



Dear Parents/Carers

We are nearly half way through our last half term. We have transitions to new schools taking place, sports day and the Summer fayre.

Please look at the diary dates for June and July as we wouldn't want you to miss anything. All the diary dates are on the school calendar on the website, it is possible to link your calendar to this so you know what is coming up. Follow the link and use the 'subscribe' button <https://www.elinginfant.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=143&viewid=2>

Sports day

Sadly, Sports day has to be cancelled and rescheduled. The new date is Wednesday 8th July.

Year R and Nursery at 9.30-10.30am and Year 1 and 2 10.45am-11.45am

The garage will be open for toilets. We look forward to seeing you there.

PTA Summer fayre

On 26th June we will be having our annual Summer Fayre between 3pm and 4.30pm. If you think you are able to help then please contact the school office who can pass your details on to the school PTA.

Remember the non uniform day on Monday 22nd June in return for a bottle for the fair.

We look forward to you joining us for the fun!

Wraparound care – Penguins

You will have received an email requesting you to complete the registration form for 2026-2027.

Please ensure you do this regardless of whether you already use Penguins as it needs renewing each year and will save you time if you need to use it.

Changes to the school structure from September 2026- Swordfish class

Due to the varying numbers of children coming to Eling year on year we have to be flexible with our classing structure. Next year we are pleased to say due to increasing numbers we will be opening a new year 1 and 2 mixed class called **Swordfish**. The school will go back to the previous model of Orange and Purple Starfish for the Year R children. Seals and Seahorse class will remain mixed Year 1 and 2.

Please be assured we know all the children well and have skilled staff who comfortably work across the school and the key stages. Your child will be placed in a class that suits their learning and friendship needs.

Arbor

Please could you take some time to check that your Arbor contact details are correct and that no changes are needed, in readiness for the new school year. Many thanks

Nursery

We have spaces in our Outstanding school Nursery from September 2026 for children aged 2-4 years.

If you would like your child or know someone who would like their child to come to Eling, then please contact the school office on 02380862267 for a tour.

Changes to eligibility check for Free School Meals

You may be aware that from September 2026 the government has expanded the criteria for entitlement for free school meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits or support. You could also raise additional pupil premium funding for your child's school to fund support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

Whilst currently all children in infant school receive a free meal, if you are eligible, dependent on your circumstance, you may continue to be eligible once your child moves on to junior school.

If you are in receipt of Universal Credits or certain other benefits you may also be eligible to claim back up to 80% of your fees for wrap around care (Penguins breakfast and afterschool club, Art club etc).

The information collected in this form will allow the Local Education Authority to make an assessment of eligibility. [Free School Meal Eligibility – Fill out form](#)

Many thanks for your continued support. Trina Sillence