



Parents' Questionnaire Summer Term 2026 Results

As part of our cycle of self-evaluation, we recently invited parents and carers to share their views through a questionnaire. We are delighted to report that the response was overwhelmingly positive; we would like to thank everyone who took the time to provide feedback.

As you will see from the results, responses regarding homework arrangements were the most polarised. Of those who completed the survey, 54% strongly agreed that the current arrangements work well, with a further 19% agreeing. In contrast, 19% disagreed, 4% strongly disagreed and 4% selected 'don't know'.

We recognise that families have different circumstances, commitments and expectations regarding homework, and we appreciate the range of views that have been shared through the survey. These perspectives will be carefully considered as part of our review.

From a staff perspective, we believe that homework can help to deepen children's understanding of the topics covered in school, while strengthening the partnership between home and school. The tasks are designed to provide opportunities for children to consolidate their learning, develop their creativity and, where appropriate, enjoy optional family activities linked to their learning.

I would like to reassure you that all aspects of the questionnaire will be carefully considered and reviewed by the school leadership team. Any resulting actions or amendments will be implemented from the Autumn Term.

We are committed to providing the very best education and support for all of our children and families, and this is only possible with your continued support. Your suggestions and comments are greatly valued and play an important role in informing future improvements.

Please remember that completing the questionnaire is not a substitute for contacting the school directly. If you have any questions, concerns or uncertainties, please speak to Mr. Buttery or your child's class teacher at any time. We are always keen to hear from you and would encourage you to get in touch whenever the need arises.

Please see below for the results of the most recent questionnaire:

		Strongly agree/ Agree	Disagree/ Strongly disagree	Don't know
1	My child enjoys coming to Elvington Church of England Primary School.	100%	0%	0%
2	My child is making good progress.	100%	0%	0%

3	Behaviour at the school is good.	100%	0%	0%
4	The teaching in this school is good.	100%	0%	0%
5	I am kept well informed about my child's development.	100%	0%	0%
6	The school expects my child to work hard and achieve his/her best.	100%	0%	0%
7	The school works closely with parents/carers and makes sure they are well informed.	100%	0%	0%
8	The school is well led and managed.	100%	0%	0%
9	The school is helping my child become mature and responsible.	100%	0%	0%
10	The school seeks the views of parents/carers and takes account of their suggestions and concerns.	92%	4%	4%
11	The arrangements for my son/daughter to settle in when he/she started at the school were good.	100%	0%	0%
12	The school is a caring one built upon a clear Christian foundation.	100%	0%	0%
13	Collective Worship reflects the school's Christian vision and encourages reflection.	92%	0%	8%
14	The school provides a broad and balanced curriculum that supports my child's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.	100%	0%	0%
15	This school caters well for pupils of all abilities.	89%	0%	11%
16	Communications from school work well.	96%	0%	4%
17	I feel comfortable about approaching my child's class teacher about a question or concern.	96%	4%	0%
18	I feel comfortable about approaching the Headteacher about a question or concern.	100%	0%	0%
19	My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	92%	8%	0%
20	The homework arrangements work well.	73%	23%	4%
21	The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle.	100%	0%	0%
22	The school keeps my child safe.	100%	0%	0%
23	The school has high expectations of its pupils.	96%	0%	4%

24	The school effectively promotes British values as part of pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development.	92%	0%	8%
25	The school website is useful, and the content is kept up to date.	92%	4%	4%
26	I am happy with the way the school is governed.	88%	0%	12%
27	I am happy with the school meals service.	96%	4%	0%
28	I have had opportunities to become involved in the life of the school.	96%	0%	4%
29	The school nurtures my child's hopes, aspirations and well-being.	92%	0%	8%
30	I feel certain Elvington Church of England Primary School is the right one for my child, and I am happy she/he attends it.	100%	0%	0%

I think the strengths of the school are (*a selection of the comments received*)

- *Giving each child a strong belief in their own value. Since moving to Elvington, my children are so much happier. Staff have provided a safe environment for them to explore who they are and to allow their confidence to flourish. With that sense of security, they have come to thoroughly enjoy learning, and we can see a significant improvement in their academic work.*
- *Mr Buttery is a fantastic leader, and all of the teachers are dedicated and well-liked by pupils and parents. Children at the school are instilled with good morals and behaviours.*
- *Excellent leadership, friendly morning welcome onto the playground for the children. Lovely teaching staff. The school feels like a community*
- *Great leadership by a head who cares for the pupils and their wellbeing. Children are part of a community. My children have made good progress and value education. They enjoy coming to school and have teachers who make them feel safe and ensure they enjoy learning.*
- *Communication and nurturing. The school gives the children opportunities to grow.*
- *The school's very nurturing nature while maintaining high standards of education.*
- *Leadership, particularly Mr Buttery. Without exception he goes above and beyond in every aspect. So grateful for the care he gives our children.*

I would like the school to consider these areas for improvement (*a selection of the comments received*)

- *Potentially more clubs for younger students, understand that's harder with younger ones though.*
- *In areas the child is behind, consider giving extra work of what has been covered in class to do at home so that it can more easily be reinforced.*
- *The amount of homework feels heavy and causes stress to pupils and parents trying to keep up with it when the children need their time at home to play and recuperate from the demands of the school day.*
- *I think the school could potentially do more to help children build resilience and take responsibility for their actions in friendships. Sometimes on the playground, I hear parents blaming other children for squabbles and treating their own as perpetual victims. This can reinforce a mentality where children never believe they are part of the problem/someone else is to blame. By focusing on accountability, empathy, and how to handle conflict, the school can help children develop stronger, healthier friendships—both now and when they go online and perhaps (hopefully) counter some of the softer messaging they get elsewhere.*

Other comments (*a selection of the comments received*)

- *Elvington is a brilliant school - the girls are developing a real love of learning thanks to the passion of their wonderful teachers.*
- *Mr Buttery is an outstanding headteacher who is an inspiration to my children.*
- *With our most grateful thanks to all the staff at Elvington Primary.*
- *I absolutely love Elvington School and cannot imagine a better place for my children to begin their educational journey. The school provides such a nurturing, supportive, and inspiring environment, giving children an excellent start in life. Thank you to all the staff for your dedication and commitment to making Elvington such a wonderful place to learn and grow.*