



Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 10th January 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers

Happy New Year and welcome back to Elmbridge Primary School! I'm sure, like us, you were shocked to hear of Mr Tharia's sudden illness over the Christmas break. I can reassure you that he is doing really well, is obviously desperate to get back to school and is grateful for all the well wishes that have been passed on. He is of course, under doctor's orders to take things easy and to take his time to recover before he returns. In the meantime, Mrs Holliday and myself, the Assistant Heads, will look after the day to day running of the school, with the help and support of all the staff who have been amazing in pulling together this week.

As usual this term, Mrs Holliday has organised our 'Pupil Voice' event, which gives our pupils the chance to have a say in the ongoing development of the school. Our website summarises the pupil voice feedback and will be soon be updated with the results of this round.

The Young Voices choir is looking forward to the trip to Birmingham for the big show next Thursday. A big thank you to Mrs Danvers and Mrs Hawkins who have been preparing the children for this fabulous event.

A quick reminder too that auditions for Elmbridge Has Got Talent take place on Monday 10th February - now's the time to get practicing those acts!

Kind regards

Phill Riddle

Assistant Head

Online Safety

Chances are, you've probably scanned a QR code or two in your time - giving you a quick and easy shortcut to a website, a social media profile, or some other online resource. Sadly, scammers have taken to using them to trick the public out of their personal information. In fact, Greater Manchester Police have said there has been a "steep rise" in the use of malicious QR codes as a "new way to defraud people". This comes after the UK's National Anti Fraud Network, Action Fraud, found that over half the people using QR codes struggled to know whether they're legitimate.

Have a look at [this helpful guide](#) so you don't get caught out!

Attendance

Our attendance this term is currently
96.27%

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!

Lost Property

As you may be aware, at school we seem to collect a huge amount of lost property over the course of a term. We always encourage children to have a look through and claim things that belong to them but even so, we end with a huge amount that ends up being disposed of, recycled or sent to charity—unfortunately we just do not have the capacity keep everything.

Please could I ask that you make sure that you write your child's name on the things they bring to school. This includes coats, uniform, PE kit, outdoor learning clothes, water bottles, lunch boxes, hats, gloves and scarves -indeed anything that belongs to them. That way, if it is lost it can be returned easily. This small effort on parents' and carers' behalf will save a lot of time that teachers, TAs and other staff spend having to sort through lost property at the end of the term. Thank you for your co-operation and support with this.

EduLink One

As you know, the school has ceased to use ParentMail and has switched to Edulink One as the primary communication tool. If you know of anyone who has not yet signed up, please ask them to check their email as the office have sent sign up messages this week -please note that this may have gone to their junk/spam box so they might want to check there too. If you have any questions regarding Edulink One, please contact the school office.

Contact information

It is very important that the office has up to date contact information for all parents and carers. Please check on Edulink and if these are not correct, submit the new details by the update information button.

Assessments for Y1, Y4 and Y6

There are a series of statutory assessments that children take throughout their time in Primary school; Y1 take the Phonics Screening test in June to check their grasp of phonics, whilst also in June, Y4 take the Multiplication Check to see how they are getting on with their recall of times tables, up to 12x12. Pupils in Y6 take SATs test in May in Reading, Spelling/Punctuation/Grammar and Maths, with Writing and Science standards being determined by their classwork throughout the year.

The Department for Education has provided some information for parents about these assessments, which can be accessed by following the links below. If you would like further information, then please contact the class teacher in the first instance.

[Phonics screening check: information for parents](#)

[Information for parents: multiplication tables check](#)

[2025 key stage 2 national curriculum tests: information for parents:](#)



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KS2 Sports Hall Athletic Event 2025

On Wednesday 8th January, 30 Year 6 pupils attended the KS2 Sports Hall Athletic Event at the University Indoor Arena by Plock Court. There were ten schools that took part and the events included a number of athletic and field challenges. All of the children from Elmbridge participated with great determination and enthusiasm and really enjoyed the experience— with some overcoming their fears! Thank you to Mrs Barthorpe and Mrs Crouch for supporting the children at this event.



Current Staff Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor. If you are interested in applying, please visit our website for further details and an application form:

<https://www.elmbridgeprimaryschool.co.uk/job-vacancies/>

Drop—in Breakfast Club

We hold a drop-in breakfast session for our children who have missed breakfast every Friday morning in the KS2 hall. There is toast and cereals available, without charge, between 8:00am and 8:30am. All children are welcome and **we ask that parents/carers stay with their children until normal drop-off at 8:40am**

After School Clubs

If you would like your child to take part in a club this term then please sign up via the form that was sent out yesterday. There are a variety of clubs on offer for all year groups so a big thank you to all the staff who make these happen.

We would like to say a massive thank you to **Mr Walden** for supporting the boys' football club, who have been very impressive in their league games. He has allowed so many of the boys who attend the club to grow in confidence. Thanks go to **Mr Smith** for supporting the 'girls' football' club who have made an equally impressive start to their league. Both Mr Walden and Mr Smith will be continuing to support the football clubs this term. Thanks also to **Mrs Benfield** and **Miss Hamblin** for leading the 'inside out' club last term—they created so many wonderful memories for the children who attended by creating inspiring activities. Finally, thank you to all of the **parents and carers** that have been able to attend Mrs Wiggins' lunchtime running club.

If you have a passion, talent or skill and would like to run a club in the summer term, we can support you with obtaining your DBS or have a member of staff support you with your club. If you are interested and able to run an after-school club, please speak to Mrs Holliday.



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Wellbeing

Did you know there is lots of support available for parents/carers on the NSPCC website?

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

Extra Parking on Windfall Way

The overspill car park on Windfall Way is open in the mornings for parents/carers to use at drop-off time. Please note the car park is locked at **9:00am**. It is opened again in the afternoons for school pick-up time but is locked again at **4:00pm**. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Thursday 16th January	Young Voices Concert, Resorts World Arena
Wednesday 22nd January	Year 1 trip to Pizza Express
Tuesday 28th January	Year 3 Trip to Corinium Museum
Wednesday 5th February	Year 1 trip to Pizza Express
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 17th - Friday 21st February	School Holiday
Term 4: Monday 24th February - Friday 11th April 2025	
Monday 24th February	Inset Day - school closed for pupils
Tuesday 25th February	Start of Term
Friday 28 th February	Year 5 trip to We the Curious, Bristol
w/c 3 rd March	Parents' Evening (My Plan pupils)
Monday 3 rd March	Y3/4 Climbing Wall and Caving Trailer
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day - Dress Up
Thursday 6 th 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)
Wednesday 19th March	Colorfoto Class Photos
Friday 21st March	Comic Relief Day



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