



# Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 25th October 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers

Thank you for your support as we reach the end of our first term. I look forward to seeing many of you at the forthcoming parent consultations that have been arranged for after half term. These are really important meetings as teachers will be discussing your child's progress and next steps in their learning journey.

I also look forward to seeing many of you at the PTFA Fireworks display on Thursday 7th November. I would like to thank Anna Carey-Topping and her PTFA team in organising such a wonderful event which generates much needed funds for the school.

I wish you all a fantastic half term and look forward to seeing you child back at school on Tuesday 5th November.

Best wishes

Glen Tharia—Head Teacher

## Crossing the Road Safely

For the safety of yourselves and your children can we ask you to use the zebra crossing when coming into or leaving school via Elmbridge Road. Please be aware of the traffic and remember it is your responsibility to supervise your children and give them your full attention when using the crossing.

Our school is very fortunate to have a crossing patrol but, in order to avoid any accidents, Mr Merrick needs our children and adults to allow him to stop the traffic and then wait for him to indicate it is safe before stepping out onto the crossing. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

## Online Safety

Ofcom's latest Media Use and Attitude's Report states that 80% of children in the UK watch films on phones, tablets or laptops. That's a lot of youngsters who might be using their own gadgets to watch something suitably spooky this Halloween season or perhaps, something a little too frightening.

Have a look at this [guide](#) to help you navigate this tricky area of keeping your child safe.

## Attendance

Our attendance this term is currently

96.59%

Remember:



**EVERY SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS!**

## Basketball at St Peter's

Two groups of pupils—26 girls and 31 boys, enjoyed a brilliant trip to St Peter's School for a taster morning of basketball. Everyone really enjoyed the experience, learning new skills and having fun whilst keeping fit!

Mrs Howard



## Elmbridge vs. St Peter's Netball Match

Elmbridge Y5/6 Netball Team played against St Peter's last week and they did amazing winning 7-0!

Jasmine Banbury was chosen as player of the match. Well done to everyone!

Team: Florence Allen, Jasmine Banbury, Poppy Davidson, Izabelle Vye, Darcie Warner, Mia Gill, Aaya Moolla, Freya Lakin.

## Girls' Football Tournament

Churchdown vs. Elmbridge was a great game. They were a powerful team—we defended really hard but they won 0-1.

Next we played Carlton. We both tried our absolute best and Hadleigh-Rae scored so we won 1-0.

Longlevens and Elmbridge are two very competitive teams. Both teams took shots but both goalies saved them all so the score was 0-0.

Beech Green was a wonderful match and in the first 3 minutes Hannah scored a great goal. Isla scored the second amazing goal and we won 2-0.

St Peter's weren't as competitive as the other teams. Isla and Hadleigh-Rae scored and we won 2-0.

Thank you to the parents who came to support our team throughout the tournament.

Team: Amelia, Hannah, Hadleigh-Rae, Erin, Elsie, Isla and Jasmine



## Motorists at drop-off and pick-up times

We have received complaints from local residents that their driveways are often blocked in the mornings and at school pick-up times.

If you are parking near the school, please make sure that you are not blocking anyone's driveway, even for a short period of time. Thank you for your continued cooperation.



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## PTFA Fireworks Display—Thursday 7th November

Our annual PTFA fireworks display will take place on Thursday 7th November. Gates open at 5:30pm and the fireworks display starts at 7pm. There will be funfair rides, music by DJ Rossy, glow items and hotdogs for sale, and more!

We will also be opening a 'quiet area' in a classroom where you can watch but also have the loud bangs muffled by the windows.

Tickets are £5 each and are available to buy on ParentPay or from the School Hub.

**We have an early bird offer running until 24th October - you can purchase a family ticket (up to 5 people) for £16!** Entry is free for children aged 3 and under.

Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. No sparklers are allowed. We hope to see as many people as possible there for a fantastic evening!

### After School Clubs

This term has seen the start of our after-school clubs. There have been a wide range of physical and wellbeing clubs for the children to choose. Elmbridge Primary School would like to say a massive thank you to **Mr Walden** for supporting with the 'boys' football' club; **Mr Smith** for supporting with the 'girls' football' club; **Mrs Benfield** and **Miss Hamblin** for leading the 'Inside Out' club and 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, we can support you with obtaining your DBS or have a member of staff support you with your club.

We would love it if you were interested and able to run an after-school club, please speak to Mrs Holliday.

### Sweets in School

We appreciate that many children enjoy handing out sweets to their classmates at the end of the school day if it is their birthday. However, as we are a healthy school, we would like to politely request that children do not bring in sweets on their birthday.

Please see our school prospectus available on our website for further information on food, snacks and drinks in school. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Happy Diwali

Diwali is a festival widely celebrated by Hindus. It represents new beginnings and the victory of light over darkness, good over evil. Mythologically, Diwali commemorates the celebration of the triumphant return of King Rama and his wife Sita back to their kingdom Ayodhya after defeating the demon King Ravana and upholding divine law.

Diwali, also referred to as Deepavali, literally means "a row of lights" and accordingly is marked by homes being decorated with lights all around. Hindu families typically celebrate the festival with relatives and friends wearing bright traditional clothes, distributing sweets and lighting fireworks.

**Wishing all families a happy Diwali celebration over the half term.**

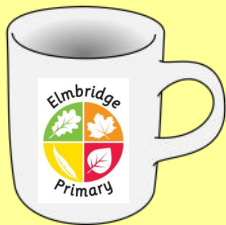


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## End of Term Achievement

Congratulations to the following children who have been recognised for their outstanding effort over Autumn term 1. 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	Phoebe
	Hedgehogs	Watson
	Rabbits	Hudson
1	1	Alfie
	2	Sienna
	3	Arwyn-Grace
2	4	James
	5	Ella
	6	Teddy
3	7	Rory
	8	Jasmine
	9	Ellis
4	10	Tilly
	11	Hasan
	12	Loyal
5	13	Ted
	14	Sama
	15	Reece
6	16	Chase
	17	Archie
	18	Olivia



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## Bikes and Scooters before and after school

Please do not allow your child to use them on the playgrounds at either ends of the school day. Children **must** dismount at the school gates and walk their bikes/scooters to the bike racks in order to avoid injuring themselves or somebody else. Thank you for your continued support.

### Diary Dates

Friday 25th October	End of Term 1
Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November	School Holiday
Monday 4th November	INSET DAY—no pupils
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Start of Term
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception Family Tree Event 9am
Thursday 7th November	PTA Firework Display (5-7pm)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Anti-Bullying and Equalities fortnight
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations (My Plan pupils)
Wednesday 13th November	Prospective Parent Tour for 2025 Intake 9.30am
Thursday 14th November	Reception Family Tree Event 9am
Friday 15th November	Children in Need Charity Day
Tuesday 19th November	Parents' Evening (except My Plan pupils)
Wednesday 20th November	Parents' Evening (except My Plan pupils)
Wednesday 20th November	Prospective Parent Tour for 2025 Intake 9.30am
Friday 22nd November	Year 5 Trip to Black Country Living Museum
Wednesday 27th November	Prospective Parent Tour for 2025 Intake 9.30am
Thursday 28th November	Year 6 Trip to Swindon STEAM Museum
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

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