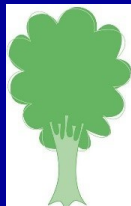


# Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 39 Friday 21st July 2023



Elmlea  
Schools' Trust

## 2023/24 Academic year

### Term 1

Fri 1 Sept - Fri 20 Oct '23

**INSET DAYS** Fri 1 & Mon 4

Sept

First day of Term Tues 5 Sept

### Term 2

Mon 30 Oct- Fri 15 Dec '23

**INSET DAY** Mon 30 Oct

First day of Term Tues 31 Oct

### Term 3

Tues 2 Jan- Fri 9th Feb '24

**INSET DAY** Tues 2 Jan

First day of Term Weds 3 Jan  
'24

### Term 4

Mon 19 Feb to Thurs 28

March '24

**INSET DAY** Mon 18 March

### Term 5

Mon 15 April-Fri 24th May

May Bank Holiday Mon 6

May

### Term 6

Mon 3 June - Tues 23 July

**INSET DAY** Fri 28 June

Last Day of Term

Tues 23 July

See [website](#) for more  
details

Dear parents and carers,

It is the end of another fantastic school year with many, many highlights. Every child at Elmlea has given of their very best and should feel so proud of all they have achieved this year. Thank you to you too for all your support and for all we have achieved for your children by working together.

At the end of a year, it is also an opportunity to say a big thank you to our fantastic Elmlea school staff teams who every day give so much to ensure the children of Elmlea have the best year in school we can possibly give them. On behalf of the staff thank you too for the generous gifts which will be much appreciated and even more importantly for the kind words you have shared in person and in cards expressing your thanks and are genuinely treasured by us all.

Now is the time for a well-earned change of pace for all our Elmlea families and a chance to spend quality time together. We wish you all a fantastic Summer 2023. We look forward to welcoming the children back in school on Tuesday 5th September, refreshed and ready for a new school year.

**Year 6 Leavers** - Our Yr6 children are sadly leaving us today. We have all shared a very moving leaver's assembly together this morning and thank you to everyone who joined us to make it a special occasion. Our Yr6 children have been a fantastic year group and we wish them every success and happiness as they move on from here. There will be a golden farewell on the field after school today – this is just for Yr6 children and Yr6 parents.

**Leavers** - We are also saying goodbye to a number of children moving away and joining other schools – we wish you every success in your new schools and hope you quickly settle in and make new friends.

**Uniform** - Just a reminder, we do have a uniform shed stacked with second hand school uniform, please use it. Also a reminder, only sensible trainers/ daps suitable for PE should be used. Fashion/ hugely expensive trainers have started appearing in the Junior School for PE and are not acceptable. Trainers may get dirty/wet on the field or playground.

**Staffing Update** - We are also saying goodbye today to Charlotte Veldman today, who has been with us for many years and is moving to BFS to join their Sixth Form support team. We are grateful for all she has given to the children of Elmlea and wish her every success.

Lorraine Wright,  
Executive Headteacher



## Music News

A great big thumbs up to those members of junior Choir who performed in assembly last week. We were a bit down on numbers due to two trips, but they sang their hearts out! A special mention goes to Bethany G in year 6 who bravely sang a solo at the beginning of Love Shine A Light. Many thanks to Miss Leach, Miss Sheffield and Miss Quinnell for their support. Wednesday evening saw our final concert of the year next, involving both orchestras, the guitar and ukulele groups. Well done to those brave instrumentalists who performed solo, perhaps for the first ever time in front of an audience!



**Music Clubs next year:** you will by now have received a letter inviting you to sign up your child for the school orchestra on Wednesday mornings. There is also an opportunity for string players (violin, viola, cello or double bass) to join our string orchestra on Friday mornings. If you are interested in this, please contact Bristol Beacon directly in September to sign up [bookings@bristolbeacon.org](mailto:bookings@bristolbeacon.org). There will be an opportunity to join Infant or Junior Choir club at the beginning of September. Please note if you already have a place in this club and would like to keep it you will need to sign up again.

**Miss Sadler, Co-ordinator of Music**

## After School Clubs - Elmlea teacher-led clubs in Term 1 and external clubs



A letter was emailed to parents yesterday with details of the clubs running from September. For teacher-led clubs, an email will be sent on the morning of **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023** with a link to register your child's interest to join a club from 12 noon that day. You will have until 9.00am on Thursday 7th September to register their interest.

Parents will be emailed a confirmation of a place the week commencing Monday 11th September (and will need to confirm their place on Arbor), and/or will also be notified if their child has been placed on a waiting list due to a club being oversubscribed.

## RWA (Royal West of England Academy) - Summer holiday activities



**Family Activity Space** FREE & open to everyone during RWA opening hours 10am -5pm Tues-Sun the perfect spot to hide away on rainy summer days.

**Junior Drawing School:** [Abstract Maps](#) on Thurs 3 Aug and [Night-time cityscape](#) on Weds 9 Aug

**Happy Mondays | Happy Families:** A sensory, explorative workshop for families with children with SEN+D On Mon [24 July](#) and [31 July](#).

[Scribble & Sketch Art Classes](#) for Kids (On Saturdays once a month FREE)

## Summer reading challenge!

Do not forget to get involved in the Summer reading challenge! It is free and the libraries across Bristol offer lots of extra activities as well as the book challenge. Read, Set, Read is the name of the challenge and the theme is sports and games. Visit your local library, sign up [here](#) or look at what else they offer [here](#).

All children will receive 3 dojos if you upload or show your certificate to your teacher in September! We can't wait to see your hard work!



## Shine Holiday Clubs - running at school this summer

Shine holiday clubs will be running at school, as well as at the Shine Sports Hall and Shine Sports Ground this summer.

For more information, visit [Shine](#) or click [here](#).





## A message from the Year 6 Leavers 2023

Traditionally , Year 6 leavers donate gift/s to the school annually.

This year , the school will receive a brand new 6 seater Birch Picnic Table for the staff and teachers to have an option of eating outdoor during Spring and Summer time.

We have donated new mugs to both Junior and Infant staff room. We also hope that everyone had enjoyed their Krispy Kreme donut treats today.

On top of that, Year 6 leavers have kindly sponsored this year's Christmas party food and drinks for Teacher's and Staff.

Thank you Year 6 parents and families who have generously contributed to these gifts.

We hope the school will enjoy the gifts.

From Year 6 Leavers 2023



## Inclusion Information and Support

### Bristol Autism Parent/Carer support in Primary-Post 16



The Bristol Autism Team (BAT) support children and young people who have an autism diagnosis, who are on the autism pathway to diagnosis and those with Social Communication and Interaction Needs but who are not on the Autism Pathway.

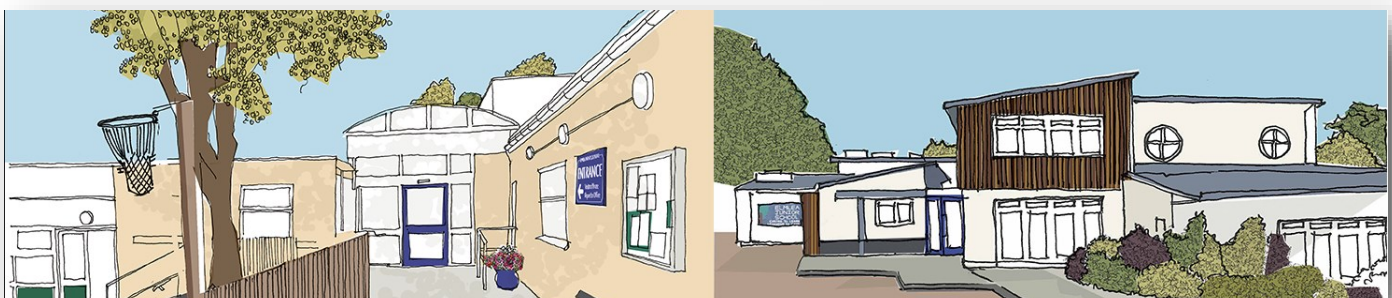
Click [here](#) for more information.

### Bristol Parent Carers - SEND support available

Join our [community](#) and access any support you need. Click for details about [Bristol SEND Coffee morning](#). Booking information for each of our support groups and courses (including over the summer holidays) can be found on our event-brite [page](#). We also run courses with neighbouring parent carer forums, places can be booked [here](#).

**All courses are free of charge but must be prebooked.**

With best wishes for a relaxing summer beak.



## PTA Notes

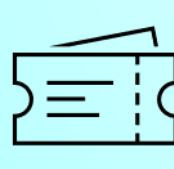
What a year! You will have seen in last week's newsletter that we are thrilled to have raised £12,700 this year.

This is **thanks to all of you** – everyone who donated to the Christmas Hampers and entered the draw; joined us for the Christmas market, bought their child's christmas cards, or a Frenchay Christmas tree through the PTA; sponsored, donated prizes or bought tickets for the Great Coronation raffle; gave it their all at the Quiz; bought drinks at the disco or a cup of tea and mince pie in the queue for their child's nativity...Thank you!

Thank you to the **brilliant class reps** who are a conduit to classes for the PTA and gathered together the fantastic Christmas hampers for the raffle, and kindly passed them onto the winners. We know you go above and beyond your PTA role, many of you organising class camp, drinks, and teacher gifts. Thank you.

Thank you to the **Trust** for facilitating our fundraising efforts...especially Georgina in the Office for newsletter and posters; Henry and Steve for the logistics of using the school for events and giving up their own time to help us with this.

We also thank **Jen** who has been a fantastic chairperson over three years – thank you for all your time, effort, support and dedication, it's been invaluable and you will be missed. And to our **event leads**: Cheryl, Lou, John and Jamie for a terrific quiz; Cheryl for masterminding Christmas cards; Rob and Lucy for organising Christmas trees; Jen and Joanne for Disco support; and everyone who volunteered to support each event. Finally, thank you to all the **Year 6 leaver parents** who have supported the PTA over the years; we wish you well with pastures new!



Every parent/carer at Elmea is automatically part of the PTA. The events we hold and funds we raise are linked to how many people we have volunteering. There is a role for everyone – whether it's an hour on the bar at the disco, tidying the uniform shed, or taking on a Committee role. Please remember: everyone who helps with the PTA is a parent or carer at the school and is in no way an expert. We all just work it out as we go and do our best, so the key ingredient really is just a positive approach and 'can do' attitude. For next year we are looking for:

- **Co-chair:** helping to support the various event teams across the year; supporting the PTA core team and attending AGM plus PTA meetings; generally being super organised and helping solve various conundrums as they arise! Debbie Frost has kindly stepped in as co-chair so you will be part of a brilliant team!
- **Co-treasurer:** supporting our wonderful Treasurer, Tina, with processing floats and Sum-up machines for events, keeping on top of PTA cash flow, running finance reports for AGM and PTA meetings, paying invoices etc.
- **Website support:** running online ticket sales for events / raffles. Tina has the system fully up and running and this will only need monitoring once or twice a term depending on events. We would also like to improve our PTA website.
- **Summer Fair team:** we're thrilled to be holding a Summer Fair in 2024 and are looking for a core team to lead on events planning.
- **Disco lead:** overseeing team to run Discos (we will help you!)

It's hard to estimate the time involved in these volunteer jobs but we just juggle and try and fit in what we can, and we try not to do anything during the school holidays where possible.

Everyone is welcome to our evening **AGM on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September** at school when we will vote in next year's committee, discuss future events and proposed spending.

Wishing you all a super Summer break.

Thanks - Jen, Tina, Lucy, Joy, Tripta, Debbie [elmea.school.pta@gmail.com](mailto:elmea.school.pta@gmail.com)

P.S. Support us every time you shop online! [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.com)







# Year Group News



## Reception

What an amazing first year at school - We wish you all a happy Summer Holiday!

Don't forget to download your Tapestry file asap.



The Reception Team

## Year 1

Wow, what a year! The staff want to say thank you to all the children for their hard work and enthusiasm. They deserve a rest!

Thank you also to the parents for your continued support and cooperation, it is greatly appreciated. We know the children are going to have a fantastic Year 2 and we look forward to seeing how they get on!

Have a wonderful summer!



Year 1 Team

## Year 2

Year two have had a great last week and are definitely ready for their move to Year 3. We finished our castle information booklets and wrote letters to our next teachers so they can learn about us. We had a great class party day dancing, playing games and eating some snacks.

Year two teachers would like to say a massive thank you to all the children for being so brilliant and also to parents and carers for their support this year too. Enjoy the holiday and remember to come back across to say hello every now and then next year!

Please click [here](#) for the Year 3 Parents' Information Evening slides if you missed them in the email last week.

Next term in Year 3 your children will be learning all about the Ancient Egyptians in our first topic of the year 'Tomb Raider' in Terms 1&2. This is always an extremely popular topic and we have many exciting events planned, including special visitors, workshops and historical artefacts to investigate. More information can be found [here](#).



Year 2 Team

### Year 3

Year 3 have had a fun-filled last week of term finishing off our final pieces of work for the year. Thank you all for working so hard each day and being so enthusiastic about all of your learning. We have loved being your teachers this year and really hope you take away some very happy memories of your year. We also just wanted to say thank you so much for our wonderful gifts. Have a fantastic summer Year 3!

Next term in Year 4 your children will be learning all about the Ancient Egyptians in our first topic of the year 'Tomb Raider' in Terms 1&2. This is always an extremely popular topic and we have many exciting events planned, including special visitors, workshops and historical artefacts to investigate. More information can be found [here](#).

**Year 3 Team**



### Year 4

Year 4 have had a busy last week of term to end a fantastic year. In English, children wrote about their fascinating trip to the University of Bristol Botanical Gardens and they reflected well on their learning. Using the school copse area, pupils enjoyed finding out about different habitats and investigating which ones woodlice prefer. Children worked scientifically and made excellent predictions and conclusions. In

maths, pupils loved completing a mystery maths

challenge and

demonstrated brilliant collaborative skills in their teams. As a Year 4 team, we are incredibly proud of what all the children have achieved. Well done, Year 4!



**Y4 Teaching Team**

### Year 5

Year 5 have had a brilliant last week! We designed a zoo and applied our mathematical understanding to this, figuring out how to make the most profit. We wrote letters to our new class teachers to introduce ourselves. We reflected on our learning and favourite memories and shared these as a class. It was great to see their creativity with this piece of homework. It brought a smile to our face as we heard their memories and what the children are proud of! Another highlight of the week was our visit from our Linking Schools. We made friendship bracelets, played games and said goodbye to our linking buddies.



Thank you for all of your enthusiasm and hard work year 5! It has been a pleasure to teach you and see you all flourish. Have a lovely restful summer! We wish you all the best in year 6!

**Year 5 Team**



### Please give generously...

During our geography fieldwork trip to the center of Bristol, many children were made aware of people sleeping rough in our city. They felt compelled to help and have therefore decided to select Shelter as the charity for our Y6 production of Elmlea Horrible histories.

### Year 6

Year 6 have had a truly wonderful final week at Elmlea! They performed 'Horrible Elmlea Histories' to their families on Monday afternoon and Tuesday evening and everyone really enjoyed it.

We are incredibly proud of every single one of you for this year. You have all worked exceptionally hard and all deserve a well-earned break. Your next schools will be very lucky to have you and we really wish you all the best as you embark upon your next chapter.

**Miss Leach, Mr Salisbury and Miss Sheffield.**