



Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 4th July 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at the Y1-Y5 picnic on Tuesday. I am always astounded by the supportive community spirit we have at Elmbridge and I would like to thank everyone for their support during one unfortunate incident that occurred. I would like to reassure you all that we respond to issues around safety very quickly and take them very seriously; we will keep you updated on our additional measures with future 'social' events. Please see the governors' response in a separate Edulink message.

I am delighted that Manda Holliday has been appointed as co-head teacher for the next academic year, when I will reduce my working week to 4 days. Mrs Holliday is a longstanding member of the school's senior leadership team and I am very much looking forward to working in partnership with Mrs Holliday to ensure there is a continued strong leadership across the school.

We are thrilled to announce that Gemma Lewis our Cleaner in Charge has safely delivered a baby girl! During Gemma's maternity leave, Kay Wilson will be taking on her role and we are very pleased to welcome Karen Timony-Smith to the team.

Finally, I was amazed by the Year 2 summer performance of 'Pirates v Mermaids'; all of the children were fantastic! I look forward to seeing the Year 6 performance of 'Matilda' next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Glen Tharia — Head Teacher

Online Safety

Need help setting parental controls on devices your children use?

Click on this website for help (it includes: smartphones and other devices, broadband and mobile networks, social media, video games and consoles, entertainment and search engines)

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/#choose-parental-controls-guide>

Attendance

Our attendance this academic year is currently

95.89%

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!

Capture the Flag

On Friday 27th June, a group of 66 girls from Years 4 & 5 took part in a 'Capture the Flag' event at Ribston Hall School.

Pupils were put in groups and competed against other schools to capture the flag! Everyone had a fun-filled morning and enjoyed trying something new.

Afterwards, we stayed on to watch Ribston Hall's Summer Talent Show which was a lovely way to finish the day and the girls loved watching all the different acts.

Mrs Howard & Mrs Hook



"Let's Get Moving"

As part of their Spring term DT project, Year 4 pupils have been making slingshot cars. Miss King ran a mini competition in Class 10 in order to take a group to the Gloucester Schools Partnership DT event - "Let's Get Moving" on Thursday 26th June.

The winning group had to work collaboratively to design, make and test their slingshot car.

Congratulations to Erin, Elsie and Madison, who have worked tirelessly to create, make and evaluate their finished car. Their team work skills shone throughout their project and they delivered a first class presentation at the event, whilst representing Elmbridge impeccably and speaking in front of many other schools. What a fantastic achievement girls, well done!



PTFA Summer Fayre—Friday 11th July 3:15-5:15pm

We hope to see as many of you as possible at our Summer Fayre next Friday. Entry is free and all money raised goes towards our Active Travel Fund.

There will be an absolutely fantastic array of stalls and activities—keep an eye out for posters around the school with all the information!

We are still taking donations for the tombola—if you have any items you would like to donate, please drop them off at the school office.



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Athletics at The Prince of Wales Stadium

On Thursday 26th June, 21 children from years 2-6 took part in the Prince of Wales athletics tournament!

They all did fantastically well and their perseverance and determination paid off as we came back to school with lots of medals. Elmbridge even scored third overall for the Year 5 and 6 category!

Well done to all the children involved - you did yourselves proud!



Active Travel Fundraiser

Thank you so much for all your support with our Crowdfunder campaign to raise money for building new bike and scooter storage and starting a bike and scooter library! You have been so generous and we have so far raised a huge: **£3831**

This is not yet including the money which has been paid towards the water fight on the 16th July. We will add this money on once we have closed the ParentPay link.

Sports England have added the £5000 grant onto our Crowdfunder page **BUT** we do not receive the money unless we achieve our £5000 fundraising target! We are so grateful for your generosity and we are really hopeful of getting to our target of £5000!

This is your last chance to make the most of the rewards available on our Crowdfunder:

Win a Hamper

Win a Family Photography Package worth £399

Take part in Adult and Child Yoga on Thursday 17th July from 10am-11am

Win a Private Kingsholm Stadium Tour Experience

Win 2 tickets to ANY Gloucester Rugby Home match

We will draw the four raffle prizes at the Summer Fayre on Friday 11th July!

Thank you to the families who came to our Crowdfunder picnic to raise money for Active Travel! We had a lovely time eating delicious food and enjoying the atmosphere!



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After School Club Volunteers

There have been a wide range of physical and wellbeing clubs for the children this year. Elmbridge Primary School would like to say a big thank you to Mr Walden for supporting with the boys' football club; Mr Smith for supporting with the girls' football club and athletics club; Mrs Benfield and Miss Hamblin for leading the 'Inside Out' club; Mrs Bombera for running a new cooking club; Mr Jones and Mr Seabrook for helping run Cricket Club; Mr Blackwell for returning to help at Gardening Club, and all of the parents and carers that have been able to attend Mrs Wiggins lunchtime running club.

If you have a passion, talent or skill and would like to run a club, we can support you with obtaining your DBS or have a member of staff support you with your club.

We would love it if you were interested and able to run an after-school club, please speak to Mrs Holliday.

Letters sent home

30/06—School Report Feedback Form

25/06—Year 6 Leavers Day Information

25/06—Year 1 & 2 Cricket Festival Information

24/06—Year 6 Production Information

Diary Dates

Monday 7th July	Year 2—Year 3 Transition Meeting. Junior Hall 9:15-10:00am
Monday 7th July	Year 1 Trip to Bristol Aquarium
Monday 7th July	Year 2 Sandy Hill Mob Farm Trip
Tuesday 8th July	Year 2 Sandy Hill Mob Farm Trip
Tuesday 8th July	Year 2—Year 3 Transition Meeting. Junior Hall 2:15-3:00pm
Tuesday 8th July	Year 6 Production 6:30pm
Wednesday 9th July	Year 6 Production 6:30pm
Thursday 10th July	Reception Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Thursday 10th July	Year 2 Sandy Hill Mob Farm Trip
Thursday 10th July	Year 6 Production 1:30pm
Monday 14th July	Reception & Year 1 PTFA School Disco
Thursday 17th July	Year 6 Leavers Day
Thursday 17th July	Year 6 Leavers Disco 6pm—8pm
Friday 18th July	Last Day of Term 6 — Non-uniform Day



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