



# Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 14th February 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the entire school community for the overwhelming support, kindness, and well wishes I received during my recent absence due to a heart attack. It has been a challenging time, but knowing that I had such caring and thoughtful parents, staff, and children behind me made a world of difference. Your messages, encouragement, and understanding were a great comfort and helped me on my path to recovery.

I would particularly like to thank the truly amazing staff and the senior leadership team for their hard work and dedication in ensuring the smooth running of the school. I am incredibly fortunate to work with such a talented and resilient team.

It was lovely to pop in to school this week to see the staff and children, especially the annual 'Elmbridge Has Got Talent' event on Friday morning. Well done to all those who took part in the auditions and who got through to the finals. It was lovely to see so many children with so much talent across the school. The results of this event are published as a separate item in this newsletter.

I am lucky to be part of this wonderful school family and am looking forward to being back with you after half term, as part of my phased return. Thank you once again for your support and for keeping the spirit of our school strong during my time away.

Finally, a reminder that Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February is an Inset day and school will be closed. I would like to wish everyone a restful and safe half term holiday and I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 25th February.

Best wishes

Glen Tharia—Head Teacher

## Online Safety

Does your child play Fortnite? Do you understand the game (most parents don't!)?

Did you know that its age rating is 13+?

Here are some helpful guides for parents to help you understand the game that your children are playing:

[Fortnite](#)

[Fortnite 2](#)

[Fortnite 3](#)

[Fortnite 4](#)

[Lego Fortnite](#)

## Attendance

Our attendance this academic year is currently

95.9%

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!**

## Elmbridge Has Got Talent

Well done to all those who took part in the auditions and finals of 'Elmbridge Has Got Talent'. It was lovely to see so many children with so much talent across the school. The finalists were:

Oak	Sycamore	Birch	Willow
Nancy Walker and Isla Bromley Ballet and piano	Mia Tipper Drama	Elsie Castrophillipo Piano	Zayn Gangat Singing
Darcey Leach Magician	Srishti Sreeram Singing	Hannah Smith Drums	Jessica Hopton Dance
Darla Robinson and Jasmine Young Piano	Florence Allen, Amelia Baldrey, Zara Timony-Smith, Saffron Tiller and Martha Smith Dance	Mia Gill, Freya Lakin, Bareerah Ladipo, Ruby Porter, Lylah Dangerfield Drums and Dance	Felicity Freeman Dance

Congratulations to the joint winners **Srishti** for your beautiful singing and **Felicity** for your amazing dancing. Also a big well done to **Jessica** for coming in second place with your wonderful dance routine and **Hannah** for coming in third place with your fantastic drumming!

Thank you to our judges, School Governors Kelsa Rowland-Evans and John McNeill, Ex-Deputy Head Tim Wilton and Gloucester Schools Sports Network's Cheryl Stennett. Thank you also to the families of the finalists for coming to watch the contest.

## Year 3/4 Gymnastics Competition

On Wednesday 12th February, 6 Year 3/4 pupils competed against 13 other schools in the Key Steps 2 Gymnastics Competition at Gloucester Academy.

They all did very well, displaying their brilliant gymnastics skills and behaved wonderfully throughout the competition.

Well done Emily, Ariya, Hope, Benjamin, Carter and Lucy.



## Netball Festival

This week, Jasmine, Izabelle, Poppy, Florence, Darcie, Mia, Aaya, Amelia and Freya took part in a netball tournament at Oxstalls sports arena.

They played amazingly, winning all 5 games! They were fantastic at representing Elmbridge, consistently showing great teamwork as well as respect to the other teams.



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## Gloucester City Cross Country Team

A big congratulations to Ben Jones, William Taylor and Callum Wakeman—they have been selected for the Gloucester City Team to take part in this year's cross country County Championships in March. What a fantastic achievement!

## Volunteers for After School Clubs

If you would be interested in volunteering at any of our after school clubs, or even running a new club, please get in touch with our Assistant Head Mrs Holliday.

You may be interested in helping out at one of our summer term clubs (e.g. cross country, athletics, gardening, tag rugby, arts and crafts, dancing) or please take a look at our website here <https://www.elmbridgeprimaryschool.co.uk/clubs/> to see what sorts of clubs we run over the school year. Whilst we will need to do a DBS check, please don't worry about being an expert in any of the clubs you may wish to be a part of.

We are very grateful to Mr Walden and Mr Smith for helping out with the football clubs this term.

## Wellbeing

Here is a good video from British Red Cross to help you know who you can talk to when needed.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6mc0S7x91Bs&t=70s>

## WOW—The Walk to School Challenge

Elmbridge will be taking part in an exciting initiative to encourage more children and their families to walk to school. **WOW - the walk to school challenge** is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking . We will be taking part from **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**.

The pupil-led challenge allows children to self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride) 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!

The badges are made in Cornwall from recycled fridge trays, plastic trays and yogurt pots!

Please see the attached flyer for information on all of the travel mode options the children will be able to choose from.

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



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## End of Term Achievement

Congratulations to the following children who have been recognised for their outstanding effort over Spring term 3. Each child has received an Elmbridge Primary School award (teddy bear on the infant site and school mug on the junior site). They will also have their name on the 'Elmbridge Superstars' board. For more details of these children's achievements this term, please see our Elmbridge Superstars page on our website [HERE](#)



Year Group	Class	Award for Outstanding Effort
R	Badgers	Aoife
	Hedgehogs	Freya
	Rabbits	Jasmine
1	1	Liara
	2	Thomas
	3	Elsie
2	4	Shashwath
	5	Ayera
	6	Louis
3	7	Hazel
	8	Maddison
	9	Molly
4	10	Lily
	11	Rovison
	12	Niyla
5	13	Megan
	14	Ethan
	15	Luca
6	16	Joesph
	17	Freya
	18	Tilly



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## School Nurse and Early Help Sessions

We will be welcoming the School Nursing Hub and our Early Help Co-ordinator for a catch-up session in Term 4. Further details will follow in due course including how to sign up. These sessions will be opportunities for these services to share how they can help to support our children and families.

School Nursing Hub - 18th March at 9:00am

Early help Co-ordinator - 26th March at 9-10am

### Diary Dates

Friday 14th February	End of Term 3
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	School Holiday
<b>Term 4: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Inset Day - school closed for pupils
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> 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	Year 4 'In the Net' Production at Longlevens Juniors
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)
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
w/c 7th April—date TBC	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



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