



Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 17th October 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

Thank you for supporting our school community with 'Hello Yellow' day last Friday and the 'Show the Red Card to Racism' event today. Both events are very much part of what drives our whole school curriculum as outlined in the following curriculum intent statements:

Staff and pupils will know how to look after their physical and mental health.

Staff and pupils will show respect, tolerance and compassion for each other.

We are very proud to be part of such a diverse and multi-cultural school where different cultures, ethnicities and faiths are celebrated.

Recognising Effort

You may be aware that we reward children with a 'Star of the Day' award (infants) and 'Star of the Week' certificates (KS1 and KS2). When a child achieves a 'Star of the Week' certificate, they also enjoy the benefits of sitting 'in pride of place' in the hall during assemblies; they even have their own 'Star of the Week' cushion to sit on throughout the week.

In addition to this, we will continue to present awards for the children's 'outstanding effort' at the end of each half term. One child from each class will receive a teddy bear (infants) and a mug (juniors) as well as a certificate for working so hard. The class teachers will write a piece about why these children have received the award which will be read out in assembly next Friday and included in next week's newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Glen Tharia & Manda Holliday — Co-Head Teachers

Online Safety

A reminder that all our online safety information leaflets can be found on the school website [here](#). These are updated and added to regularly throughout the year.

If you need any support with online safety, please contact Mrs Toppin.

Attendance

Our attendance this academic year is currently

97.09%

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.

REMEMBER—EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Park and Stride Map

Did you know October is Walk to School month? Check out the Park and Stride leaflet attached to the Edulink message with this newsletter. It has great tips and advice on active travel and a map of the local area to show how far a 5 or 10 minute walk is from our school!

Table Tennis Tournament

The children selected for the table tennis festival were incredible. They showed great sportsmanship and respect to the other schools. They all were great representatives for the school and participated in some great games. Each child showed lots of determination and improved with each game they played.



Well done to everyone!

Mr Hounsell

Year 1 Trip to Holy Trinity Church

The autumn sun shone on Year one as we walked to Holy Trinity Church last Monday.

We were warmly greeted by Reverend Rachel who showed us around the magnificent building, where the children spotted symbols associated with Christianity and the beautiful stained-glass windows



The children heard about how babies are baptized and the different cassocks Reverend Rachel wears during the year.

It was a wonderful glimpse into the spiritual importance of the church and the opportunity to hear about the traditions that are important to Christian worshippers.

Mrs Roberts

KS2 Tenpin Panathlon Event

We are very proud of our Y6 pupils who represented Elmbridge Primary School at a tenpin bowling event. The team did incredibly well with their bowling competing alongside 16 other Gloucester Schools. A special mention to Eliza, who scored 114, which was very close to the highest score.



Well done again to Amelia, Riley, Eliza, Meggy, Noah and Azeezat.



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Express Yourself

Year 2 have been inspired by Alma Thomas, a famous African-American artist.

They have been learning about her art and her life as part of our celebration of black history month.



Can you try one these Autumn inspired art challenges this week at home?



Toy Donations Request

If you have any unused/unwanted toys such as dolls and prams for the Reception children to play with at lunchtime, any donations would be most appreciated. Please drop off any donations at the Hub.

Many thanks

PTFA Fireworks Display

Our PFTA fireworks display is taking place on **Thursday 6th November**.

Gates open at 5:30pm and the fireworks display starts at 7pm.

Tickets are available to buy on ParentPay or please see a member of the PTFA.

Tickets are £5 until 5th November, and £7 on the door. There is also an early bird offer—£16 per family (up to 4 people). 3 and unders are free.

We hope to see you there!

Eco Council News

Thank you to everyone who has begun to think about recycling their soft plastics. For every bit recycled properly is one less piece going to landfill.

Next, we would like everyone to try and take steps to Cut your Carbon. This is a national campaign run by Eco-School, which is part of Keep Britain Tidy.

There are 6 challenges for you to get involved in: Cool it; Ditch the Dive; Drop it like its Hot; Veggie Vibes; Have a Device Free Day; Meal Plan-et

Discuss as a family the small changes your are making that will add up to make a big difference. At the start of December a school tally will be taken to see which ones people took part in. It will count if you are already doing these things so please make sure to share it with your child/children. Remember, even completing just one of these challenges will make a difference.



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Happy Diwali

Diwali is a festival widely celebrated by Hindus. It represents new beginnings and the victory of light over darkness, good over evil. Diwali, also referred to as Deepavali, literally means "a row of lights" and accordingly is marked by homes being decorated with lights all around.

Hindu families typically celebrate the festival with relatives and friends wearing bright traditional clothes, distributing sweets and lighting fireworks.

Wishing all families a happy Diwali celebration next week.

Diary Dates

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
Monday 3rd to Friday 7th November	House Sports Week
Thursday 6th November	Reception Family Tree Event 9am
Thursday 6th November	PTFA Firework Display (5-7pm)
Monday 10th—Friday 21st November	Anti-Bullying and Equalities fortnight
w/c 10th November	Parent Consultations (My Plan pupils)
Thursday 13th November	Reception Family Tree Event 9am
Friday 14th November	Children in Need Charity Day
Tuesday 18th November	Parents' Evening (except My Plan pupils)
Wednesday 19th November	Parents' Evening (except My Plan pupils)
Friday 28th November	Year 5 Trip to Black Country Living Museum
Saturday 29th November	PTFA Christmas Fayre—Junior Site (12-3pm)



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