



# Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 29th November 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers

I would like to thank you all for your support in attending the recent parent consultations and, hopefully, you found them useful.

I can't believe it's only 3 weeks until the end of term as we look forward to all the festive activities, which starts with the Christmas Fayre tomorrow, organised by the PTFA.

I hope to see many of you at our Reception, Year 1 and Year 4 productions towards the end of this term as well as at the carol services we are having in the other year groups across the school.

I know the children are looking forward to their Christmas parties planned in the next few weeks; please double check the last page of this newsletter to ensure you have the right dates for all of our Christmas events.

I would like to welcome Mrs Anna Carey-Topping and Miss Amy Hall to our team of midday supervisors.

Finally, I have attached the term dates for 2025-2026 for your information.

Best wishes

Glen Tharia—Head Teacher

## PTFA Christmas Fayre this Saturday 30th November

This years' PTFA Christmas Fayre is taking place this Saturday on the Junior site 12-3pm.

We hope to see you all there - there will be a Santa's Grotto, Tombola's, games, stalls, and a lovely cafe!

### Online Safety

It was great to see so many families drop in at the online safety session on Tuesday 19th November. If you were unable to make it and have questions, please contact Mrs Toppin who will be more than willing to help.

There will be another drop in session during the March parents evenings.

### Attendance

Our attendance this term is currently  
95.65%

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!**

## Cross Country Championships

On Thursday 21st November, a group of nearly 70 children from Year 2—Year 6 took part in the Gloucester City Cross Country Championships at Holmleigh Park High School.

Everyone completed their races despite the freezing cold weather and we are very proud of the children for doing so well. The children displayed exemplary behaviour and represented the school brilliantly.

Congratulations to the following children for getting through to the next stage of selection for the Cross Country County Championships!

Year 5: Isaac M, Callum W, Isiah O, Jack W,

Year 6: Ben J, William T, Sam H

## Year 5/6 Netball

The netball team have played amazingly with some fantastic wins to be so proud of! They first played an away game at Robinswood winning 12-0 and then they had a home game against St James winning 10-1. They have shown such amazing teamwork, skill and respect!

Well done to Florence Allen, Jasmine Banbury, Poppy Davidson, Izabelle Vye, Darcie Warner, Mia Gill, Aaya Moolla and Amelia Baldrey.

## Christmas Choir at Gloucester Cathedral

We are very proud of the children who took part in the annual Christmas Concert in aid of Meningitis Now on Wednesday evening. There were no nerves to be heard in any voices, even when faced with a huge audience. The evening was very special, filled with beautiful music, songs and moving speeches from families affected by meningitis.

Thank you to family members who came to support the children and the charity. It certainly did mark the beginning of a lovely festive time. We can't wait to sing again at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday!



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## Our trip to the Black Country Museum

As we got off the coaches, we were quickly guided to our first activity, which was all about how people worked in the mines. It was very dangerous to work in the mines because lots of different things could go wrong. Some of those things are that methane could cause fires and the roof of the mine could cave in. The lady even set her hand alight! This showed us how they protected themselves from methane fires.



Before we actually went down the mine, we saw how steam was made to drive the mine shaft. Next, we went underground in the coal mine where our tour guide showed us different sections and jobs you could do in the mine. We had to wear helmets to prevent ourselves from getting head injuries. Our torches were very dimmed down to make it look like candle light so it was realistic and made our eyes used to the dark. We even felt a dynamite explosion, where the floor shook!



After the mine we went down to the town and visited many Victorian houses and businesses. Everyone we spoke to was dressed up as a Victorian and stayed in character.

We had a very exciting day and we would love to go back!

Raees and Elijah C13

## Did you know..?

There is an advent calendar in the MyHappyMind app! We are currently using MyHappyMind in school with your children to support their wellbeing and developing skills and habits to be their very best selves. To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> to create your free account. You will need to enter your name, email, and authentication code. Your authentication code is **115487**. Once you have created your account, you will receive an email with the next steps on downloading the app.

## Measles

There are a small number of measles cases in Gloucester and the surrounding area. To give your child the best protection against Measles, Mumps and Rubella a child needs two doses of the MMR vaccine. If your child has not had a second MMR as part of pre-school vaccines, I would encourage you to do this now by contacting your GP/Practice Nurse.

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/vaccination-schedule-age-checklist.aspx>

[What to do if you think your child has measles and when to keep them off school - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/2014/01/21/what-to-do-if-you-think-your-child-has-measles-and-when-to-keep-them-off-school/)



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## Children in Need 2024

Pudsey and Blush would like to say a big thank you to everyone who brought in donations and/or purchased Children in Need items from the school.

Thanks to Newent Rotary Club for providing the school with all of the Children in Need items for sale, and for arranging Pudsey and Blush's visit!

This year we raised an amazing total of... **£1,000.16!**



## No parking when cones are outside school

This week we unfortunately had an incident where a motorist parked between the traffic cones that were put out for 2 coaches taking pupils on a school trip, which caused a lot of traffic build up at drop off time. If there are cones placed outside school, you **must not** park between them as they are there to ensure coaches are able to park and pupils are able to board safely.

## Head Lice

Head lice can be a common occurrence during childhood. In order to reduce the chances of your child catching head lice, please ensure that your child's hair is tied back if it is longer than shoulder length, as advised in our school uniform [policy](#).

Please visit the NHS webpage [HERE](#) for further information and advice on head lice.

## Anti-bullying fortnight

Throughout this term, we have been talking to all children about anti-bullying. This years theme for anti-bullying fortnight is Choose Respect. Here are some questions you could talk to your child about to find out what they think.

- What do you think makes a good friend?
- How would you describe bullying in your own words?
- How do you show kindness to others?
- What can you do if you have hurt someone?
- What does respect mean to you? How do you show respect to others?
- How can we disagree with someone but still be kind and respectful?
- What can we say or do if someone is unkind to us?
- What could we do if we see someone being treated unkindly?
- What are some of the ways you are similar to your friends? What are some of the ways you are different?
- Why is it important to enjoy and celebrate the things that make each of us unique?



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## Letters sent home

19/11—A message from the Religion and World View Team

19/11—Year 2 Multi-skills Christmas Trip

20/11—Year 1 & 2 Pantomime Trip

22/11—Parentmail App changing to Edulink App

26/11—A Hint of Snow White tickets

28/11—Book your tickets for Reception 'Simply the Nativity'

## Diary Dates

Saturday 30th November	PTFA Christmas Fayre—Junior Site (12-3pm)
Tuesday 10th December	Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 11th December	Year 2 Christmas Multi-Skills Trip—Barnwood Park School
Wednesday 11th December	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 11th December	Year 1 Christmas Production—Infant Hall 9:30am
Wednesday 11th December	Year 1 Christmas Production—Infant Hall 2pm
Wednesday 11th December	Year 4 Christmas Production—Junior Hall 6:30pm
Thursday 12th December	Year 4 Christmas Production—Junior Hall 6:30pm
Thursday 12th December	Reception Christmas Production—Infant Hall 9:30am
Thursday 12th December	Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert—Junior Hall 2pm
Friday 13th December	Reception Christmas Production—Infant Hall 9:30am
Monday 16th December	Year 3 Christmas Party—Junior Hall
Monday 16th December	Year 3 Open Door Christmas Carols—2:45pm
Tuesday 17th December	Year 5 Christmas Party—Junior Hall
Tuesday 17th December	Year 2 Christmas Singing—Infant Hall 2:30pm
Wednesday 18th December	Years 1 & 2 Pantomime Trip—Roses Theatre
Wednesday 18th December	Year 6 Christmas Party—Junior Hall
Thursday 19th December	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Party
Thursday 19th December	Year 4 Christmas Party—Junior Hall
Friday 20th December	End of Term 2—Non Uniform/Christmas Jumper Day



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