



Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 20th March 2026

Dear Parents/ Carers

It was lovely to see so many of you at the parent consultations last week and hope that you managed to look through your child's work and get a better insight into your child's progress.

We would like to thank Mrs Danvers and the peripatetic teachers (Mr Rose, Mr Metcalf, Mrs Hatton and Mr Newman) for enabling our children to put on a fabulous spring concert. We also look forward to the 'irock' end of term performance next Tuesday. We are always very proud of our talented children and we love watching their musical performances.

Finally, we would like to welcome Mr Mark Hawthorne as a co-opted governor, who was successfully appointed by the governing body. We look forward to working with him.

In our final newsletter of the term, next week, we will share with you those children who have been recognised for their outstanding effort over spring term 4.

Enjoy the weekend in the sunshine! Wishing all of our Muslim families a happy and healthy Eid!

Best wishes

Glen Tharia & Manda Holliday — Co-Head Teachers

Increase in School Meal Price from 1st April 2026

The school meal price is increasing to **£2.95** per meal from 1st April. Gloucestershire County Council have informed us that they have worked extensively with Caterlink to keep this increase as low as possible despite rising food and staffing costs.

Online Safety

Want more help supporting your child online?

Internet Matters have created a free family digital toolkit where you can learn about the apps your children are using. To give it a go, follow this [link](#).

Attendance

Our attendance this term is currently

95.82%

If your child is going to be off school due to illness, you must call the school absence line or report an absence in Edulink **every day that they are off before 9am** to update us on your child's condition.

Remember:

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

Grit News

Earlier in the year, our children were given the opportunity to suggest a name for the new fleet of Gloucestershire gritters.

We were delighted to receive the news that Anya's suggestion, 'Taylor Drift', was one of the winning entries.

To celebrate, the gritter team came to school and let the children have a close-up look at a gritter. They also got to ask the team questions about what the gritters do and how they work.



Big Walk and Wheel Fortnight



On Monday, to kick off the Big Walk and Wheel fortnight, the Living Streets' Travel Tracker mascot, Stryder, visited Elmbridge Primary School at drop off time .

Don't forget, all active travel journeys to school over the next two weeks will give us a chance to earn prizes!

The CAS Team

Easter Fun Run—Wednesday 25th March

There are still spaces on the Easter Fun Run that will take place next Wednesday 25th March 2:30pm—3:00pm. If you would like to sign up, please complete the form in Edulink. The PTFA will be there selling drinks and snacks and it should be lots of fun!

KS2 children who do not attend the event will need to be collected from the KS1 playground at 3:10pm. Reception, Year 1 & 2 children not taking part can be picked up from the usual location at 3:00pm.

Walking Bus

On Wednesday morning, we had the first Walking Bus. Seventeen amazing children took part in the sunshine to walk 10 minutes to school. This saved 14 vehicles driving to and parking around our school.

Well done and thank you to everyone involved. Keep an eye out for the sign up for next term!



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Spring Concert 2026

Well done to all of the children who took part in the Spring Concert last night. It was a wonderful evening of very many talents! Thank you to the children and their teachers Mrs Hatton (violin), Mr Rose (drums), Mr Newman (guitar) and Mr Metcalf (piano) for making this an enjoyable night!



Spring Choir

The Spring Choir put on a delightful performance for their parents/carers on Monday! They sang a wonderful selection of spring songs which left us all feeling very happy and spring like! Well done children, you sounded great!



Class 8 Violin Concert at Cheltenham Town Hall

This Monday, the children of class 8 went to Cheltenham Town Hall to perform at a Gloucestershire Music violin concert. Class 8 have been having whole class violin lessons this term and were invited to take part in a celebration of Gloucestershire Music, alongside several other schools. To perform in such a beautiful venue was a real honour and they sounded amazing! They were treated to the sounds of a Samba band, recorder group, brass ensemble and other amazing groups! Every single child had the best experience, one not to be forgotten! Thank you to Mrs Hatton for her wonderful guidance during these lessons. All of Class 8 behaved wonderfully and they were brilliant role models for the school. We are so proud of them.



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Eid Mubarak! (written by Azaan, class 18)

Eid ul-Fitr, also known as the 'Festival of Breaking the Fast', is a significant and special celebration observed by Muslims worldwide, marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan.

On this joyous day, families gather to perform special prayers at mosques, expressing gratitude to Allah (God) and seeking forgiveness. One of the most beautiful traditions is the act of giving. Before celebrations begin, many share money, clothes and food to make sure everyone can participate in this commemorative day. Families unite to enjoy meals, exchange stories and cherished moments that will last forever. Children are particularly exhilarated, as they receive gifts or money, enhancing the sense of delight throughout the day. Overall, Eid, is a time of unity, appreciation and festivity making it truly meaningful and unforgettable .

We want to wish all of our Muslim families a happy and healthy Eid!

Free Parent Webinar: Understanding the Gloucestershire 11+

Fairview Education, a local education charity, are running a short online session explaining how the Gloucestershire 11+ works, what the exam tests, and what helps children most in preparation. If you would like to attend, the details are as follows:

Wednesday 25 March

7:45-8:30pm (online)

Register here:

<https://forms.gle/LsMY31CRjoAsVHpv8>

Year 2 Veranda Improvements

Massive thanks to the parents who volunteered their time to improve the Year 2 outdoor space this Thursday. It has now all been lovingly cleaned and painted for the Year 2 children to enjoy!



Volunteer Days

We are able to accept any businesses that do a volunteer day as we are a registered charity with the PTFA. There is lots to help with around the school grounds so if you think your place of work could lend a hand, please contact the school office.



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Spring Holiday Activities

A wide range of free, fun activities and nutritious food will be on offer for eligible children and young people across the county to keep them happy, healthy and entertained from Saturday 28th March for the spring school holiday.

Children in Reception to Year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals can take part. Gloucestershire County Council is also extending holiday activities to **all** children in the county through its Holiday Activities Programme (HAP) using grant funding. Both programmes will run during the spring holiday.

To book, families should visit the new Family Hubs booking system:

[Home](#)

This spring, there are lots of exciting options to choose, from creative arts to sports, outdoor activities, science workshops, sensory play and inclusive activities for children with additional needs, family days out and special ticketed attractions.



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Diary Dates

Wednesday 25th March	Easter Fun Run 2:30pm
Friday 27th March	End of Term 4—Non-uniform day
Monday 30th March—Friday 10th April	School Holidays
Monday 13th April	Start of Term
Thursday 23rd April	Year 5 Trip to We the Curious, Bristol
Monday 27th April	Year 4 Archery, Junior Hall
Tuesday 28th April	Year 3 Archery, Junior Hall
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday Monday—no school
Monday 11th May	Rags2Riches Collection
Monday 11th—Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATS week
Monday 11th, Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th May	Year 5 Watersports Activities, South Cerney Country Park (non-residential)
Monday 18th—Wednesday 20th May	Freedom Photography—Y6 Leavers and Class Photos
Thursday 21st May	School Census Day
Thursday 21st May	Green Day
Thursday 21st May	End of Term 5
Friday 22nd May	INSET Day—school closed for pupils
Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May	School Holidays
Monday 1st June	Start of Term 6
Tuesday 2nd June	Year 4 Gloucester Cathedral Trip Class 10
Wednesday 3rd June	Year 4 Gloucester Cathedral Trip Class 12
Wednesday 3rd June	Charity Presentation Assembly
Wednesday 3rd June	Year 3 Trip to Cheltenham Science Festival
Thursday 4th June	Year 4 Gloucester Cathedral Trip Class 11
w/c 8th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Monday 8th June	Years 2-6 Fun Sports Morning (no parents)
Tuesday 9th June	Years 1, 2 & 3 Sports Morning 9:30am-12:00pm (parents invited)
Wednesday 10th June	Reception Sports Morning (parents invited)
Thursday 11th June	Years 4, 5 & 6 Sports Morning (parents invited)



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