



Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

Now that all the reception children have started full time, we are delighted with how quickly the children have settled into school. The general atmosphere of the whole school is lovely and we feel that good relationships are at the core of the school's work.

As part of our curriculum intent for our school community to show respect, compassion and tolerance towards each other, we are holding a 'Show Racism the Red Card' day on **Friday 17th October**.

For clarity, your child can wear their PE Kit or any sports kit of their choice; or if they would like to wear something red this would be great, (this could be their school uniform jumper). We feel that this would be a great way to raise awareness about the causes and consequences of racism. There will also be some activities throughout the day to promote this.

We currently have a vacancy for a co-opted governor to join our fantastic governing body. If you are interested and have the capacity and skills to help support the school in this role, please contact our clerk to governors, Mrs Carole Grocott, via the school office for more information. This vacancy is not restricted to the parents or carers of children at our school so if you know anyone within our community that might like to make a positive contribution towards the education of our children please ask them to make contact.

Finally, we would like to welcome Miss Teena Shooter to our Admin team in the office. Miss Shooter will be working 3 afternoons per week and we look forward to working with her.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Glen Tharia & Manda Holliday — Co-Head Teachers

Smart Watches in School

We request that pupils do not wear smart watches or fitbits in school. Pupils can wear an analogue or digital watch for telling the time.

If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Holliday.

Attendance

Our attendance this academic year is currently
97.14%

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

Girls Basketball

On Thursday 18th September, 68 girls in Years 5 & 6 took part in a Gloucester Sports Network basketball tournament at Sir Thomas Rich's School.

Everyone enjoyed taking part and represented the school brilliantly!

Mrs Howard



Active Travel Fundraiser

Last year we reached our initial target of £10,000 in our Active Travel Fundraiser and money is still coming in! Watch this space for the next steps in our active travel project!

[Active Travel Elmbridge Primary School - a Schools crowdfunding project in Gloucester by Elmbridge Primary School](#)

Miss Bell

Girls Football News

Well done to Jasmine Young who has made it into Gloucester Primary Schools Football as goalkeeper in the Girls A Squad. Congratulations also go to Jasmine Knight who has made it into Gloucester Primary Schools Football Development Squad!

Mr Barnett

Dual Language Story Books

Did you know that our school community uses 30 languages other than English when they are at home? We are proud of the language heritage within our school community. We have a range of dual language story books in the Hub that can be borrowed by our families. Why not borrow a book and share it with your friends, family or class.

Mrs Petticrew and Mrs Jolliffe



Autumn Street Safari

October is International Walk to School Month. We would love to hear about your walking journeys. Maybe you could take part in the Autumn Street Safari from Living Streets.

There are lots of interesting things to see and do as you walk, wheel or scoot to school. How many of these activities can you tick off on your Autumn Street Safari?

[IWTSM - Autumn Street Safari activity sheet](#)



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Express Yourself!

At Elmbridge we love art and allowing the children to express themselves.

Y1 have begun their unit all about Wassily Kandinsky. The children created their own version of 'Squares with Concentric Circles.'



Here is an art idea to try at home:

Go out and enjoy an Autumn walk and collect some leaves, twigs and pinecones to create your own piece of Autumn art!

Mrs Slack



A message from the PTFA

Our next Rags to Riches is next Friday 10th October.

If you have any clothes, shoes, or bags that you would like to donate, please leave your items in carrier or bin bags in the covered area in the Year 3/4 playground.

Rags to Riches are unable to accept school uniform.



Benchball Festival at Longford Primary Academy

This Wednesday, a group of Year 4 children took part in a benchball festival at Longford Primary Academy. They all represented the school very well and were amazing!

They showed lots of determination, teamwork and improved in each game. They had lots of fun and enjoyed the festival.

Mr Hounsell



Elmbridge vs. Longlevens Year 5/6 Netball Match Report

Written by Elsie and Amelia

For our first ever match, we thought we did very well! Unfortunately we lost and the score was 4 points to Longlevens and 1 point to Elmbridge.

But well done to Seren for scoring a point for Elmbridge.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the match and a huge thank you to Mrs Griffin and Miss Bell for arranging a match.



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Eco Council News!

The Eco-council were pleased to have had their first meeting this year and are super keen to try and encourage everyone to be a little bit more environmentally friendly. As a school we would like to work extra hard this year to work towards getting our Green Flag Award.

This first thing they would like you to think about is soft plastics. Over the next few weeks try and take notice of how much soft plastic you would normally throw away. Try and collect it and take it to a local collection point- Tesco St Oswalds.

At school we will be collecting soft plastics where we can, including from KS1 fruit and will drop it off at a recycling point.

Mrs McNulty



Black History Month

October marks Black History month and as a school, we will be looking at key black figures in history across all year groups.

To celebrate this, children are welcome to bring in artefacts, photos or anything that relates to their black heritage. We will share these in class 'show and tell'.

WOW—Walk to School Challenge



This year, we are continuing with our **WOW - the walk to school challenge!** Lots of children earned a badge for each month that they participated last year and we will be giving out monthly badges this year too!

How can my child earn badges?

If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride) to school at least once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge.

It's that simple and a new badge can be earned each month! We have been encouraging children to self-report very honestly.

What is Park and Stride?

We understand that not everybody lives close enough to school to be able to walk or cycle. Park and Stride means driving but parking further away from school (at least a 10-minute walk away from school) and walking to school from there. If you Park and Stride, you will earn your badge!

Why should I travel actively to school?

There are many known benefits of travelling actively to school. This includes improving mood and concentration, helping to support physical health and promoting mental wellbeing.

It also reduced traffic congestion on the roads, leading to a safer and more environmentally friendly environment.



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Active Leaders

Congratulations to all our new Active Leaders for 2025-2026. They all interviewed for their role and are now role models for encouraging children to be active by leading activities at lunch times.

Our Active Leaders are: Laniah, Tali, Jacob B, Daiyaan, Toby O, Max G, Honor, Isla, Penny, Evie, Henry B, Carter M, Rishik, Henry, Jayden, Elsie A, Kai, Theo, Ted, Luca, Reggie, Callum, Elaine, Anayah and Ocean!

Wheelie Break Times

Children can ride their bikes/scooters/rollerskates (must have helmets!) to school so they can go round the track at break and encourage active travel.

Wheelie days are Monday & Wednesday for KS1 and Tuesday & Thursday for KS2.

Diary Dates

Monday 6th—Wednesday 8th October	Flu vaccinations—Reception—Year 6
Monday 6th October—Thursday 9th October	School Book Fair
Monday 6th October	Year 1 Trip to local church
Monday 6th October	Year 5 & 6 Online Safety Workshop
Tuesday 7th October	Year 5 & 6 Online Safety Workshop
Thursday 9th October	KS2 Individual School Photos
Friday 10th October	KS2 Individual School Photos
Friday 10th October	PTFA Rags to Riches Collection
Friday 17th October	'Show Racism the Red Card' Event
Thursday 23rd October	Year 6 Swindon STEAM Museum trip
Thursday 23rd October	Last day of Term 1
Friday 24th October	INSET Day—School closed for pupils
Monday 27th October—Friday 31st October	Half Term Holiday
Monday 3rd November	Start of Term 2



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