



# Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 19th December 2025



Dear Parents & Carers

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support so far this academic year. As we have mentioned many times before, we are very proud to be part of such a vibrant, busy school which enables all of our whole school community to get involved. All of your kind and positive comments never go unnoticed but we also take on board any other feedback as we always try and do the very best for our children.

It has been a fantastic and very busy few weeks, with the amazing Year 4 production of 'Aladdin Trouble', and the lovely Y1 and Reception nativity shows. It was also fantastic to watch the festive Year 5/6 Christmas carol service as well as the Year 2 and 3 open door carols being sung at the end of the day earlier this week. The turnout for each event has been brilliant and we really appreciate this home-school partnership.

It has been great to see the children enjoying their Christmas parties too, as well as the Year 1 and 2 trip to see 'Jack and the Beanstalk' at the Roses Theatre. We know that the children in the infants had a very exciting party day on Thursday with Colin Dymond providing entertainment throughout the morning. They all seemed to be having a good time.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and great New Year. See you all on **Monday 5th January 2026!** Please note that this is **NOT** an INSET day so pupils are expected to be in school.

Best wishes

Glen Tharia & Manda Holliday – Co-Head Teachers

## Online Safety

This festive season, the newest toys on the shelves do not just blink or make noise; they listen.

Many now come with artificial intelligence (AI), allowing them to talk, learn, and even respond to a child's emotions. These toys can be educational and engaging, but they also collect, store and process information.

For more information about AI toys, read this helpful [leaflet](#).

## Attendance

Our attendance this academic year is currently

96%

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.

**REMEMBER: EVERY DAY COUNTS!**

## Key Steps 1 (Y2) Gymnastics Competition

Well done to Darcie W, Grace B, Demi, Douglas, Evie and Samanvi for coming **1st** out of 8 Gloucester schools in the Key Steps gymnastics event held at Gloucester Academy Secondary School last week.

Congratulations to Evie, who was placed 3rd overall, for the bench exercise and to Grace who came 1st overall in the bench exercise and the floor exercise!

Well done also to Douglas, who was awarded a medal for 'determination', one of the school games values. I am really proud of all our gymnasts!

They all performed brilliantly!

Mr Tharia



## Christmas Hat Design Winners

All the children loved creating their own hats to wear at their Christmas dinners. The winners of the best designs are:

C7— Isla Rose

C8— Siena Edwards

C9— Louis Tanner

C10— Rose Stevenson

C11— Elizabeth Ogungbemi

C12— Sophie Beard

C13— Tilly Rawson

C14— Rose Romero-Walden

C15— Theo Solimani-Rad

C16— Lola Field

C17— Ethan Stokes

C18— Jasmine Knight

## Golfing Success

Ted and Jack have both been selected to play for Gloucestershire golf team.

They competed against roughly 120 other students, some quite a bit older.

We are extremely proud of them!



## Food Bank Donations

Thank you for your generosity in donating to the food bank. We donated a huge 128.15kg which is roughly 305 meals!



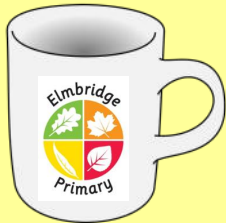
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## End of Term Achievement

Congratulations to the following children who have been recognised for their outstanding effort over Autumn term 2. 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	Declan
	Hedgehogs	Rupert
	Rabbits	George
1	1	Arabella
	2	Charlie
	3	Thea
2	4	Samanvi
	5	Aria
	6	Amelia
3	7	Evie
	8	Alexander
	9	Thea
4	10	Thea
	11	Darcey
	12	Lilly
5	13	Cami
	14	Seren
	15	Archie
6	16	Elsie
	17	Jorge
	18	Ted

## Seasons

Spring is my favourite season and my poem will tell you the reason.

I can sit on the grass and pick lots of flowers,  
I like to watch the birds and the bees for hours  
and hours.

Summer is full of sun,

Days at the beach are lots of fun!

I love to go on picnics and eat ice-cream,

Summer holidays are a dream!

Autumn leaves crisp and crunch.

My favourite is when I jump in a bunch.

Autumn time is colourful and cold,

My Dad's favourite time of year - I was once told.

Winter is icy and bitter,

When you walk everything is covered in glitter.

It includes my favourite time of the year,

Full of lots of Christmas cheer!

*Written by May Ferguson, Year 4*

## Santa Fun Run

It was amazing to see so many families join and being active at our Santa Fun Run last Friday. It was a wonderful atmosphere and an amazing way to spread Christmas cheer!

Thank you to everyone who came to support,



## Helping Hands & Active Leaders

Our wonderful Helping Hands and Active Leaders celebrated with a squash and biscuits party to thank them all for their hard work this term!

We are so grateful for the effort these children put into making playtimes a more enjoyable, active and safe experience for the rest of the children in the school.

We look forward to them continuing their roles in the new year!



## Diary Dates

Monday 22nd December— Friday 2nd January	School Holiday
Monday 5th January	Start of Term
Tuesday 13th January	Year 3 Trip to Gloucester Museum
Wednesday 14th January	Year 1 Trip to Pizza Express
Thursday 15th January	School Census Day
Thursday 15th January	Young Voices Concert, Resorts World Arena



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