



# Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 23rd January 2026

Dear Parents/ Carers

It has already been a busy start to term 3 and you will see reports in this weeks newsletter of the amazing 'Young Voices ' concert; it is always a spectacular event and we are always so proud of all our children who represent the school brilliantly at events like these, so a big well done to everyone involved.

It was also fantastic to see all of the children have a go a the 'Look who's' Talking' competition and a particular well done to Henry Stephenson (Y2), Ava Stack (Y4) and Lola Field (Y6), who got through to the next round!

Finally, can we once again thank all our parents, carers, staff and wider community in supporting the school since our return after the Christmas break, particularly those who are supporting our clubs after school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Glen Tharia & Manda Holliday — Co-Head Teachers

## 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/>

## Online Safety

Research has shown that children between the ages of 7 and 14 now spend between 3 to 5 hours on a device a day.

Read this [leaflet](#) to find out more about how to support your child's wellbeing.

## Attendance

Our attendance this term is currently

95.82%

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

Remember:

**EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!**

## Netball Tournament

Elmbridge netball team took part in an inter school tournament at Oxstalls sports hall. We played four matches.

It was lovely to see the children enjoying playing and working as a team, well done !

Players : Amelia, Max, Seren, Belle, Hayden, Rose, Lucy and Hadleigh -Rae.

Mrs Griffin



## Young Voices 2026

What a fantastic day we had at Young Voices!

The children, and adults had a brilliant time singing alongside over 5000 children!

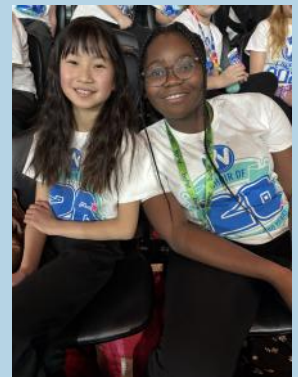
The excitement was real once the lights went down and the torches came out! The song choices were a huge hit with audience, especially the 'Wicked' medley!

The parents and carers also had a great time showing their dance moves in the interactive number!

It's such an amazing experience for all involved!

We can't wait to go again next year. Look out to sign up in the summer term. The places fill up very quickly!

Mrs Danvers



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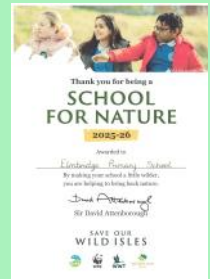
## Eco-Council News

Thanks to the encouragement of the eco council, children across the school have been exploring the biodiversity of plants and animals around the school grounds. EYFS and KS1 have been on winter walks and looking at the birds on the school grounds this winter. Some children have made bird feeders to promote and hopefully increase the birds they could see.

These activities along with other outdoor learning activities have led to the school gaining RSPB Wild Challenge Bronze level, RSPB Big Schools' Bird Watch and School for Nature certificate signed by Sir David Attenborough. We will continue to work towards other awards and certificates and later this month look forward to meeting with the local MP Cameron Thomas. Please could we also ask if anyone has a passion or skill that could help us to increase the biodiversity of flowers or animals on the school grounds to please let the school know. E.g. able to make a bird box, bird feeders, hedgehog houses or have seeds we could plant.

Did you know, this weekend, 23-25 January is the Big Garden Birdwatch? If you can, head out into your garden or local green space for an hour and make a note of all the different birds you can spot, then submit your results at:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch/submission>



## Cut your Carbon Campaign

Thank you so much for all the families that supported the Cut Your Carbon campaign. As a school we managed to cut about **4853kgCO<sub>2</sub>e**.

We would really like you to try to continue to make small, regular changes to continue to cut carbon where you can.

- Keep showers times to about 4 minutes
- Reduce shower water temperature slightly to use less energy
- Reduce the temperature on your thermostat
- Use eco setting on the washing machine
- Don't over fill the kettle when boiling

These are just a few ideas found on [energysavingtrust.org.uk](http://energysavingtrust.org.uk)



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## Diary Dates

Wednesday 4th February	Year 1 Class 2 Trip to Pizza Express
Monday 9th February	Year 2-6 Elmbridge Has Got Talent Auditions
Tuesday 10th February	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 11th February	Year 2 Mosque Trip
<b>Friday 13th February</b>	<b>End of Term 3</b>
<b>Monday 16th—Friday 20th February</b>	<b>Half Term Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 23rd February</b>	<b>Start of Term 4</b>
Tuesday 24th February	Year 3 Train Talk
Friday 27th February	French language play—Years 3-6
w/c 2nd March	Parents' Evening (My Plan pupils)
Wednesday 4th March	Year 1 Class 3 Trip to Pizza Express
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day—Dress up
Thursday 5th March	Year 2 & 3 Stories for Bedtime—Junior Hall 6pm
Tuesday 10th March	Parents' Evening (except My Plan pupils)
Wednesday 11th March	Parents' Evening (expect My Plan pupils)
Thursday 19th March	Spring Concert—Junior Hall
Monday 16th—Friday 20th March	House Sports Week
Friday 20th March	Comic Relief Day
<b>Friday 27th March</b>	<b>End of Term 4—Non-uniform day</b>
<b>Monday 30th March—Friday 10th April</b>	<b>School Holidays</b>
<b>Monday 13th April</b>	<b>Start of Term 5</b>
Monday 27th April	Year 4 Archery—Junior Hall
Tuesday 28th April	Year 3 Archery—Junior Hall
<b>Monday 4th May</b>	<b>Bank holiday Monday—no school</b>
Monday 11th May	Rags2Riches Collection
Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATS Week
Monday 11th, Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th May	Year 5 Watersports Activities, South Cerney Country Park (non-residential)



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