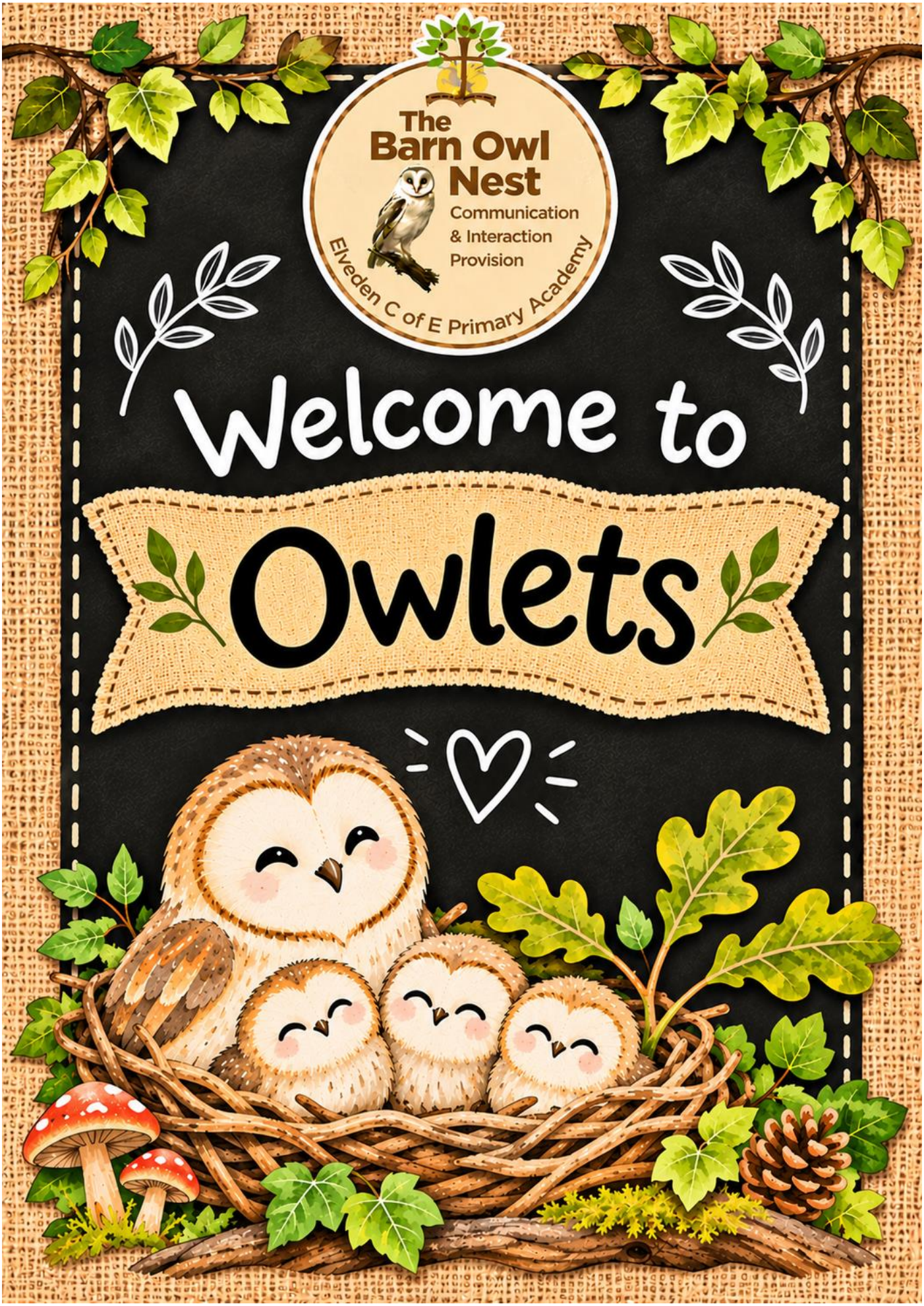

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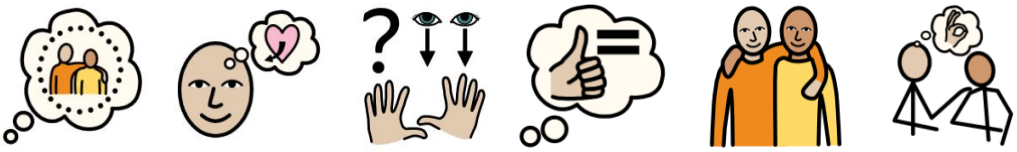


Elveden is a small, friendly village school surrounded by the beautiful fields and forests of the Elveden Estate.

The Barn Owl Nest is a special part of our school for children who need a little extra help with their talking. Our class is called Owlets! We have our very own little building with lots of lovely places to play and learn. We are also part of the big Elveden school family! We make friends, have fun and join in with lots of exciting things happening in the main school.

Elveden is a Church of England school where we learn to show our school values:

trust, hope, perseverance, respect, friendship, forgiveness





Our school vision is "Let your light shine", which means helping every child to grow, be happy and be the very best they can be!

We love learning outdoors! We have a wonderful Forest School and are proud to be an OPAL Platinum Award-winning school for our fantastic playtimes. We also enjoy exciting trips, music, singing and lots of special experiences that help us discover new things, make friends and shine!





Who will teach me?

We are very lucky in Owlets and have lots of adults to help and support us!



Mrs Maguire

is the headteacher and SENCo

Mrs Platt-Nolan

is my teacher

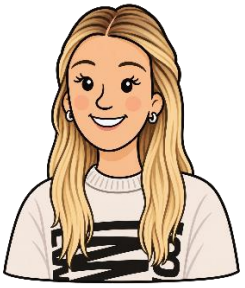




Miss Welham



Miss Rayner



Miss Rourke

are the teaching assistants in my class and play team at break times



Mrs Howlett

Speech and Language Therapist

Mrs Golding

Speech and Language Therapy Assistant



They will help me practice my talking skills.



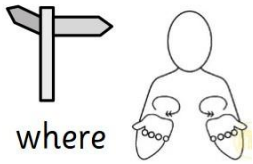
Mrs Bird

helps us understand our feelings and how to be a good friend

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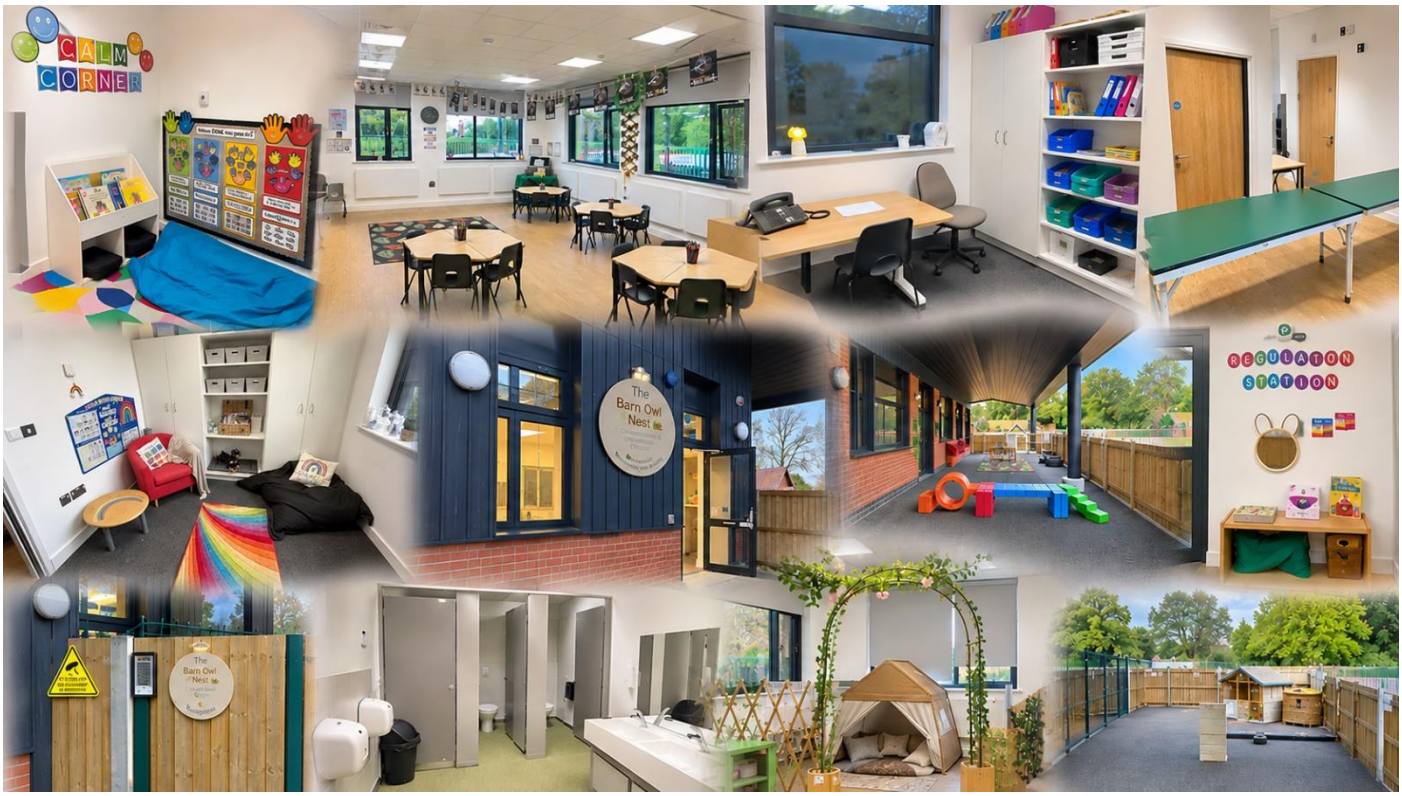
is our special school dog who helps us feel happy, safe and ready to learn!





Where will I learn?

The Barn Owl Nest has its own special building with lots of space to learn and play.



We also do lots of things in the main school with the other Elveden children like assembly, play times, lunch, Forest School and school trips.



My School Day

Our school gates open and children start to arrive from 8:30.

School starts and we do the register at 8:40.

I might be dropped of at school by my family or I might come in a taxi if I live further away.



https://www.suffolkonboard.com/school-travel/eligibility/send-travel/

We start our day by joining assembly with the rest of the Elveden children in the main school.



We always end our day with a story and snack before getting ready to go home.

Our taxis start to arrive from 3:30 and school officially ends at 3:50.

What will I learn?

Every morning, we have phonics, Drawing Club (English) and Maths.

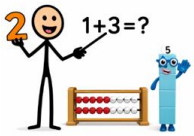
Phonics



Drawing Club



Maths



In the afternoons, we practice our reading and then have lots of different lessons like history, science, art, music and PE.

Over the year, we will learn about:



Autumn 1
Marvellous Me

I understand who I am.

We begin with the children themselves, exploring what makes us unique, our families, our school and our local area. We discover how we grow and change, learn about our amazing bodies and senses, and explore how healthy choices help us to flourish.

Autumn 2
Caring Communities



I understand where I belong.

We explore what makes a community and the people, places and traditions that bring us together. From the Great Fire of London and Florence Nightingale to farming at Elveden, royalty, Diwali and Christmas, children discover how people help, remember, celebrate and belong.



Spring 1
Amazing Animals

I understand living things.

We travel from our own local wildlife to the polar regions, Asia, the rainforest and African savannah. Along the way, children investigate animals, habitats, diets and life cycles and discover how living things are suited to the places in which they live.

Spring 2
Ready, Steady, Grow!



I understand how living things grow and change.

Through planting, observing and exploring, children discover how plants and animals grow and change. We explore Thetford Forest, investigate life cycles and the changing seasons, before making connections between spring, new life and the Christian story of Easter.



Summer 1
Let's Go on an Adventure

I understand the wider world.

Our adventures take us across the UK, through the history of transport, onto pirate ships, back to the time of the dinosaurs and eventually into space! Through maps, significant people and exciting discoveries, children learn how curiosity and exploration help us understand our world.

Summer 2
Our Wonderful World



I understand living things.

We travel from our own local wildlife to the polar regions, Asia, the rainforest and African savannah. Along the way, children investigate animals, habitats, diets and life cycles and discover how living things are suited to the places in which they live.



What will I wear?

This is our school uniform at Elveden.



This is our PE kit.



We have PE on Thursdays and Fridays. We come into school in our PE kits.

If you would like the buy branded tops, they are available at https://www.3qsports.co.uk/elveden

There is **no requirement** for any item to be branded.

Once a half-term, we have a Forest School session up in the woods. We come to school in our outdoor clothes ready to get muddy!

We are an all-weather school, so we play outside in the sunshine and in the rain.

We make sure we have waterproof coats and wellies in school at all times.

What will I eat?

Morning snack At school we have milk and fruit. You can bring a healthy snack from home too.	**Morning play** You can buy a flapjack or a muffin. They cost 50p. Please bring your money on the day.
Lunchtime ELVEDEN COURTYARD Our school dinners are made with food grown nearby at the Elveden Estate. There are hot dinners, vegetarian meals and jacket potatoes. We can make meals for children with allergies. Grown-ups book school dinners on Arbor before the day. You can look at the menus on the school website. You can bring a packed lunch from home if you like.	
Afternoon snack School gives us a crunchy snack, like breadsticks or crackers.	**Water** Please bring your water bottle to school every day.



How will you help me with my speech and language?



I will see Mrs Howlett and Mrs Golding, the Speech and Language three times a week to practice my talking. We will play fun games together.

👋 Learn Makaton

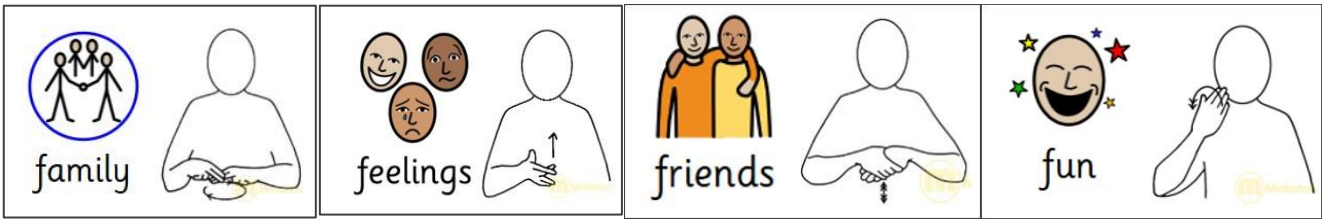
Makaton is special signs that go with words.
Signs help me understand and tell people what I mean.

🌈 Use Colourful Semantics

Colourful Semantics uses colours to help me build sentences.
I will **build** it, **say** it, then **write** it.

🧩 Play games and use pictures

We play lots of games and do lots of fun activities.
We use pictures to learn new words.
We practise our new words every day.



What other help might I get?



Time with Mrs Bird I might see Mrs Bird for ELSA or nurture sessions. We will talk about feelings. We will practise making friends and playing together.	**Ava, our therapy dog** Ava is our school therapy dog. I can spend time with Ava. Ava helps me feel calm and happy.
Thrive lessons Our whole class has Thrive lessons. We learn about feelings, friends and taking turns.	**Zones of Regulation** We use colours to help us talk about our feelings. We learn calming strategies, like taking deep breaths. Calming strategies help us get to the **green zone**. In the green zone, I am calm and ready to learn.

How will I start at the Barn Owl Nest?



Mrs Platt-Nolan will visit me

Mrs Platt-Nolan will come to my school to see me.
She will talk to the grown-ups who help me.

I will look around

I will come with my family to look around the Barn Owl Nest.
I will see what it is like.



I will visit The Barn Owl Nest

I will come to some visits in Owlets Class.
I will meet my new friends.
I will see what learning is like.

I will get my booklets

I will get a Welcome to Owlets book. It tells me all about my new class.
I will fill in my All About Me booklet with my family.
It helps my new teacher learn all about me.

What happens next?

✉ I will keep in touch with my old school

Every term I will send a postcard or letter to my old class.
My new teachers and my old teachers will talk to each other too.

Going back to my old school

When I feel more confident with my talking, I will go back to my old school.
This might be at the end of Year 2, or maybe before then.

I will visit my old school first

I will have some visits to my old school first.
This helps me feel happy and ready.

We can't wait to meet you!

We are so happy you are joining our class.

Need some help?

If you have any questions, we are happy to help.

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See you soon!

