



FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER 2025



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This week at Ellowes Hall

THEME OF NEXT WEEK: Remembrance

ELLOWES HALL OF FAME FOCUS: Eileen Nearne / *Here Comes The Sun* by The Beatles

CAREER OF THE WEEK: Mental Health Therapist



Headteacher's Introduction

We have two highlights of the end of this half term every year. One is the opportunity we take to celebrate and showcase the achievements of students in all year groups whose stars have shone especially brightly across their subjects. In assemblies every day this week, we have invited over 100 young people up to the front to collect a certificate and small token of our appreciation for their outstanding efforts during the first eight weeks of this new Academic Year. I am always pleased to see both the students enjoying their moment in the spotlight but, perhaps more importantly, the enthusiasm and support shown to them by their friends and peers.

That we are a community proud of our successes and eager to enjoy being together is always especially evident at our Halloween Disco.

That so many students voluntarily came back to school on Thursday evening, many decked out in the most elaborate and imaginative costumes, is a tribute to their commitment to our community. I thank too all the staff who gave up their time to facilitate this opportunity.

Like all strong communities, Ellowes has been truly enriched by countless individuals, many of whom give daily quiet acts of service to ensure that your young people have the very best experience of school. As we prepare to celebrate our 60th anniversary next year, we this week say farewell to someone who has worked at Ellowes for over half of the school's history. Elaine Ball has worked in our Canteen for 36 years, and we wish her a happy and well-deserved retirement.

I would also like to thank you as parents and carers for all your support over these past 8 weeks. After the break, we will continue our drive on 'no opt-out' in lessons ensuring that students always give their all, and thank you in advance for your support in driving continuing attendance.

WEEK A

Monday 3 November**08.45: All Students Return to School****Year 7 After-School Intervention: Literacy****11 After-School Intervention: English****Tuesday 4 November****Year 11 After-School Intervention: Science****Wednesday 5 November****Thursday 6 November****Year 11 After-School Intervention: H&SC; Design; Food; Art; Music; GCSE Business; BTEC Enterprise****Friday 7 November****11.00am: Whole School Remembrance Event****Flu Vaccine Catch-Ups****6,954 Positives This Week**
46,596 Positives This Half Term

Year 7: Noel G
Year 8: Caiden F
Year 9: Lily G
Year 10: Kitty S
Year 11: Daisy T

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!

Tutor Groups with the Best Attendance This Week...

YEAR 7	7DH – Mr Hamilton	98.1%
YEAR 8	8DBA – Mr Barker	96.9%
YEAR 9	9LM – Mr Martin	96.3%
YEAR 10	10GEV – Mr G Evans	97.3%
YEAR 11	11RM – Mrs Ming	98.7%



	Sparx Reader	Sparx Maths	Sparx Science
7			Sparx Science records scores slightly differently, but well done to all who completed this week's!
8			
9			
10			
11			

Don't forget... students needing support with their Sparx, or simply a place to go to complete it, can attend Mrs P Jones' Bright Sparx Club every Tuesday After School at 4pm.



Announcing the English Revision Station in E6, and inviting all GCSE students to collect resources for home study!

From the Bungello...

Bungello students have spent the last few weeks focusing on charity and stewardship. Part of this focus has been spent visiting charities, learning what they do, how they work, and how we can support them. Students firstly visited **Black Country Food Bank** where they saw how donations were organised and distributed. Students also donated some of their own food to support local people. At **Birmingham Dogs Home**, students learnt about how many dogs are looked after each year by the charity, how they are cared for and, most importantly, got to spend some time with the amazing rescue dog, Dodger. Students will now go on to organise some fundraising events to help support their chosen charity, Birmingham Dogs Home.





Happy Retirement, Mrs Ball!

This week, we said a fond farewell and hugest thank you to Mrs Ball, one of our Catering Assistants, who has kept our staff and young people fed and fuelled for an amazing 36 years! Our Catering Team are among our school's often unsung heroes - we thank Mrs Ball for many years of such devoted service, and wish her every happiness in her well-deserved retirement.



Year 7

Aimee L
Crystal C
Ellie-Mae G
Ethan B
Greyson R
Hannah H
Jake C
Jake H

Jake H
Jessica H
Julietta S
Lauren J
Lauren J
Lauren J
Liam A
Liam A
Megan W
Michael J

Michael J
Noel G
Oliver W
Ryan S
Tavona G
Theo B
Tonijs B

Year 8		
Alfie W	Hope C	Olivia W
Amienatta S	Isaac L	Ryley G
Barrat W	Isabella P	Scott F
Caiden F	Ivy-Mae T	Sebastian F
Dakshdeep K	Joshua G	Tatenda M
Esmee P	Lewis J	
Fabio M	Lexii-May M	
George D	Lucy H	
	Lucy H	
	Olivia J	

Year 9		
Alissia-Tegan L	Leah B	Ruby O
Ellie H	Lola F	Tawana D
Ellie H	Lola F	Taylor A
Haidee D	Lucas W	Ted M
Jacob J	Maddison S	
Jacob J	Mia B	
Jahvai J	Mia P	
Jahvai J	Olivia H	
	Romal Y	
	Rose B	

Year 10		
Abigail G	Isabelle R	Rhys F
Alexandru O	Lacey M	Riley F
Anthony B	Layton N	Sam H
Bailey E	Lewis R	Sophie M
Charlotte S	Lily B	Taylor-Jacob E
Eva B	Lily O	Tj W
Farah B	Lucy P	William H
Finley M	Luke D	
Freddie F	Maddison G	
	Maddison G	
	Orla P	

Year 11		
Abigail U	Ellie D	Rylee M
Aiden G	Fefe S	Sami S
Amra A	Isaac T	Shakai M
Ben D	Keira N	
Benjamin L	Lewis J	
Chloe H	Maria A	
Daisy T	Mia D	
Elizabeth O	Oscar G	
Elizabeth O	Poppy M	
	Reece M	
	Reekel H	



ELLOWES WEEKLY PE ROUND UP...

ELLOWES HOST YEAR 8 & 9 RUGBY FESTIVAL!

On Tuesday, it was time for Ellowes Hall to host the first Year 8 and 9 contact Rugby tournament for all of Dudley schools in many years.

The night was a huge success, it was fantastic to see so many students from across the borough taking part, many of those students playing Rugby for the first time.

Both age categories put up some strong performances against The Link, Wombourne and Summerhill.

Year 9 Player of the Tournament - Alex G

Year 8 Player of the Tournament - Kody C



If there are any companies or individuals willing to sponsor a new Rugby Kit please get in touch with Mr J Evans.

NEW EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMME

PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE	
Monday  BTEC Sport Intervention V6 (Year 10 Only) SE / RG / LM / SW	Tuesday Netball (7-11) SW Rugby (7-11) SE
Wednesday  Basketball (7-11) Black Country Basketball	Thursday Badminton (7-11) RG Girls Football (7-11) SW BTEC Intervention (Year 10 Only)
Friday No Clubs! 	Notes Line up outside the Sports Hall Full PE Kit Fixtures take priority over training!



KS4 Watch Pro Basketball



Tonight we are taking our KS4 Sports Prefects to spectate a professional Basketball Game in Worcester.

We prioritise exposing our students to the elite world of sport, it is fantastic to be able to do this so locally.

Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming trips to professional environments.

STAY TUNED...

THE LAUNCH OF OUR 2027 SKI TRIP WILL BE COMING OUT NEXT HALF TERM. IT WILL BE OPEN TO CURRENT YEAR 7, 8, 9 STUDENTS



Our Year 7s are continuing to drive this whole-school community project. Please bring your Harvest donations into our Reception. Every single one is gratefully received!



SHOPPING LIST

BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK HELPS VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN CRISIS THROUGH THE PROVISION OF AN EMERGENCY FOOD AND TOILETRY PARCEL, WHILE A LONGER-TERM SOLUTION IS DEVELOPED

PLEASE SUPPORT US BY DONATING ITEMS FROM OUR SHOPPING LIST

- CARTONS OF UHT MILK
- TEA BAGS BOX OF 40'S
- SMALL JARS OF COFFEE
- CARTONS OF LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
- CORDIAL/SQUASH
- TINNED POTATOES/MASH
- TINNED CHOPPED TOMATOES
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED SOUP
- TINNED READY MEALS (MEATBALLS/MACARONI CHEESE/CHILLI)
- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED FRAY BENTOS PIES
- BREAKFAST CEREAL
- PASTA SAUCE
- SAVOURY RICE
- INSTANT NOODLES
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED CUSTARD/RICE PUDDING
- BARS OF SOAP
- SHOWER GEL
- TOILET ROLL
- ROLL ON DEODORANT
- SHAMPOO



PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO RECEIVE A WEEKLY REMINDER OF OUR SHORTAGES LIST ON YOUR SHOPPING DAY



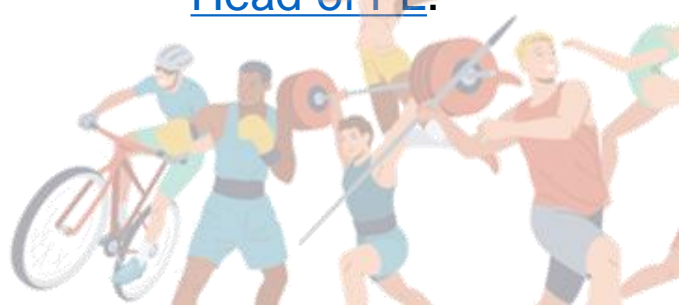
Enrichment Activities – Autumn Term 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	Breakfast in the Diner 8.00 – 8.40am				
11:15		Equality Ambassadors in E3 from 08:20 (BH)		Break Time Drop in Grace Foundation (ES)	
		Break Time Thrive Grace Foundation (ES)	Break Time Drop in Grace Foundation (ES)	Break Time Drop in Grace Foundation (ES)	
Lunch Time Clubs & Activities	The Library open to all every lunch time				
	Y7 Football in PE	Y11 Football in PE	Y10 Football in PE	Y8 Football in PE	Y9 Football in PE
	Choir in X1 (WJ)	Chamber Choir in X1 (WJ)	Drama Games Club in X4 (EH)	Beginners Guitar in X1 (WJ)	KS4 Dance Club in X3 (RG) PE Kit Needed
	DT Club in D3 (DBA)	Christian Union / Drop in Grace Foundation (ES)	Drop in Grace Foundation (ES)	Equality Ambassadors & Space in E3 (BH)	Y7/8 Dance Club in X4 (EH) PE Kit Needed
	Textiles Club in D7 (TJ)	Digital Ambassadors in V3 (OM) KS3 programming club in V3 (DJ)		Nurture in SEND (MS/SW)	
	Enough - invite only (VR/MS) In Grace Foundation	Working Tuesdays (Careers and Health Ambassadors) in V6 (ATP/SR)		Drama Performance Club in X4 (EH)	
	KS4 Drama Rehearsal in X4 (EH)	Art Club in D5 (HHA)		Y7 Drop in Grace Foundation (ES)	
		Chess in S2 (DH)			
After School Clubs Activities		Bright Sparx in V2 (PJ)	Lego Club 15:15 – 16:15 – Grace Foundation Rooms (VR)	Jujitsu 16:15 – 17:15 Sports Hall See Miss Harris due to a cost	Advanced Guitar Club 15:15 – 16:00 in X1
		Climbing Club 15:15 – 16:15 (from 23 rd Sept)	Orchestra 15:15 – 16:00 in X1	Eco Ambassadors 15:15 – 16:15 in D4 (JMI)	
		Netball Y7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (JOP)	Basketball (Y7 – 11) 15:15 – 16:15 in Sports Hall	Boys Football 7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (JEV/LM/RG)	
		Badminton Y7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (RG)	Y9 Dance Club in X3 (RG)	Girls Football 7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (JW)	
		Rugby Y7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (JEV)		Trampolining 7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (LK)	
		Musical Theatre Club in X4 (EH)		Parallel Club 15:15 – 15:45 in M10 (AR)	
		Film Club 15:15 – 16:15 – Grace Foundation Rooms (ES)			

PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

Monday  BTEC Sport Intervention V4 (Year 10 Only) 3E / RG / LM / 3W	Tuesday  Netball (7-11) 3P  Rugby (7-11) 3E
Wednesday  Basketball (7-10) Black Country Basketball	Thursday  Badminton (7-11) RG  Girls Football (7-11) 3W BTEC Intervention (Year 11 Only)
Friday No Clubs! 	Notes Line up outside the Sports Hall Full PE Kit Fixtures take priority over training!

Fancy trying a new sport? Why not be a part of one of our new partner clubs based here on school grounds. This opportunity isn't just for our students, put young people in the wider community also. For more information, please [email Mr J Evans, Head of PE.](#)



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.

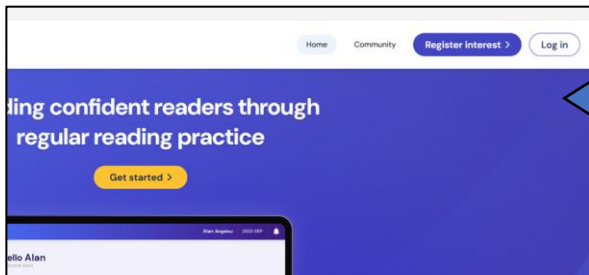
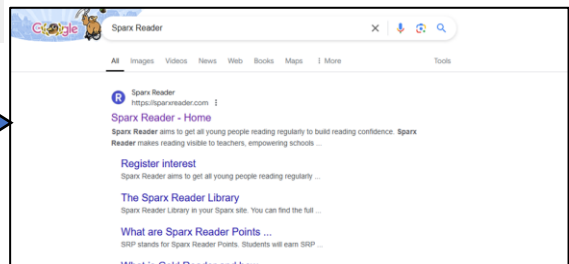
- Monday: Sparx Science
- Wednesday: Sparx Maths
- Thursday: Sparx Reader

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

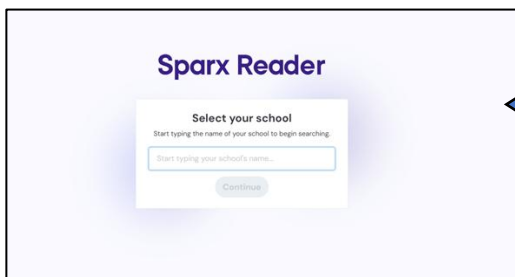


Subject	Homework set	Homework due in	Detention Night
Maths	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday
English	Thursday	Thursday	Friday
Science	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday

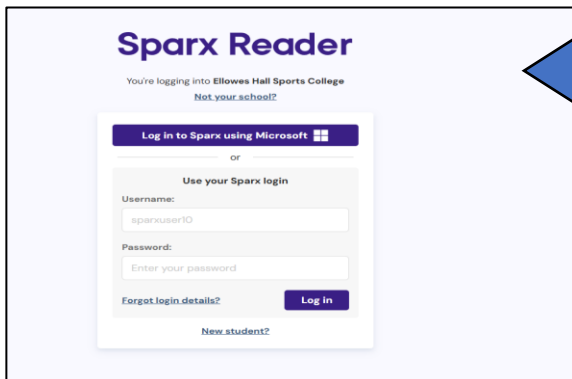
If accessing via Google, students will need to type Sparx Science/ Sparx Maths/ Sparx Reader into Google and select the first search result that appears.



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 the 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. Perform a PE task for one half-term	
5. Demonstrate a 10-second sit-up	
6. Attend a PE lesson in a school or club	
7. Perform a PE task in a school or club	
8. Watch any sports matches in the club	

REWARD CHALLENGE:
Watch a video on the performance of a professional athlete.

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 weekend)	
Keep your own knowledge of Drama (show or film) for your teacher	
Design a new set for your favourite TV show or film	
Design a challenge for your favourite TV show or film	

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!



Key Dates Autumn Term 2025

Date	Event
Thursday 18 September	15.30 – 17.00: Careers Convention, Wellbeing Café 17.00 – 17.30: Year 11 Parents' Information Evening
Friday 19 September	BTEC Sport Wolverhampton University Taster Day
Tuesday 23 September	Year 9 Walsall Art Gallery Trip
Wednesday 24 & Friday 26 September	Year 11 Geography Birmingham City Centre Fieldwork Trip
Thursday 25 September	13.30: Students dismissed for Open Evening preparation 16.00 – 19.00: Ellowes Hall Open Evening for Year 7 September 2026 Entry
Friday 26 September	Macmillan Community Coffee Morning
Monday 29 September – Thurs 2 October	09.15 – 10.00: Open Mornings for Year 7 September 2026 Entry
Monday 29 September – Thurs 2 October	KS4 Cornwall Art Trip
Tuesday 7 October – Friday 10 October	KS4 Poland Trip
Thursday 9 October	15.30 – 16.30: Year 7 Parents/Carers Form Tutor Drop-In Sessions
Thursday 16 October	Performing Arts Department Open Mic Night
Tuesday 21 October	Year 7 X Band Birmingham Think Tank Trip
Thursday 23 October	Year 7 Y Band Birmingham Think Tank Trip Halloween Disco
Friday 24 October	Flu Vaccinations (Year 11 & Catch-Ups)
Monday 27 – Friday 31 October	October Half Term
Monday 3 November	08.45: Student Return to School
Friday 7 November	Flu Vaccinations (Catch-Ups)
Wednesday 12 November	INSET Day (School Closed to All Students)
Wednesday 19 – Friday 21 November	Year 7 Whitemoor Lakes Trip
Thursday 27 November	15.30 – 18.30: Year 7 Parents' & Carers' Evening
Monday 1 – Friday 12 December	Year 11 Mock Exams
Thursday 4 December	Awards' Evening
Monday 8 December	KS3 Love to Learn Homework Check-In 1
Thursday 11 December	Birmingham Royal Ballet <i>Nutcracker</i> Trip
Thursday 11 December	Christmas Market
Friday 12 December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 16 December	Year 7 Christmas Carol Service
Wednesday 17 December	Community Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18 December	Performing Arts Department Christmas Concert
Friday 19 December	12.00PM: School Closes for Christmas Holiday



BLACK COUNTRY CLUB

Thanks to our partnership with Black Country Basketball Club, we are thrilled to share their generous gift of free Family Season Tickets for our students. Please use the QR Code below to access more information...



FREE FAMILY SEASON TICKETS FOR ELLOWES STUDENTS

BLACK COUNTRY BASKETBALL CLUB



DISCOUNT CODE: ELLOWESFAMILY



FAMILY POOL PARTY & PICNIC

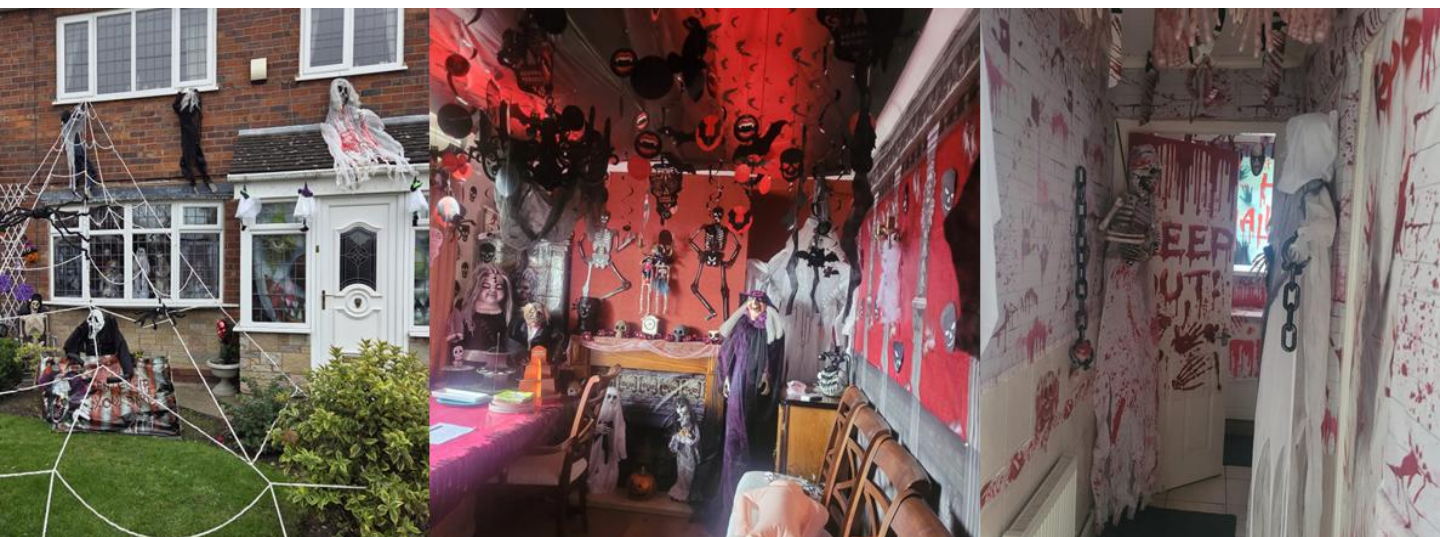
Tuesday 28th October 10am-1pm

Ellowes Hall Sports College



*Please scan the QR
code for more info and
to reserve your place.
Places are limited.*





HALLOWEEN OPEN HOUSE!

A member of our community is hosting a Halloween display at 106 Ellowes Road, 16.00-21.00 on 31st October.
Donations received will be shared with the School Charity of the Year for 2025, The Mary Stevens Hospice.

OCTOBER HALF TERM CLUBS

27TH OCTOBER - 30TH OCTOBER

Strike Youth
UNITE PLAY LEAD



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MONDAY 9-3 SPORT AND ARTS
TUESDAY 9-3 SPORT AND ARTS
WEDNESDAY 9-3 SPORT AND ARTS
THURSDAY ZOO TRIP

ELLOWES HALL - ALL AGES
ST JAMES SCHOOL - ST JAMES STUDENTS
ONLY