



# Elmbridge Primary School Newsletter 6th February 2026

Dear Parents/ Carers

We are delighted to be holding our annual 'Elmbridge Has Got Talent' show finals on Friday 13th February and we are very excited to see what talents the children will present at our auditions on Monday 9th February. As always, we will invite parents of acts who get through to the final to come and watch on the day, where we will have some special guest judges to help decide the winners.

We would like to let you know that Mrs Pearce has decided to move on from her role at the school to pursue new ventures and opportunities and will therefore not be returning. We would like to thank her for her time as SENDCO at Elmbridge Primary School and wish her every success for the future. As stated previously, Miss Pembridge and Mrs Wiggins will be supporting our SEND pupils, staff and families, going forward.

We also say farewell to Ms Perrott, one of our midday supervisors, and Mrs Spring, one of our teaching assistants, who will be leaving us at the end of term. We wish them both well and thank them for their contributions.

A quick reminder that term 4 starts for pupils on **Monday 23rd February**—the Monday is not an INSET day this year. In the meantime, we hope that pupils enjoy their last week of school, and that all our families have a restful half term break when it comes.

Best wishes

Glen Tharia & Manda Holliday — Co-Head Teachers

## Online Safety

On 10<sup>th</sup> February we will take part in Internet Safety Day as a school. The children take part in an assembly and carry out additional lessons linked to online safety.

Below is a link to the official Internet Safety Day website where you will find their advice for parenting children in this digital age. <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

## Attendance

Our attendance this term is currently

95.81%

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!**

## Gloucestershire School's Dance Festival

The Year 5 and 6 Dance Club performed at the Cheltenham Town Hall last Tuesday for the Gloucestershire School's Dance Festival. They represented Elmbridge Primary School proudly and managed their nerves in front of such a big audience. We were so proud of them all.

Mrs Hook



## Winter Art Competition

Well done to everyone that entered the competition. It was so hard for us to choose the winners.

The winners are -

EYFS- Pearl J (Rabbits)

KS1- Myles L (Class 4)

Lower KS2- Delilah T (Class 11)

Upper KS2 - Olivia P (Class 16)

The winning entries will be displayed at the GSP Celebration of Art Exhibition: 'Winter' during the February half-term at St Mary de Crypt. Please go and look at all the fantastic winning entries from schools across Gloucester if you get a chance.

Mrs Hook & Mrs Slack



## A message from the PTFA

If you have any teddies, dolls or toy buggies that you would like to donate for the summer fayre and other upcoming events, please bring them in to the Hub! Thank you.



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## Eco Council News

Eco council invited local MP Cameron Thomas into school this week to share their ideas and find out what he might be able to do to help the eco council cut carbon and improve biodiversity on the school grounds. They asked him lots of questions and they were impressed with how much Cam does in his own garden to increase the number of animals that visit. This included hedgehogs, birds, bats and minibeasts.



Cam took away the thoughts and ideas of the students and has already written letters and emails to people within the county council and parliament to try and provide us with answers and support. We know the pupils felt empowered having their voices heard. This was such an amazing opportunity for the pupils and we look forward to hearing back from him.



If any parent, carer or local business is able to support us in increasing biodiversity please let the school office know. This could include resources or time to create animal shelters around the school grounds.

Mrs McNulty

## Class 10 Trip to University of Gloucestershire new City Centre Campus

Last Tuesday, we had the privilege of being the first school invited to visit the new University of Gloucestershire city centre campus. Class 10 worked with university geography students, using sand, guttering and water to learn all about river processes—they even simulated a flood! This was an amazing opportunity to see the new campus and consolidate our lessons on rivers this term. All pupils behaved impeccably and were fantastic representatives for the school.

Mrs Radford



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Please can we ask that you do not use the Windfall Way driveway to access the school grounds either on foot or by car. This entrance is for the use of school and under 5's staff and authorised users only. For your safety please use the pedestrian walkway only.

Only Blue Badge holders, or those families with exceptional circumstances, registered with the office can use the Infant Windfall Way driveway and parking spaces to drop off and pick up children. Parking is limited and the driveway is for the use of staff, service and authorised vehicles only. Please contact the school office if you require any short term arrangements for medical reasons and remember to display your Blue Badges or temporary permit when parked on site.

There is additional parking available during drop off and pick up times further along Windfall Way at the recreation area behind the school. The Windfall Way driveway is shared with the Under 5's and your co-operation in helping to reduce the flow of traffic and keep our young children safe at these busy times of day is much appreciated.

## Diary Dates

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 (except My Plan pupils)
Monday 16th March	Year 3 Class 7 Train Trip
Tuesday 17th March	Year 3 Class 8 Train Trip
Wednesday 18th March	Year 3 Class 9 Train Trip
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>



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