



# Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 4th April 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers

What an exciting week it has been here at school! We've had an action-packed few weeks, filled with fantastic experiences for our children.

One of the highlights was our Life Education sessions, which have been a wonderful opportunity for all our children to explore important topics like making positive choices, building resilience, and understanding healthy relationships. The children were so engaged, asking insightful questions and sharing their thoughts—it's been a real joy to witness their enthusiasm and growth. I would like to thank 'Lanes' factory for their financial donation towards the funding of these sessions, which is detailed further in this newsletter.

Alongside this, we've also seen some thrilling sporting events unfold. Our students have shown incredible teamwork, dedication, and sportsmanship, whether they were representing the school in competitive events or simply having fun during their physical activities. It's always a pleasure to watch our children thrive in such an encouraging and supportive environment.

Our school councillors' visit to the local council chambers also provided a unique opportunity for them to see democracy in action and learn more about the decision-making processes that shape our community. They came back inspired and excited to continue making a positive impact within the school.

There will be a final newsletter next week, when 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! Best wishes

Glen Tharia —Head Teacher

## Goodbye to Free Breakfast Fridays

We wanted to inform you that the last Free Breakfast Friday will take place on Friday 11th April.

We truly appreciate the time and effort that Suze, Julie and the team have put into providing these sessions. Unfortunately, they are no longer able to offer this each week.

We know many of you have enjoyed coming along on a Friday morning. It may be that you wish to come along for one last time next week and thank the ladies yourselves.

## Online Safety

Have you heard your children talking about loot boxes? Do you know what they are?

Follow this [link](#) for more information.

## Attendance

Our attendance this academic year is currently

95.94%

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.

## Key Steps 3 (Y5/6) Gymnastics Competition

Well done to Emma, Airlia, Izzy, Belle, Ivy-Mae and Grace for coming 1st out of 12 Gloucester schools in the Key Steps gymnastics event held at Gloucester Academy last Wednesday. I was really proud of all our gymnasts! They all performed brilliantly!

A special well done to Airlia, who achieved a bronze medal for her vault, and Izzy, who achieved a bronze medal for her floor, out of 72 gymnasts!

Mr Tharia



## Increase in school meal price from 1st April 2025

Gloucestershire County Council have informed us that from 1st April 2025, due to multiple rising costs for contactors, the price of a school meal is increasing to **£2.85** per meal.

## Active Travel Project

We cannot thank you enough for your kind donations in the first few weeks of our Active Travel project!

So far, we have raised an impressive: **£1,049.00**

Make sure to keep an eye on our Crowdfunder page for new rewards. Cheltenham Town Football Club tickets, a tour of Gloucester Rugby stadium and Indian Head Massages are just a few of the rewards we have to offer!

**Please note:** If you would like one of the rewards on offer, please make sure you **select** the reward by clicking on the 'rewards' section before you click 'donate'. If you would like any help with this, please ask the Hub who will be able to direct your query.

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

There are still spaces for the Penalty Shootout and Soak a Teacher event on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April straight after school!

To attend, select the event on crowdfunder when donating.



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## SCARF LIFE SPACE



Last week, all of the children at Elmbridge Primary School took part in a Life Space session. They all met Harold the Giraffe as part of these Wellbeing sessions learning about: Friends. Decisions, Taking Care of Myself and Meet the Brain.

Some of the feedback we got from the children included:

We got to meet new people

Got to meet Harold

Got to watch something

I loved the stars because they were relaxing

We got to learn how treat our friends properly

We got to learn about our body parts

It was funny when Kiki rang us

I liked the lights changing because the colours were nice.



## Golf Festival at Hartpury College

Some of the children in year 4, 5 and 6 represented the school in a golf festival. The weather was beautiful and the festival was amazingly run by the Hartpury students. The children were outstanding ambassadors for the school. The year group teams finished 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> which was a wonderful achievement. All the children showed great teamwork, perseverance and sportsmanship throughout the whole event. Well done to everyone who participated in the event.

## Year 5 Panathlon

This week, 7 Year 5 pupils took part in the SEND Festival of Sport at Gloucester Academy.

Well done to Amelia, Elliot, Cooper, Noah, Theo, Meggy and Molly for representing our school fantastically and doing so well in all the activities, and Meggy received a medal for teamwork!

Well done everybody!



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## School Council Trip to Gloucester Council Chambers

On Monday 31st March, Elmbridge School Council took a visit to Gloucester Council Chambers. We met the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Gloucester, Lorraine Campbell and The Sheriff and Deputy Mayor, Pam Tracey.

They talked to us about their roles as Mayor and Sheriff and we found out some interesting facts about being Mayor. The Marshall also plays an important role in helping the Mayor and the Sheriff in their duties.

We discovered how they have meetings, discuss issues affecting people and how they solve these problems to make the community a better place to live - all the things Elmbridge School Council do for our school.

Thank you to our parent helpers and Councilor Anne Radley who supported the coach travel and of course to all our present School Council members who conducted themselves well, and asked some very interesting questions!

Mrs Williams



## WOW—Walk to School Challenge



We have had a fantastic first month to **WOW - the walk to school challenge!** Lots of children have earned their March badge and are excited to start working towards their badge for April!

### 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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## PTFA Easter Trail Maps

Don't forget to buy your trail maps on parent pay by Wednesday or see us in the playgrounds Wednesday or Thursday!

### Diary Dates

Thursday 10th April	Year 1 Multi-skills trip to Barnwood Park School
Thursday 10th April	Spring Concert—Junior Hall—6:30pm
Friday 11th April	End of Term 4—Non-Uniform Day
Monday 14th April—Friday 25th April	School Holidays
Monday 28th April	Start of Term 5
Wednesday 30th April	Year 3 trip to Beechenhurst, Forest of Dean
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday Monday—no school
Tuesday 6th May	Year 2 trip to Bristol Aerospace
Wednesday 7th May	Year 2 trip to Bristol Aerospace
Thursday 8th May	Year 2 trip to Bristol Aerospace
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
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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