



Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 9th May 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you had a lovely long weekend, following Monday's bank holiday. Next week, the Year 6 children are sitting their SATS (national tests) from Monday to Thursday in the mornings so it is really important all year 6 pupils attend school for these exams. The PTA have kindly funded a Year 6 breakfast club every test day so children can arrive earlier to give them a good start to the day. It is also important that Year 5 pupils are punctual for their South Cerney day trips during this week too; please refer to the separate letter for specific details.

Finally, we have planned an exciting day on Wednesday 21st May when all the children and staff will enjoy being outside to take part in our annual 'Green Day'. Thank you Mrs Wiggins and Ms Richards for organising this annual event. Watch out for further details next week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes

Glen Tharia—Head Teacher

Elmbridge Primary PTFA

****Don't forget our Rags to riches collection - Monday 12th May at drop off in junior playground****

Thanks to all who bought the Easter spring trail maps and supported us - we raised over £100 for this!

Online Safety

Some children and young people use anonymous and decoy apps for a layer of digital privacy. However, these apps can expose children to variety of online safety issues.

Learn more about what these apps are and get practical tips to keep young people safe by reading this helpful [guide](#).

Attendance

Our attendance this academic year is currently
95.87%

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

REMEMBER—EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Gloucestershire County Council Free School Meal (FSM) voucher scheme

This May half term, Gloucestershire County Council will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals, who sign up to the offer, with vouchers to assist with food costs during the school holidays. The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (benefits-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire.

Applications for holiday FSM vouchers for the May Half Term 2025 will be open until midday on 13 May. Voucher emails will be sent from week commencing 19 May.

Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of **£15 per child for one week**. To find out more about the scheme and to apply, visit [FAQs | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Wheelie Break Times

Children have been enjoying 'wheelie' break times this week using their bikes, scooters and roller skates! Don't forget to bring yours in (with a helmet) to join the fun!

KS1 - Mondays and Wednesdays

KS2 - Tuesdays and Thursdays

Visit from Brockworth Hedgehog Rescue

This week, the eco council arranged for Brockworth Hedgehog Rescue to come in to school to talk to some of the children about all the work they do to protect and look after hedgehogs within Gloucester. They came with Martha the Hedgehog (mascot) who showed the children that hedgehogs have four legs and spines on their back. They shared photos with us of adult hedgehogs, baby hedgehogs, a hedgehog with a broken leg, hedgehog teeth and what they look like rolled up in a ball. They even showed us hedgehog poo so we know one of the signs that hedgehogs may have been out in the night!

The eco council got to speak to them about what we can do to promote hedgehogs on the school grounds. Hopefully, with all the knowledge they shared with us, we will all be able to support hedgehogs in our local community. If you would like to do the same at home please leave out water (no milk) and cat food.



Quadkids Athletics

Last week, a group of pupils took part in the Quadkids Athletics event at Blackbridge Athletics Track. They all enjoyed the track and field events, doing very well despite the very warm weather! Well done to Archie in Year 4 for coming second in his event!



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Active Travel Fundraiser

Don't forget to look at our Active Travel Fundraiser newsletter we have sent you!

It has updates on how our fundraiser is going and you can sign your child up to take part in a water fight!



<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/active-travel-elmbridge-primary>

Disney-themed Girls Football Festival

This Thursday, a group of over 50 girls in years 2-5 went to the Disney-themed girl's football festival at Ribston Hall High School. The girls had a great time practising their football skills, wearing their favourite sports, superhero or Disney-themed clothes and accessories! Mr Barnett, Mrs Howard & Miss Marsh



Year 2 Trips to Bristol Aerospace

This week, Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Bristol Aerospace Museum. The children were fascinated by the amazing exhibits and learned lots of interesting facts about aviation history.



EduLink One Update

Please remember to use the EduLink One system to check and update your family details. You can also review your child's current attendance and report an absence.

We have recently introduced the 'Forms' option and have had feedback from several parents that they would like the option to review their response. The settings have now been amended so the form no longer disappears once it has been completed. You will see a tick next to the form to let you know you have responded.

Please continue to let us know of any issues you have with the new system.

Thank you

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Polite Notice to Drivers

Following a complaint from a local resident, please can we remind parents/carers dropping off or collecting children from school to not leave their engines running once they have parked up as it causes local air and noise pollution.

It is also illegal—according to the latest government guidelines: 'You **MUST NOT** leave a parked vehicle unattended with the engine running or leave a vehicle engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road'.

Thank you for your understanding.

Request from the Reception team

As part of Green Day, we will be giving our Reception outdoor learning area a makeover. We would love to give the floor a good clean but lack the equipment to do this. Please get in touch if anybody has, or knows of someone with, an industrial pressure washer and can help us at some point over the next term.

Thank you, The Reception Team

Diary Dates

Monday 12th May	Rags2Riches Collection
Monday 12th—Thursday 15th May	Year 6 SATS Week
Monday 12th May	Year 5 Watersports Activities, South Cerney Country Park
Tuesday 13th May	Year 5 Watersports Activities, South Cerney Country Park
Thursday 15th May	Year 5 Watersports Activities, South Cerney Country Park
Tuesday 20th May	Year 4 trip to Nature in Art
Wednesday 21st May	Green Day
Friday 23rd May	End of Term 5
Monday 26th May—Friday 30th May	School Holidays
Monday 2nd June	Start of Term
Tuesday 3rd June	Year 3 Trip to Cheltenham Science Festival
Wednesday 4th June	Charity Presentation Assembly
W/C 9th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Monday 9th June	Year 2-6 Fun Sports Morning (no parents)
Tuesday 10th June	Years 1, 2 & 3 Sports Morning 9:30-12:00pm (parents invited)
Wednesday 11th June	Reception Sports Morning (parents invited)
Thursday 12th June	Years 4, 5 & 6 Sports Morning (parents invited)
Friday 13th June	Panathlon Sports Event



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