



Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 7th November 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back to the new term. It was lovely to see so many of you at the fireworks display last night —the fireworks were spectacular as always. We would like to thank Anna Carey-Topping and the rest of PTFA and all the volunteers for helping to organise such a wonderful evening.

We continue to promote the importance of respect. This links in well with 'Remembrance', 'Children in Need' day, and 'Anti-Bullying Fortnight', which starts next week with our launch of 'odd socks day' on Monday 10th November. Over the next few weeks, we will be looking at ways in which we can show tolerance, compassion and kindness towards each other. We will also be having a non-uniform day, wearing something spotty, at the end of the week (Friday 14th November) for 'Children in Need'.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the forthcoming parent consultations over the next few weeks. These are really important meetings as teachers will be discussing your child's progress and next steps in their learning journey.

Finally, we welcome Miss Erran Cooper and Mrs Liz Lodge to our team of midday supervisors.

Have a lovely weekend!

Glen Tharia & Manda Holliday — Co-Head Teachers

A message from the PTFA

Thank you to everyone who attended our amazing fireworks display yesterday evening. The event has raised over **£4,000!** We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 29th November, 12-3pm** on the Junior site. Thank you for all your support!

Online Safety

Are your children spending more time inside now that it is dark on an evening? Are they using technology to fill their time?

Do you know what websites, apps and games they are using and who they are communicating with?

Don't forget to get your child to show you how to play their games - they will love teaching you something (and it means you can find out what they are doing)!

Attendance

Our attendance this academic year is currently

96.59%

If your child is going to be off school due to illness, you must report their absence on the Edulink app or call the school office absence line **every day that they are off before 9am** to update us on your child's condition.

Thank you Gloucester Rugby

We would like to say a big thank you to Gloucester Rugby Foundation for providing us with a free set of new rugby balls and kit for our children to use. This kit was donated as part of their Project Rugby programme which aims to help children fall in love with rugby and enjoy being active.

The Director of Community & Foundation said "they were delighted to help schools like ours, who work so hard to ensure that our children get access to as many sports and activities as possible and if one child picks up one of these rugby balls and thinks that this is the sport for them, it's a win".

Well, this is definitely a win for our PE resources and we are very grateful for their help and support.

Mr Hounsell



Odd Socks Day next Monday 10th November!

Next Monday, pupils can come to school in odd socks if they wish, as part of national Anti-Bullying Week.

Children in Need next Friday 14th November

Next Friday 14th November is Children in Need Day. The day will be a non uniform day and everyone is invited to wear Pudsey items or anything spotty.

The children can bring in a £1 donation but there won't be any items to sell or a visit from Pudsey this year.

Gloucester Rugby 745 Game on 9th November—20% discount on tickets

On Sunday 9th November, the second 745 Game is taking place at Kingsholm Stadium.

The game was created by Ed Slater & Rob Burrow to raise awareness and money for Motor Neurone Disease (MND). It's a unique event that brings together legends from the worlds of Rugby League and Rugby Union.

This year the Union team will be boosted by stars like Joe Marler and our very own local legend Jake Polledri. It promises to be a fantastic day!

To help get as many of the rugby family along as possible, the event organisers have kindly given us a **20% discount on tickets**.

Just go to: [745 Game Tickets - Kingsholm](#)

- Enter the code **20OFF745** at checkout
- You can buy as many tickets as you like at this rate

We are able to share this with our school contacts, parents, and WhatsApp groups, but we ask that you **don't post it on public social media**.

Let's rally the rugby family of Gloucestershire and beyond, enjoy a brilliant day out together, and raise vital funds for the MND community.



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A message from the Pastoral Team

If you are in need of short term support for essential items, please contact the school office and ask for Di Howard. Your request will be triaged by the Pastoral Team and we will let you know the outcome for temporary help, for example we have provided weekly food hampers and we can help with purchasing school uniform.

If longer term support is required, we will be able to signpost you to other local services.

Volunteer School Appeal Panel

Gloucestershire County Council are in the process of recruiting volunteer Panel Members to assist with virtual School Admission Appeals. They are particularly in need of Parent Members (those with children currently in education).

If you are interested in applying, here's the link to the relevant page on the Gloucestershire County Council website:

[Apply to become a volunteer school appeals panel member | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Diary Dates

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| Monday 10th—Friday 21st November | Anti-Bullying and Equalities fortnight |
| w/c 10th November | Parent Consultations (My Plan pupils) |
| Thursday 13th November | Reception Family Tree Event 9am |
| Friday 14th November | Children in Need Charity Day |
| Tuesday 18th November | Parents' Evening (except My Plan pupils) |
| Wednesday 19th November | Parents' Evening (except My Plan pupils) |
| Friday 28th November | Year 5 Trip to Black Country Living Museum |
| Saturday 29th November | PTFA Christmas Fayre—Junior Site (12-3pm) |
| Tuesday 9th December | Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Dinner |
| Tuesday 9th December | Year 4 Christmas Production—Junior Hall 6.30pm |
| Tuesday 9th December | Year 1 Christmas Production—Infant Hall 9.30am |
| Wednesday 10th December | Year 5 & 6 Christmas Dinner |
| Wednesday 10th December | Year 1 Christmas Production—Infant Hall 9.30am |
| Wednesday 10th December | Year 4 Christmas Production—Junior Hall 6.30pm |
| Thursday 11th December | Reception Christmas Production—Infant Hall 9.30am |
| Thursday 11th December | Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert—Junior Hall 2pm |
| Friday 12th December | Reception Christmas Production—Infant Hall 9.30am |



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