

ELLO ELLO **SPORT**

HOUSES BATTLE IT OUT FOR FIRST PLACE ON THE PODIUM



PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY BARRAT W

Freddie F participated in the long jump, although he was nervous and didn't think he would win, in the 'long' run, he made it on the podium. Freddie came in second! On his first go with a 2.20 metres and on his second a whopping 2.98 metres! Despite his challenge of a minor injury in his foot, he pulled through and placed himself on the podium as a proud representative of Himley.

As for preparation, several other students like Libby S didn't practice for her competition in discus and javelin! Just to show their raw talents in their performance. Preparation was not a favourite for these incredible students.

However, speaking of favourites, several students like Elenco F said that their favourite moment was during their competitions! Due to the adrenaline of being watched or the rush and sensation of being on the podium. Elenco participated in the triple jump, 'jumping' his way to number one!

Clearly participating in events like these, joining in amazing opportunities like these really highlights it's beneficial factors. With it's development in teamwork skills, earning rewards and a chance to show who you really are! (Hopefully without bandages).

Sports day is packed full of surprises and team building exercises like no other. To some students it means a nice refreshing break from school work, to others it improves health and brings people together as a whole, impacting the school community and it's everlasting spirit.

In conclusion, sports day must be cherished, for it is a tradition to be celebrated with all. This has been revealed by the interviews that the school community is never better without sports day!

Sofia-Grace A

JULY 4, 2025

Sports day is an annual event that raises school spirits around the world. It's a great opportunity for friendships to form, building resilience, working as a team and super beneficial to your physical and mental health! It's a total impact on your school community, bringing everyone together to have friendly competitive games. I have interviewed 3 lucky participants and their journey of this collaborative event, and perhaps this will even inspire you to join!

***"OUR SPORTS
DAY WINNERS
OF 2025 ARE
KINVER
HOUSE!"***

THANK YOU TO ALL THE COMPETITORS THAT PROUDLY REPRESENTED THEIR HOUSE IN ANY EVENTS AND TO OUR NON-COMPETING STUDENTS WHO CHEERED THEM ON TO VICTORY!



FRIDAY 11 JULY 2025



'Ellow 'Ellow

This week at Ellowes Hall



THEME OF NEXT WEEK: End of Academic Year Rewards Celebrating 2024-2025
ELLOWES HALL OF FAME FOCUS: Bon Jovi *It's My Life* | Leah Williamson



Headteacher's Introduction

Our Sports Day, which took place off-site for the very first time at a local athletics stadium, was last week's standout moment. This proved to be a resounding success, giving our students the unique opportunity to compete in a professional setting and experience the facilities many elite athletes train in. The atmosphere on the day was electric—whether it was sprinting on the track, cheering from the stands, or trying a field event for the first time, our students displayed incredible energy, teamwork, and sportsmanship. More than just a day of competition, it was a chance to open students' eyes to the wider world of sport and physical activity, highlighting the many extra-curricular pathways available to support their physical and mental well-being into adulthood. A huge thank you to all staff involved in organising the day, and to the students whose effort and enthusiasm made it so memorable.

Elsewhere, our Year 10 students have been out on work experience, gaining first-hand insight into a wide range of career sectors. The feedback from employers has been overwhelmingly positive, with

many praising the professionalism, curiosity, and maturity of our students. A special mention must go to **Caelan D**, whose exceptional attitude and work ethic during his placement so impressed his employer that he was offered an apprenticeship on the spot. Caelan is a fantastic example of what can happen when opportunity meets commitment and character—well done!

This week has also seen us mark key moments of transition for our students through our Year 9 into 10, and Year 10 into 11 graduation ceremonies. These events provide a chance to pause and celebrate each student's journey so far while looking ahead to the next stage with pride and ambition. Watching students walk across the stage, receive their certificates, and reflect on their progress serves as a powerful reminder of how much they have grown—both academically and personally—since the start of the year.

We have some important final opportunities to reflect on this year next week, which I look forward to and hope students do too.

2,215 Positives This Week

STUDENT
OF THE **WEEK**

Year 7: Tatenda M
Year 8: Leah B
Year 9: Aaron H
Year 10: Jacob-Byron C



Monday 14 July
Tuesday 15 July
Wednesday 16 July
Thursday 17 July
13.30 – 15.00: Ellowes Party & Picnic in the Park. The School Canteen will be closed to all students. Packed lunches to be bought to be enjoyed outside. FSM will still be provided.
Friday 18 July
12.00: Term Ends For All Students

Tutor Groups with the Best Attendance This Week...

YEAR 7	7DBA – Mr Barker	97.4%
YEAR 8	8FS – Ms F Scott	96.5%
YEAR 9	9EP – Ms Perry	94.4%
YEAR 10	10RM – Mrs Ming	94.4



The following students made their groups the best in each year group for Sparx completion all year...

YEAR 7	7DBA
YEAR 8	8JOP
YEAR 9	9EP
YEAR 10	10AR & 10RM

SUMMER

SPORTS CAMP

ALL STUDENTS WELCOME!
FIRST 2 WEEKS:
MONDAY TO THURSDAY
10:00 TILL 14:00

REMEET IN THE SPORTS HALL
 AND LET THE FUN COMMENCE!

RIPS TO DUDLEY ZOO, BOWLING AND PAIRS FOR FOOTBALL BOOTS TO BE WON!

Please help us to help you...!

Please be reminded that Absence Text Messages are sent out to parents/carers who have not notified us of a child's absence before 09.15. Kindly contact us before 09.15 on days of absence.



Year 9 and 10 Graduations, July 2025

For the second year running, we held a special morning of celebrations to mark Key Stage 4 transitions – with a Graduation held for students in Year 9 on their move into GCSE, and for Year 10 as they embark on an all-important final critical year!



In March 2026, we will celebrate the school's 60th anniversary, which we are determined to make a special community-focussed celebration of our key values and legacy. We would like as many former students/staff/anyone connected to our community over the last 60 years to be involved. [Please complete this form join to our 60th Anniversary Database](#), and share the link with any friends or family who may also want to be involved!

FAMILY FUN DAY

Join us @ Ellowes Hall for a **FREE** event!
Limited tickets - booking essential!

- Tuesday 22 July 2025
- Arrive between 9.30- 9:50 AM - 1:00 PM
- Ellowes Hall Sports College, DY3 2JH

- ✓ Bouncy Castles
- ✓ Craft & Games
- ✓ Story & Picnic

BOOK NOW

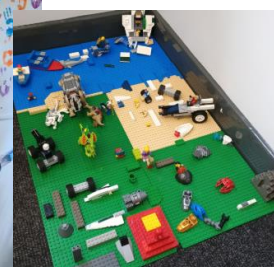


For more info contact:
Mrs Rose 01384 686600







From Mrs
Rose in the
Grace
Foundation...

Last week marked the thrilling conclusion of the LEGO competitions at Grace Foundation's after-school club—and what a showdown it was! With creativity at its peak and teamwork on full display, the competition was fierce. After careful judging by Miss Davies, this Year 7 duo rose to victory with an impressive build that wowed everyone! Huge congratulations to our winning team—your innovation and effort truly stood out! We can't wait to see what brilliant creations next year will bring. Let the countdown to next season begin!



Enrichment Activities – March 2025 Spring Term



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Breakfast in the Diner 8.00–8.40am				
	Bright Sparx Club 08:00–08:30 in V7 (Not Friday)				
Lunch Time Clubs & Activities	School Production every lunchtime (rehearsal of selected scenes, see the production rehearsal schedule)				
	Y7 Football & Y11 Badminton in PE	Y11 Football & Y10 Badminton in PE	Y10 Football & Y9 Badminton in PE	Y8 Football & Y7 Badminton in PE	Y9 Football & Y8 Badminton in PE
	Keyboard Club in X1 (WJ)	Chess in S2 (DH)	Warhammer Club in D7 (CNS) KS3 Art Club in D2 (HHA)	Beginners Guitar in X1 (WJ) Dance in X3 (RG)	Choir in X1 (WJ) Dance in X3 (RG)
	Sparx in V7 (DH)	Thrive In Grace Foundation (ES)	Digital Ambassadors in V3 (OM) KS3 programming club in V3 (DJ)	Sparx in V5 (AT)	Sparx in V7 (AT)
	Enough - invite only (VR/MS) In Grace Foundation	History Film Club in D5 (JHo)	Working Wednesdays (Careers and Health Ambassadors) in V6 (ATP/SR)	Warhammer Club in D7 (CNS)	Sparx in V7 (AT)
	Attenborough Club in S3 (CKI)		Drop in Grace Foundation (ES)	Equality Ambassadors & Space in E3 (BH)	
After School Clubs & Activities	School Production (rehearsal of selected scenes, see the production rehearsal schedule) 15:15 – 16:30 every day..				
	Tennis (invite only) 15:15 – 16:15 (JE)	Year 7 Science Club 15:15 – 16:00 In S5	Lego Club 15:15 – 16:00 – Grace Foundation Rooms (VR)	Baking Club – All Years 15.15 – 16:00	
		Year 8 / 9 STEM Club 15:15 – 16:00 In S6 (RM)	Girls Gymnastics (all years) 15:15 – 16:15 in Sports Hall	Eco Ambassadors 15:15 – 16:15 in D4 (JMI)	
		Parallel Club 15:15 – 15:45 in M10 (AR)	Y7 – 10 Martial Arts 15:15 – 16:15 (In Power Academy Coaches)	Guitar Club 15:15 – 16:00 in X1	
		KS3 DT Club 15:15 – 16:15 in D8 (DB) Warhammer Club 15:15 – 16:15 in D7		Y7 – 10 Touch Rugby 15:15 – 16:15 (JEV)	
		Y7 – 10 Girls Netball 15:15 – 16:15 (JOP)		Y7 – 10 Girls Football 15:15 – 16:15 (JW, RGR)	
		Y7 – 10 Boys Football 15:15 – 16:15 (JEV, RGR, LM, IS)		Y7 – 10 Basketball 15:15 – 16:15 (IS)	

CAMBODIA

2027

EXCITING
OPPORTUNITY

We are excited to offer 12 current Year 7 and 8 students, a life-changing opportunity to explore 13 nights in Cambodia in July 2027!

We are partnering with World Challenge to offer this trip. It's an opportunity for learners to challenge themselves, step out of their comfort zone, whilst enjoying all the beauty this country has to offer.

Some of the activities include:

- Trekking through the Kulen Mountains
- Embracing a remote Elephant Conservation Project.
- Immersing in the culture and learn new skills.
- Discovering Angkor Wat

The cost of this trip is £4595. We appreciate that this is a lot of money, which is why we are launching the trip now. *"This is more than a traditional school residential - it is an opportunity to experience a brand new culture for an extended period of time and given the considerable cost involved, signing up also means committing to extensive fundraising over the next two years"*

World Challenge will also share ideas and resources on how a large amount of students have raised the full amount for the trip.

You will be invited along to a 45 minute virtual presentation by World Challenge. This will be held online on Tuesday 10th June @ 6pm to go through the itinerary and answer all your questions.

(The link to this presentation will be emailed to all parents of Y7 and 8 students closer to the date).



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.

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

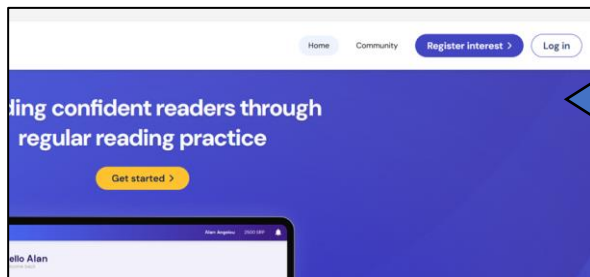
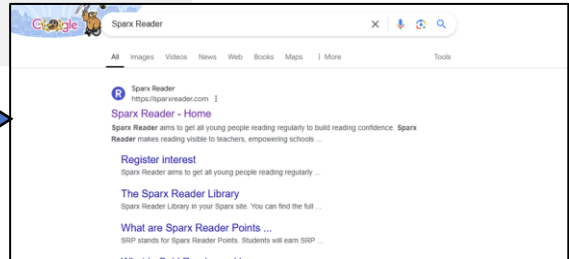
Students can log into Sparx through either [the link on their Arbor page](#) or through a search engine such as Google.

Sparx

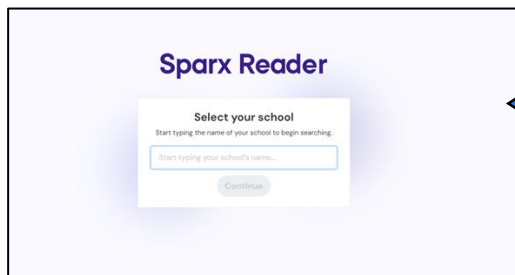
Parent/Carer Guide



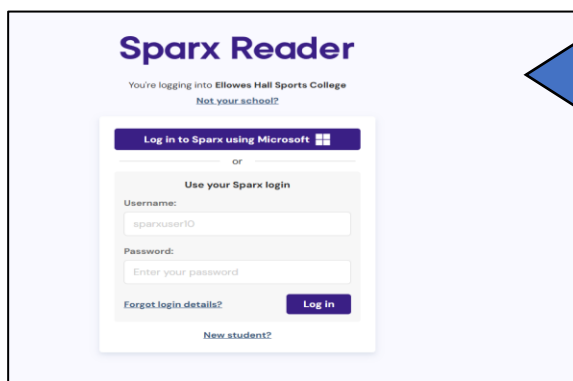
If accessing via Google, students will need to type Sparx Science/ Sparx Maths/ Sparx Reader into Google and select the first search result that appears.



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.



Key Dates Summer Term 2025

Date	Event
Monday 28 – Wednesday 30 April	Year 10 Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
Thursday 1 May	Junior UKMT Challenge
Thursday 1 May, 15.30 – 18.30	Year 9 Parents' & Carers' Meeting
Thursday 1 May	Year 11 Dance Showcase
Friday 2 May	Year 8 HPV Vaccine
Monday 5 May	May Bank Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 7 May, 18.00 – 18.45	Ellowes VE Day80 Memorial Garden Opening Ceremony
Monday 12 May	Year 8 Walk The Length of the UK Challenge
Friday 16 May	Year 10 Triathlon Challenge
Monday 2 – Friday 6 June	Year 7 KS3 Major Milestone Assessment Week
Monday 2 & Tuesday 3 June	Year 10 GCSE History Globe Theatre Visit
Monday 9 – Wednesday 11 June	Year 10 GCSE English Speaking & Listening Exams
Monday 9 June	Year 7 Twycross Zoo Rewards' Visit
Wednesday 11 June	Year 8 HPV Catch-Up Vaccine
Thursday 12 – Friday 20 June	Year 10 Exam Week
Wednesday 18 June	Year 7 Science Big Bang NEC Visit
Thursday 19 June	Year 8 Rewards' Visit
Friday 20 June	Lakeside PE Trip
Friday 20 June, 16.30 – 19.30	10 Years of Invictus Summer Celebration at Kinver High School
Monday 23 – Friday 27 June	New York Visit
Friday 27 June	Year 9 Wolverhampton University SciFest Visit
Monday 30 June – Friday 4 July	Year 10 Work Experience Week
Monday 30 June & Tuesday 1 July	Primary Transition Days
Wednesday 2 July	09.00 – 10.30 Year 11 Graduation Ceremony (in school) 18.00 – 23.00: Year 11 Prom, Grand Station Hotel Wolverhampton
Monday 30 June – Friday 4 July	<i>Frozen</i> School Production
Thursday 3 July – Friday 4 July	KS3 Eden Project Visit
Friday 4 July	Sports' Day at The Dell Stadium, Brierly Hill
Thursday 8 July	Year 10 Rewards' Visit
Thursday 10 July	Year 9 Rewards' Visit
Thursday 10 July, 15.30 – 18.30	Year 10 Parents' & Carers' Meeting
Friday 18 July	Term Finishes At 12pm



Unheard Voices

SEND carers support group


WE ARE A SEND SUPPORT GROUP RUN BY PARENTS TO HELP OTHER PARENTS AND CARERS. THE SUPPORT GROUP WILL BE A SAFE SPACE WHERE YOU CAN COME FOR A CUPPA AND HAVE A TALK, RANT, ASK FOR HELP OR EVEN CRY IF YOU WANT TO. COME ALONG TO OUR FRIENDLY CARERS SUPPORT GROUP.



FRIDAY 10:30 - 12:00
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DUDLEY DY9 3UA

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Summer Wellbeing

The summer heat can affect us all. Some people are more at risk of harm from high temperatures and need to be careful. These include older people, especially those over 75, people who live on their own, those with a pre-existing health condition, babies and young children, and people who spend a lot of time outside or in hot places. Here you can find information, advice, help and support on keeping safe and well in summer.

Stay cool and hydrated

Advice on drinking enough water and keeping your home cool

> [Stay cool and hydrated](#)

Stay sun safe

Advice on how to look after your skin during the summer months

> [Stay sun safe](#)

Heat exhaustion and heatstroke

What are the signs of heat exhaustion and heatstroke and what can you do?

> [Heat exhaustion and heatstroke](#)

Swimming outdoors

If you choose to swim outdoors, always stay safe and never leave children unaccompanied

> [Swimming outdoors](#)

Fire safety

Food safety

Looking after yourself and others

Top tips and resources

Please click here for Summer Wellbeing tips from Dudley MBC

Water Bottles During Warm Weather

During the warmer months, we would appreciate your support in ensuring students bring water bottles to school. We are attempting to reduce the amount of wasted plastic for environmental reasons, and are currently going through an extremely high number of disposable cups. Please support our efforts to ensure your young people are kept hydrated during hot weather by sending them into school with a water bottle.



Ellowes Hall Book Bank



THANK
YOU
SO
MUCH

We have been inundated with donations for our rejuvenated School Library! A huge thank you from Mrs P Jones to so many parents and carers for their generosity.

Thank you so much!

Does your school library need books? You could win £1,000 of National Book Tokens to fill your shelves with new books, plus £300 to improve the library space and encourage reading for pleasure for years to come.

[View in browser](#)



WIN £1,000

FOR YOUR SCHOOL'S LIBRARY

In association with

 Read for Good

Your school needs you! 

Our big schools prize has returned this summer, in association with our longstanding charity partner, Read for Good.

We're offering five schools the chance to win **£1,000 in National Book Tokens** and fill their shelves with new books, as well as **£300 in cash** to create a fun and welcoming library space for all!

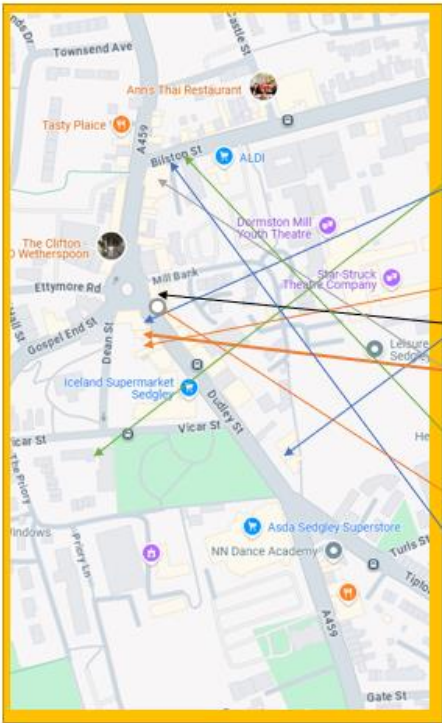
Sedgley's Summer Animal Hunt

Over the six week break starting Friday 18th July are 10 animals on display at 10 locations around Sedgley find them all and collect a sticker, if you take your completed sheet to Sedgley Library you can collect your own laser cut animal design.

Happy Hunting



ELLOWES HALL
SPORTS COLLEGE



Sedgley Library	Mary Stevens Charity Shop
Sandsy's	Head To Tail
Beacon Crafts	Steel Wolf Barbers
Guitar Crazy	Hopes and Dreams
Emma's Humbugs	Butterflies Cards & Gift Shack

Jujutsu Self-Defence Classes

Beginning September 11th 2025

When: Every Thursday at 4.15pm
Where: Ellowes Sports Hall
For who: Years 7-11
How much: £7 per class (first class is free)



- Fully qualified and experienced coaches
- Comprehensive and structured syllabus with guided personal development
- Traditional formal roots to develop discipline and respect
- Builds self defence and resilience
- All the best elements of martial arts combined.



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