same day the following week.

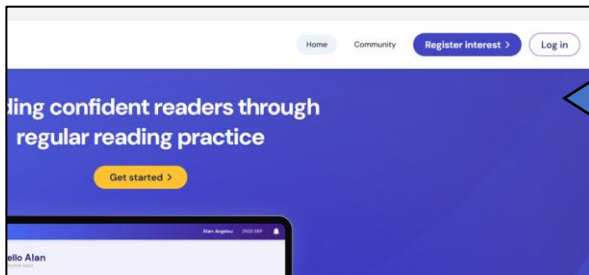
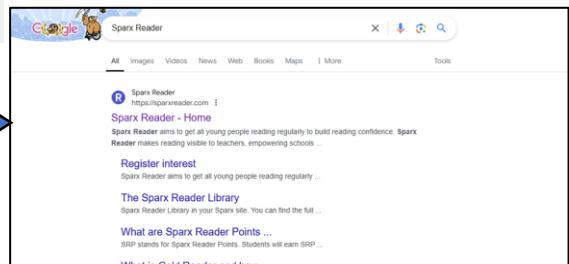
- Monday: Sparx Science
- Wednesday: Sparx Maths
- Thursday: Sparx Reader

Students can log into Sparx through either [the link on their Arbor page](#) or through a search engine such as Google.

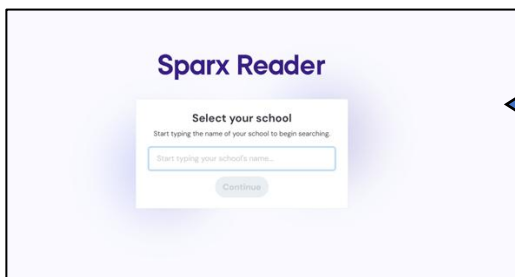


Subject	Homework set	Homework due in	Detention Night
Maths	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday
English	Thursday	Thursday	Friday
Science	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday

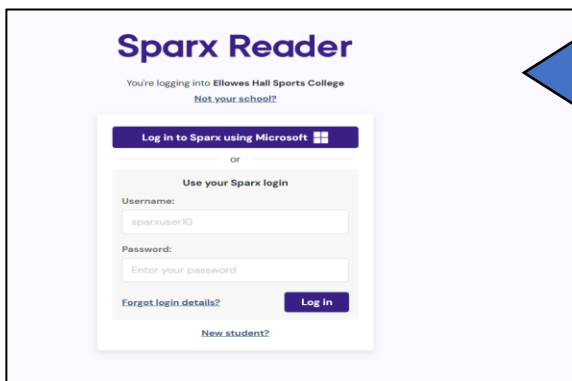
If accessing via Google, students will need to type Sparx Science/ Sparx Maths/ Sparx Reader into Google and select the first search result that appears.



Once they have clicked on either the link on Arbor or the search result on Google they need to click the white log in icon in the top right corner and then select student log in.



They will then be asked to select their school, which will appear as they start typing in Ellowes Hall Sports College



They can then click the purple box that says 'log in to Sparx using Microsoft' and then use their school email and password to log in. Their password is the same password that they use to log into any computer in school.

Any homework students have been set will appear. Students can continue to read on Sparx Reader even after their homework has been completed, and we would encourage them to, especially if they are really enjoying the book they have chosen.

Carousel Homework for Geography and History

- One quiz per week per subject.
- Set and due Thursdays. Monday night detentions.
- Link set by Miss McCormack and Miss Perry to your email. Click this and login with your Microsoft email.
- You have to revise before you can take the quiz (say the answer to each flashcard aloud and then click 'show answer' to test yourself. Self-mark and then move on).
- Take the quiz and self-mark your answers. Be honest as your teacher can see!

Y7 GEOGRAPHY WEEK 1

QUIZ BY MISS PERRY
CLASS: YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY

REVISE

TAKE QUIZ

Your teacher has locked the quiz.
You must complete the flashcards
before you can take this quiz.
Click REVISE to get started.



9 COMING UP!

Define 'political geography'

SHOW ANSWER

I GOT THIS...

WRONG

NEARLY
RIGHT

RIGHT

HOMework

**ELLOWS HALL
KEY STAGE 3**

LOVE TO LEARN HOMEWORK BOOKLET

This booklet contains a range of tasks from each of your non-core subjects. You will need to use this as part of your homework. Please show your teacher on completion of a task for rewards.

Check in weeks 2025-2026
Autumn term : w/c **8th December**
Spring term: w/c **16th March**
Summer term: w/c **22nd June**

PE LOVE TO LEARN CHECK LIST

How many of these tasks have you completed? (0-10)

1. Complete a 20-minute workout	
2. Successfully complete 10 lunges	
3. Complete a 5-minute bodyweight circuit	
4. Attend a PE class for one half-term	
5. Demonstrate a 10-second sit-up	
6. Attend a PE day this academic year	
7. Complete a 10-minute sprint	
8. Watch any sports matches in the school	

BONUS CHALLENGE:
Watch a video on the importance of physical activity

DRAMA LOVE TO LEARN CHALLENGES

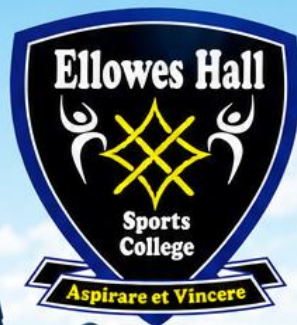
Staff Signature & Date

Create a Poster of the Physical Skills and their definitions	
Design a costume for a new action movie	
Attend a Drama Club for a half-term	
Get involved in a Performing Arts showcase (afternoon or Saturday)	
Keep your own knowledge of Drama (Challenge yourself to 10 questions)	
Design a new set for your favourite TV show or film	
Design a challenge for your friends	
Watch a general interest film and put a photo of a scene from it in your notebook	

KS3 Students (Years 7-9) have also been issued with Love to Learn Homework tasks. These will be checked at 3 checkpoints throughout the year, with effort scores shared with home. Prizes will be awarded for excellent participation!

CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

WM AREA SELECTION



Saturday 17th October



Himley Hall

There will be a cross country event, for the WM area, to select a team to then go on and represent West Midlands in the **Dave Sunderland Intercounties**.



**WE ARE LOOKING FOR
PUPILS FROM ELLOWES HALL SPORTS COLLEGE**

We are looking for pupils to make up a Dudley schools team. If you have pupils who would like to take part then please let us know their:



Name



M/F



Year group



by Friday 9th October.

Regards

Mr J Evans

Head of PE

✉ jevans4@ellowes.dudley.sch.uk



NHS FIT FOR THE FUTURE



DATE

16th
OCTOBER
2026



TIME

10:00 am to
12:00 pm



VENUE

Yemeni Centre Greets
Green Access Centre,
Tildesley Street, West
Bromwich, B70 9SJ



AUDIENCE

- Deaf
- Deafened/Hard of Hearing
- Adults - CODA
- NRCPD Registered BSL interpreter



WHAT WILL BE COVERED?

- ✓ GP services
- ✓ NHS App or GP online service
- ✓ Hospital Outpatients
- ✓ NHS Care in the home (Nurses or carers)
- ✓ Maternity Care
- ✓ Find Health information in BSL



BSL



SPEECH TO
TEXT OPTIONS

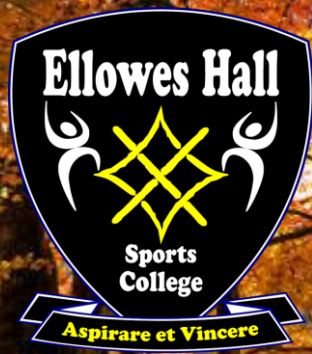
HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF NHS SERVICES

If you are interested, book first with email or text below:

07791 921010 or 07791 921011

gail_worsey@sdca.co.uk

craig_pothecary@sdca.co.uk



Key Dates Autumn Term 2026

Date	Event
Monday 28 th Sept – Thursday 1 st Oct	09:15 – 10:00: Open Mornings
Friday 2 nd October	Year 7 SEND Parent/Carer Coffee Morning
Wednesday 7 th October	Whole School Flu Vaccine
Thursday 15 th October	Harry Potter Warner Bros Studio London Trip
Thursday 22 nd October	18.00-20.00: Halloween Spooktacular Disco
Friday 23 rd October	Year 8/9 SEND Parent/Carer Coffee Morning
Thursday 5 th November	Staffordshire Army Recruitment Trip
Friday 6 th November	Year 10/11 SEND Parent/Carer Coffee Morning
Thursday 12 th November	15:30 – 18:30: Year 7 Parent Consultation Meeting
Monday 16 th November	Loughborough University Visit
Monday 16 th – Thursday 26 th November	Year 11 Mock Examinations
Wednesday 18 th – Friday 20 th November	Year 7 Whitemoor Lakes Trip
Thursday 26 th November	Awards Evening
Friday 27 th November	School closed to students: National College Teacher Training
Thursday 3 rd December	Catch-Up Flu Vaccines
Friday 4 th December	Reading Ambassadors Book Shop Trip
Thursday 10 th December	16.00-18.00: Christmas Market
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 11 th – Thursday 17 th December	Year 10 Mock Examinations
Tuesday 15 th December	Community Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 16 th December	18.00-19.30: PA Christmas Concert
Friday 18 th December	End of Term (School Pantomime): 12pm finish
Tuesday 5 th January	Start of Spring Term
Friday 8 th January	Year 11 SEND Parent/Carer Coffee Morning
Wednesday 13 th January	15:30 – 18:30: Year 11 Parent Consultation Meeting
Monday 18 th January	Year 9 Aspirations Visit to King Edwards' College