

Elmlea Schools' Trust

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2023/24 Academic year

Term 2

Tues 31 Oct to Fri 15 Dec '23

National Winter Jumper Day

Thurs 7 Dec

Rec, Yr 1, Yr 2, Yr 3, Yr 4

Christmas Lunch

Tues 12 Dec

Yr 5 & 6 Christmas Lunch

Weds 13 Dec

*Wear a festive jumper for your
Christmas lunch*

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 info.



Dear parents and carers,

It has been a very brightly coloured week this week starting with our odd-socks day to start our anti-bullying week and culminating in our Children in Need day with lots of brightly coloured and spotty clothing.

Thank you for remembering and supporting our focus days, it all really helps us to reinforce key messages, especially this week around anti-bullying. The theme this year has been "Make a noise about bullying" and the children have had lessons on what bullying is and what to do if they see bullying or are being bullied.

Book at bedtime – a big thank you to everyone who supported our book at bedtime in the Infant School this week, the children definitely enjoyed the excitement of coming back into school in their onesies and PJ's. A big thank you to the PTA for running refreshments in the hall which was really well supported by parents who were waiting for their children.

Thank you to our staff team for holding the reading event. We have together already raised over £200 for Children in Need. If you want to donate to Children in Need the link is [here](#).

Archie - a series about the life of Cary Grant - Our very own Dainton in Yr6 will be on television soon as a young Archie Leach, appearing in a series about the life of Cary Grant and will also be making an appearance on Points West next week too! Dainton really enjoyed the experience and we look forward to watching him in action.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher



Science Week 15 -19 January 2024 - CONNECTIONS!

We would be most grateful to any parents who work within the STEM (Science Technology Engineering & Maths) disciplines and allied professions who would be prepared to share their expertise with our children during this week. This parental link had been incredibly successful in the past and the children are always very proud of the parents who are able to come into school and represent their professions and passions and also inspired by them, demystifying scientific stereotypes. Our aim is to include the theme of sustainability also and any parents who work in this field would also be very welcome into school.



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With grateful thanks, Mrs Wilson, Miss Cooke & Mrs Smith.



Indoor Athletics Competition

Wednesday evening saw 20 year 5 and year 6 children take part in an indoor athletics competition at St Bede's school. With 6 other schools in attendance, it was a noisy, busy sports hall full of track events and fielding events. We wasted no time at all at getting started with girls track events which involved lots of sprinted, jumping and using turning boards which the children managed superbly well considering this was their first ever experience of them. The boys started their campaign with fielding events which involved jumping for height and distance, speed bounce and throwing. The children then swapped over and finished the evening with the soft javelin event which was a real pleasure to watch. The children all did so well in trying their best in their events as well as some additional ones thrown at them last minute! A big thank you to Mr Vaughan for helping out at the fixture and making sure it went ahead.

Hannah Paterson, Head of PE and School Sport

Music News

We are very busy preparing for various festive events this term. Our first of these events is the Junior Choir Winter Sing at the newly opened Beacon Hall next Friday evening. The children have had a lot of lyrics to learn and are also learning to sing challenging harmony parts. We were treated to a little preview when they joined us to sing the harmony part of 'Believe' in singing assembly yesterday - what a fabulous sound we made! I can't wait to hear all of the children sing together as a massed choir at this exciting event. If you haven't bought tickets yet make sure you do so as soon as possible as they are likely to sell out. Follow this [link](#).



Young Voices Video - a video of this year's event can be preordered for £9.99 with the discount code PREORDER by following this [link](#).



Miss Sadler, Co-ordinator of Music

Teacher-led after school clubs in TERM 3

A letter was sent out yesterday (Thurs 16th Nov) to all Junior school parents/carers with details of Term 3 teacher-led after school clubs. Please ensure you register your child's interest in joining a club **by 9.00am on Monday 27th November**.

Please note we are not able to accommodate late requests to join a club after this due to the admin time involved. If your child has been offered a place in a club you will receive an email confirmation by Friday 1st December (you will also then need to confirm your child's place on Arbor).



CAKE SALE



Junior School Yellow House Cake Sale reminder

Don't forget to get baking for the Yellow House Cake Sale next Friday 24th November. Cakes should be delivered to the Junior School staffroom door on the Friday morning.

Cake Sale will take place outside the Junior school staff room at 3:15pm.

Please note that we are a cashless school and will only be accepting contactless payments.





What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Smart TVs

Smart TVs are the future of home entertainment ... but how safe is that future? 📺🤖 The percentage of UK households that own a smart TV has leapt from 11% to 74% in less than ten years – and that proportion is only expected to increase further as more viewers discover the various benefits of these sophisticated systems. 👁️ While the technology is impressive, fun and increasingly affordable, the flip side is that the number of people (especially young ones) who need to be aware of their risks has risen commensurately. This week's [#WakeUpWednesday](#) guide outlines how to avoid some common smart TV hazards, so that you can relax a little when your children do. For more information click [here](#).

20% off Shine Holiday Clubs - offer ends this weekend

Shine are back at our school running Holiday Clubs this festive period. The children who have come have really enjoyed their day with us so we would love to see more of you!

We have a Panto Play in a Day with an end of day performance, Little Star Dance Party, Mini & Multi Merry Mash-Up of lots of different activities. Book now with the code Early Booker to receive 20% off and don't worry if you book early and your plans change, we offer a 48 hour cancellation policy. Offer ends Sunday 19th November. Click [here](#) for more information



Inclusion Information and Support



The Greenway Centre, Bristol Parent Carer Forum and Ignite Bristol

Home to the Southmead Development Trust, **The Greenway Centre** is a thriving hub for: Health and Wellbeing services; space hire for meetings, events, training and conferences; and community support. They are fully inclusive, and everyone is welcome. Have a look at some of their events! [Greenway Centre Community Events](#)

Also, don't forget the **Bristol Parent Carer Forum** is the best place to go to find inclusive events across the city: [Events – Bristol Parent Carers](#)



Looking for an **inclusive sports club**? Try here: [Disability Inclusive Sport | Ignite Bristol | Bristol](#)

Community News



Children's Hospice South West 'Santa's on the Run' Sunday 3rd December

[Children's Hospice South West](#) are holding their annual Santa's on the Run charity event on Sunday 3rd December 2023 at their hospice in North Somerset, Charlton Farm.

More information can be found [here](#).

Little Foxes forest school

[Little Foxes forest school](#) are very excited to be opening a new forest preschool at [Westbury Wildlife park foundation](#) in January 2024! Limited spaces now available. We are hosting open days on: Mon 20th Nov 13.30-15.00pm & Weds 22nd Nov 19.30-20.30pm

Places are filling fast so to register your child's place book [here](#) or email westbury@littlefoxesforest.co.uk.



SUPPORT THE PTA

We've extended our Christmas sales with Gingerbread houses and a few sizes of Christmas tree still available! Order at www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa

There are still places available for our **Christmas Card Printing Workshop**:

- Thursday 23 November 7.30-9.30pm Grupo Lounge, Westbury-on-Trym.
- Join us if you want to get into the festive spirit and get creative!
- Tickets are £25
- Recommended age 12+ due to intricate nature of the workshop. All children must be accompanied by an attending adult
- Pre-book only at www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa



We would love some volunteers to help serve drinks at the **Christmas Nativities**. Anyone who helps will get a reserved seat in the front row of their chosen performance.

Please sign up to volunteer at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACA72EA7FCC52-46019681-nativity>

Christmas Hamper Time

This event traditionally raises several thousand pounds for the school.

For those of you who haven't done it before, we ask all parents to contribute 1 small item per child (voluntary) into a class hamper. We produce a total of 42 hampers which are raffled off with ticket sales.

Your class reps will be in contact with a virtual signup to select your one item and with details of where to drop it off.

Tickets for these hampers can be purchased anytime from NOW until 10 December at www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa.

****The draw will take place on the 11th December****

1st - 7th December. **Help us help you to reduce fabric waste this Christmas!!**



We would like to encourage you to swap your outgrown Christmas / winter jumpers, for other pre-loved ones. Drop your jumper off in the uniform shed, and take one away!! - If the rail is full, please do not leave anymore - Do not leave on the floor or in bags - thank you , Strictly no donations of jumpers after 7th December please!

If you would like, and are able to make a donation to the PTA, please use the QR code on the door!

Happy swapping!!

With **Black Friday** approaching, please remember to use [Easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.com)!

- We raise funds and it won't cost you a penny!
- You can turn your everyday online shopping into FREE donations for Elmlea.
- So far over 200 supporters have raised a whopping **£1,507** for us!
- And now, shop 5 times and collect 5 stamps to enter a monthly prize draw to win a donation of up to £3,000. There's no catch or hidden charges!
- If you still haven't yet signed up use this link [Easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.com)



Best wishes, The Elmlea PTA
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Year Group News

Reception

YR have started practising for the Winter performance. Please check tapestry for a costume letter from your child's class teacher.

Please can we remind you to ensure your child's reading folder is in their bag everyday. We want to regularly add comments on what your child has been reading in school and this is not possible when it doesn't come into school - thank you! Happy reading 😊



The Reception Team

Year 1

Well done, Year One. It's been a great week.

We enjoyed our work on anti-bullying, reading stories and making posters.

In maths we learnt to partition numbers into two and three parts and in English we practised using adjectives to describe a story setting.

Year One, we are so proud of how hard you've been working!



Year 1 Team

Year 2

Year 2 have had a lovely week in school. We have been writing persuasive letters to Mr D to try and convince him that we deserved five minutes of extra golden time. We were all successful with this.

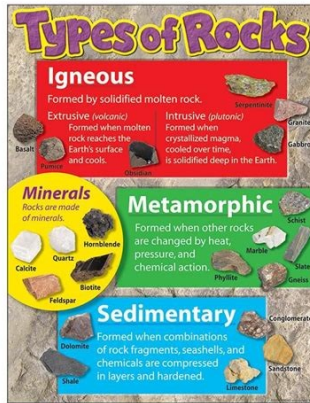
We also started our rehearsals for the performances at the end of term. Please support with learning lines over the weekend. The song lyrics are also on seesaw too.

Next week we will be writing some more persuasive letters and further exploring the rainforest.



Thank you, Year 2 team

Year 3 - Year 3 have had an exciting week, which started with everyone wearing odd socks on Monday to emphasise everyone's individuality and unique qualities. We have seen our Y3 play rehearsals really coming together this week with the children being much more familiar with their lines, stage directions, song lyrics and actions. We welcomed a theatre company into school on Tuesday morning when



Year 3 gained a clear understanding about some top tips to prevent against bullying such as 'Hand up! Step Back! Back Off!' and 'Zip it! Lock it! Flag it!'. to help prevent cyberbullying. We reminded pupils about the need to extend a hand of kindness to others also and that this demonstrates clearly one of our core school values. In English, pupils learnt more about adverbial openers and completed their example non-chronological report on the imaginary creature, the Narduck. In maths, children continued consolidating their knowledge and understanding about multiplication and its inverse, division. Pupils are enjoying our new science topic about rocks and soils and have even learnt a song which helps them remember the three main types of rock, igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary. On Friday, we enjoyed celebrating 'Children in Need' day and fundraising by wearing something spotty. Well done , Year 3!

The Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 4 - Year 4 have had a great week in Year 4. We have dressed up in odd socks and had a spotty, yellow, fun-filled Friday! In between, we have been busy writing a biography on a person of our choice. We have had to think about the chronological order of their life and what they have achieved in their life too. We have also looked at the biographies of Roald Dahl, JK Rowling and Usain Bolt.



In DT, we have been learning about Food Hygiene and how to prevent the spread of bacteria and infections when cooking. Good work Year 4!

Can you help us bake cookies on Tuesday 28th November? Click [here](#) for more information and to volunteer.

Y4 Teaching Team

Year 5 Wow! What a great week we have had in Year 5 this week! In maths, we have been continuing our fractions journey, and finding fractions of amounts alongside converting fractions into decimals. In history, we went back in time to answer the question "Gruesome Greeks or Great Greeks" and looked at some of the punishments that the Ancient Greeks invented. It is fair to say, we were glad that most of them are no longer allowed. In DT, we continued our project on designing a throne for an Ancient Greek god or goddess, and evaluated different products that were out there already. We applied our knowledge of different types of joinery to help us with the evaluations. We also have had a lot of fun with chocolate and other solids in science, where we melted different solids and tested to see if they could resolidify. Not eating the chocolate was definitely the hardest part of the lesson! Well done on another fabulous week Year 5!



Year 5 Team

Year 6 This week in year 6 we have continued to explore light. We have changed its direction using reflection and investigated how a mirror works. We understand more about the Ancient Greek Olympics which dominated the Ancient world for over 1000 years and how many practices are still followed today. We also carefully studied some chairs to see what features we might be able to apply to our wooden thrones. In maths, we are deep into our fractions unit and are becoming confident with converting between improper, proper and mixed and finding common denominators which enable us to add and subtract.



Year 6 Team