



Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 7th February 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers

You'll be pleased to hear that Mr Tharia is still planning to return to school after half term, initially on a phased return until he feels ready for full time. Children may see him around next week, as he is planning on popping in to say hello to staff and pupils.

We are delighted to be holding our annual 'Elmbridge Has Got Talent' show finals on Friday 14th February and we are very excited to see what talents the children will present at our auditions on Monday 10th February. As always, we will invite parents of acts who get through to the final to come and watch on the day, where we will have some special guest judges to help decide the winners.

A quick reminder that term 4 starts for pupils on **Tuesday 25th February**, with the Monday being an INSET day for staff only. In the meantime, we hope that pupils enjoy their last week of school, and that all our families have a restful half term break when it comes.

Kind regards

Phill Riddle & Manda Holliday (Assistant Heads)

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.

Online Safety

On 11th February, we are acknowledging Internet Safety Day as a school. The children take part in an assembly and carry out additional lessons linked to online safety.

Below is a link to the official Internet Safety Day website where you will find their advice for parenting children in this digital age.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025>

Attendance

Our attendance this academic year is currently

96.03%

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!

Heritage School Award



As a school, we are passionate about the rich history our city has to offer and have worked hard to include local history across the eras we cover.

To celebrate our hard work and love of Gloucester, we have achieved the Historic England Heritage school award! We are the first primary school in Gloucester to achieve this award and are very proud!

Mrs Bourne-Clague



Class 17 Heritage Trip

As part of Year 6's history focus this term, we are taking the children to Gloucester Heritage hub to look through our local archives and discover about our city's place in history.

Class 17 had a brilliant time visiting the Heritage hub this Wednesday, and the other year 6 classes are looking forward to going very soon!

Cricket Festival at Sir Thomas Rich's School

Yesterday, a group of 30 Year 4 and 30 Year 5/6 pupils went to Sir Thomas Rich's school for a fun-filled cricket skills drill practice session followed by small-sided indoor cricket games. The festival was attended by 8 primary schools. Everyone really enjoyed the experience and the pupils behaved exceptionally well. Many thanks to Sir Thomas Rich's for hosting the festival and we hope to attend more similar events in future. Mrs Howard



School Council News

At our last meeting School Council raised concerns over litter around the Elmbridge area/school. Please remember to use the bins at school for any before, during and after school snacks. Let's keep Elmbridge tidy!

In other news...Year 1 asked for extra storage in their cloak room and for their lunchboxes. School Council are pleased to say this will be funded after a successful bid to the PTFA. This will be completed over February half term and will provide extra storage for book bags and accessories. New lunch trollies have been ordered and will be here soon! Watch this space for updates!



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Netball Match 10-1 win for Elmbridge!

The netball team (Florence A, Amelia B, Jasmine B, Mia G, Poppy D, Darcie W and Freya L) took part in the quarter final match of the league against Barnwood primary school. The team worked so well together and won the match 10-1! They are now through to the semi-final against Churchdown Village Junior School. A massive well done to all and a particular mention to Jasmine Banbury who was picked as the player of the match.

Boys' Football—Abbeymead vs Elmbridge Cup Game

On Thursday afternoon, Elmbridge travelled to Abbeymead Primary for the first round of the large schools' cup. The game started and it was very hard for the boys that were playing to get their footing as the pitch was extremely muddy. Elmbridge continued to persevere and played some good football. Yunus made some fantastic 1 on 1 saves to deny Abbeymead from opening the scoring. Isaac made an important clearance from a free-kick that was heading into the top corner. As the game continued, Elmbridge grew in confidence and dominated possession and created more and more chances. The ball fell to Ben who struck the ball into the top corner. A few moments later, on a counter attack, Abbeymead received a penalty when one of their players were tripped in the penalty box as one of the Elmbridge players slipped. Just before half-time, Frankie made a great run down the left wing and shot at the goalkeeper. The ball was spilled and Isaac cleverly followed up the shot bundling the ball into the back of the net. In the second half, Elmbridge continued to play extremely well and created a few more chances but unable to convert them. The final score was **Elmbridge 2, Abbeymead 1**.

After half-term, Elmbridge will be in the semi-finals of the large schools' cup. Well done to everyone and a massive thank you to Mr Walden for all his help, guidance and encouragement of the boys who have performed for Elmbridge throughout the season.

Girls' Football Tournament

St Mary's: 0-0

St Mary's was a competitive team to play against. Both teams played extremely well and had loads of attempts to score a goal.

However, both teams had amazing defenders and were not able to score so we drew 0-0.

St Peter's: 0-0

St Peter's was a great match there were some amazing attempts at goal. Unfortunately nobody was able to score in that match but everybody did their best and tried really hard. We drew 0-0.

Upton: 1-0 win to Elmbridge

Upton was a very good team with great strikers, defenders and midfielders. It started off with Amelia crossing the ball to Hannah who had a shot but it was saved. Then Isla sprinted up the pitch and crossed it to Hannah who did a fantastic assist to Hadleigh who scored!

Longlevens: 0-0

Longlevens were the hardest and strongest team with loads of great assists. Erin gave a shot to Elsie who unfortunately missed.

Everyone did really well. Thank you to all the parents who came to watch all the teams!



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Look Who's Talking Competition

A huge well done to our three Look Who's Talking competitors.

This week Adam, Lewis and Henry competed against other children from Gloucester Primary Schools for the next round of the Look Who's Talking oracy competition.

Adam spoke fluently and passionately about Dinosaurs. Lewis gave us lots of facts about Praying Mantis and spoke clearly and with confidence and Henry amazed us all with his knowledge and enthusiasm about robotic vacuum cleaners.

All three children were exemplary ambassadors for our school and we are very proud of them.

A special well done to Henry who was the winner of his heat and will now compete against children from schools outside of Gloucester.



Helping Children Learn Multiplication Tables

At school, children learn their Multiplication tables but you may be thinking, "a calculator can easily solve large calculations, so is multiplication really that important?". Learning times tables, however, is one of the fundamental building blocks of a child's math's education — It can be considered a form of daily mental training that can considerably improve cognitive functions, boosting your child's brain power to help them achieve goals and foster long term self-confidence.

You can help your child to learn Multiplication tables by, for example

- **Saying or chanting Multiplication tables over and over until remembered.**
- **Sing songs or play games that help remember tables; make up your own or learn some that can be found online!**
- **Making sure your child completes Times Table Rockstars activities at home.**

By the end of Y2, children should know x2, x5 and x5 tables off by heart. By the end of Y3, they should also know the x3, x4 and x8. By the end of Y4, children should know all the times tables off by heart up to 12x12.

C6 have been creating some fantastic 'Array Cities' to help them remember their x2 table!



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Wellbeing

Did you know there is support available for young people from Young Minds Matter?

<https://www.ghc.nhs.uk/our-teams-and-services/children-and-young-people/camhs/young-minds-matter/>

PTFA—Spring Animal/Letter Hunt!

We are in the process of organising a Spring animal/letter hunt around Longlevens - please contact us if you would like your house to have a letter/animal as part of the trail.

ptfa@elmbridgeprimaryschoolpta.onmicrosoft.com or see us in the playground.

Look out for more information for where to pick up a map!

Diary Dates

Monday 10th February	Year 2-6 Elmbridge Has Got Talent Auditions
Tuesday 11th February	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 12th February	Year 2 Mosque Trip
Friday 14th February	Year 2-6 Elmbridge Has Got Talent Finals
Friday 14th February	End of Term 3
Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st February	School Holiday
Term 4: Monday 24th February - Friday 11th April 2025	
Monday 24 th February	Inset Day - school closed for pupils
Tuesday 25 th February	Start of Term
Friday 28th February	Year 5 trip to We the Curious, Bristol
w/c 3rd March	Parent's Evening for pupils with a My Plan
Monday 3rd March	Y3/4 Climbing Wall and Caving Trailer
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day—Dress Up
Thursday 6th March	Year 2 & 3 Stories for Bedtime—Junior Hall 6pm
Tuesday 11th March	Parents' Evening (except My Plan pupils)
Wednesday 12th March	Parents' Evening (except My Plan pupils)
Monday 17th March	Year 3 Train Talk
Tuesday 18th March	Year 3 Train Trip
Wednesday 19th March	Colorfoto Class Photos
Friday 21st March	Comic Relief Day



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