



Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 7th March 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers

It was lovely to see so many children (and staff) dressing up for World Book Day on Thursday. As you know, as a school we value the importance of reading and the joy that it can bring! Thank you also to Mrs. Barthorpe and Mrs. Booth for helping to organise our annual Year 2 and Year 3 'stories for bedtime' on Thursday evening. The children came back to school dressed in their PJs, dressing gowns, slippers and with their favourite teddy bear to hear some stories read by staff, Year 6 pupils and some volunteer parents as well as enjoy some hot chocolate and supper. This is always a relaxing evening and the staff and I relish the opportunity to share our love of books and favourite stories with the children.

The teachers look forward to seeing you all at the parent consultations next week, which will give you an opportunity to look through your child's work and get a better insight into your child's progress. We will also issue our parent questionnaire during the consultations as we value your views about the school.

Finally, I am continuing my phased return to work with the hope that I will be back full time before the end of term; thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Glen Tharia—Head Teacher

Easter Trail

Elmbridge Primary PTFA trail is coming in time for the easter holidays - watch this space for where to get your map from!

Online Safety

Don't forget if you have any questions or concerns about supporting your child to stay safe online, you can contact Mrs Toppin.

If she doesn't know the answer - she will find out for you!

Attendance

Our attendance this academic year is currently
95.92%

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 SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!**

World Book Day

This week has seen the children celebrate the wonderful world of books! It was great to see everyone dressed up to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday and to hear them speak so enthusiastically about their favourite books. Each class has been visited by a 'Mystery Teacher Reader' which the children have loved (as have the staff!).

Our celebrations culminated on Thursday evening with our 'Stories for Bedtime' event; where the children in year 2 and 3 are invited to come back to school in the evening, dressed in their pyjamas with blankets and teddies to listen to stories, before having some delicious hot chocolate and toast. A huge thank you to all of the adults and House Captains that volunteered to read, serve toast and hot chocolate, supervise the children and tidy up at the end!



Netball semi-final Match

The Elmbridge netball team played in a semi final match against Churchdown Village Junior school this week. It was a really close and high intensity match and unfortunately we just missed out on the win with the final score of 10-12. The player of the match was given to Jasmine Banbury. The girls should be so proud of how well they have done this season!

Year 6 Online Safety Workshop

On Tuesday 4th March, Year 6 parents were invited to an online safety workshop with their children. This was led by PC Simon Williams from Gloucestershire Constabulary.

PC Williams shared lots of fantastic tips and information with the parents and children. The workshop was really well received by adults and children alike. Parents reported that the workshop was 'really interesting' and 'they [children] don't listen to us, it's good they hear it from him and they know it's not us nagging!' We hope to run the workshop again for other year groups - keep your eyes peeled!



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School Council News!

At our last meeting, School Council had asked for extra storage for Year 1 and 2. The cloakrooms were beginning to look a bit untidy, and pupils had said they wanted our environment to look better. We submitted a bid to the PTFA for built in storage for wellies and bags along with some extra lunchbox trollies for Year 1. Our successful bid enabled us to have this super storage built over half term (Thank you Mr Bolton) and Year 1 now have extra lunchbox storage.



Many thanks to the PTFA!

WOW the WALK
TO SCHOOL
challenge



Don't forget we have now started **WOW - the walk to school challenge!**

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.

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 reduces traffic congestion on the roads, leading to a safer and more environmentally friendly local area.

If you have any questions, please visit www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school/primary-schools/wow-the-walk-to-school-challenge/ or contact Miss Bell.

Orienteering at Robinswood Hill

Last Wednesday, Class 5 and a group of 30 year 5 pupils took part in the Spring OAA Orienteering Festival at Robinswood Hill Country Park.

All had a great time with team building events, nature trail and orienteering up the hill.



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Wellbeing

'Take notice' is one of the five ways to wellbeing. I wonder what you notice around you at the moment and how it is making you feel. Have you noticed the signs of spring such as daffodils growing or the lighter evenings?



Diary Dates

Tuesday 11th March	Parents' Evening (except My Plan pupils)
Wednesday 12th March	Parents' Evening (except My Plan pupils)
Tuesday 18th March	Year 3 Train Trip
Wednesday 19th March	Colorfoto Class Photos
Friday 21st March	Comic Relief Day
Friday 21st March—Friday 28th March	Life Education 'Space' for all year groups
Tuesday 25th March	Year 3 Train Trip
Wednesday 26th March	Year 3 Train Trip
Wednesday 2nd April	Year 1 Trip to Pizza Express
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



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