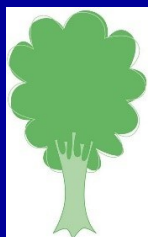


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Elmlea
Schools' Trust

2023/24 Academic year

Infant School Class Assemblies
Click [here](#) for full details

Term 4

Mon 19 Feb - Thurs 28 March
INSET DAY Mon 18 March

Term 5

Mon 15 April-Fri 24th May
May Bank Holiday Mon 6 May
School Photo Day Fri 3 May

Term 6

Mon 3 June - Tues 23 July
INSET DAY Fri 28 June
Last Day of Term
Tues 23 July

2024/25 Academic year

Full details can be found [here](#) or
visit the [website](#) for more info.

Dear parents and carers,

Wow, **World Book Day 2024** yesterday was a fabulous celebration. A huge thank you to you for supporting this through dressing your children up in such a vast array of costumes. With the sun shining throughout the day there was a real celebratory feel across both schools. A big thank you too to our reading subject leaders, Miss Neal and Miss Leach for all their organisation of workshops and events across the week as well as the book fair and to you for supporting this too.

Newsletter format – we will shortly be reformatting your newsletter to make it more reader friendly. Before we do that we wanted to know what we could do to improve it for you, so please let us know through this very short [survey](#).

Parking – we have had a very upset neighbour call as their driveway has been blocked this morning by a parent parking across it and then speeding off down The Dell. Drop off can be stressful but please leave enough time in the morning so you can park in the correct places and not need to speed away to work, which again puts our families at risk of an accident.

Lorraine Wright,
Executive Headteacher



Red Nose Day and Sport Relief at Elmlea next week

This year as part of Red Nose Day we will be doing our Sports Relief focus, all of the information can be found on the next page.

Elmlea Teacher-run after school clubs

Term 4 Clubs - Please note that Netball, Boccia and Choir will NOT be running in the last week of Term 4, week commencing Monday 25th March. However, Boxercise will be running on Monday 25th March as this will be a rescheduled session for a previously cancelled one.

Term 5 Clubs - Term 5 clubs are now open for parents/carers to register their child's interest in (an email was sent earlier today with the timetable). Please register your child's interest to join a club **by 9.00am on Friday 15th March**. The office cannot accept requests after this time due to the administration time involved in setting up clubs. Thank you for your understanding on this.





Red Nose Day

This year as part of Red Nose Day we will be doing our Sports Relief focus. As part of this, we will be running some in-school sports and fitness challenges during PE lessons and breaktimes.

On their PE day, we would like all children to wear a PE kit of their choice. This could be their favourite sports team shirt or just some of their own sports clothes but we ask that it is suitable for school and weather conditions. Also, on Red Nose Day itself, children are encouraged to wear red (this could be socks or full outfit) to show their support and help us raise some funds.

We ask for an optional donation to be made using this [link](#) which will help us and the children give something back to this charity.

Sport Relief at Elmlea next week

WE'VE ALREADY GOT A FEW THINGS UP OUR SLEEVE...

- Wear your own sports kit for your PE lesson with Mrs Paterson (week beginning 11th March).
- During your lesson, you will take part in fitness challenges to earn points for your House
- The House that earns the most points during the week will be our House Winners on the Friday



EVERY SMALL ACTION CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

What shall we do?
Friday 15th March

- Wear something **red** to school
- Donate to our JustGiving page
- House Winners announced



Elmlea Christians Meeting

We are a group of Christian parents at Elmlea who love the school and the work it does with our children. We aim to support the staff, pupils and parents. If you are new to the school or have been here a while, we would love to meet you.

Whatever denomination you are, whether you go to church regularly or occasionally, or even if you're just interested to learn a bit more, we would love you to join us on **Friday 15th March at 9.00am** at the Infant School reception. Feel free to bring younger children if you have them with you. If you have any questions contact Fiona at movetobristol@gmail.com.



Henleaze Tennis Club Christmas Easter holiday camps

These Junior Tennis Camps cater for children from 4-13 years of age and are designed to be fun for all levels. The camps are run by highly experienced and fully qualified coaching team providing the children with a fun, social and active environment. Rackets are available to borrow from us. Click [here](#) to book your spot.

Inclusion Information and Support

SEND Family Newsletter

The latest Newsletter can be found [here](#).

Bristol SEND News for families



Out & About - WECIL - Supporting Independent Living

[Out & About](#) is a group of specialist organisations who work together to provide inclusive sessions and support for Disabled and SEND children and young people.



PTA Events



BAG 2 SCHOOL

An eco-friendly textile recycling scheme that will raise 50p per kilo for Elmlea.

A bag, with details of what to do, will be coming home with your children w/c 18th March. So sort through your wardrobes and donate your unwanted textiles in preparation. Collection will be Friday 26th April.



Thanks again to all of you who bought tickets for our Winter Raffle, it was a huge success as we raised £1,500 which is amazing. The lucky winners are:

Victoria Swan, Laura Kirston, Shenal Odgaard, Mark Adams, Heather Bird, Helen Read-Jennings, Tina French, Anna Mills, Leyla Allardice-Bunnage, Alexandra Robert-Carnac,

Nicola Taylor, Jo Bennett.

All of the winners should have been contacted by text message or email. If you've missed the message please email: elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com

Upcoming events:

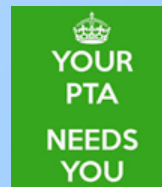
Quiz: 17th May

Summer fair: 6th July - if any companies would like to sponsor or advertise in the brochure for the summer fair please email: elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com

PTA News

Spending plans: Our uniform shed has served us well, but it's starting to rot. The funds you have raised mean we've been able to source a new one to house uniform and costumes, to be installed next term.

New PTA committee members needed for next academic year: We're looking for 2 x Co-Chairs, a Treasurer and a Secretary. The volunteers will be supported by an excellent team of event organisers. Please contact us if you're interested.



Facebook: We're moving to one Facebook page!

The Infant's facebook page has been renamed - Elmlea School's Trust PTA Group and the Elmlea Junior Facebook site will close from Easter. If you haven't already joined, sign up here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/576344152516915/>

Don't forget to use [Easyfundraising](#) where you can raise a FREE donation for Elmlea Schools' Trust Association every time you grab a bargain. Together we've raised **£1,653.07** so far for Elmlea.



Best wishes, The Elmlea PTA

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Year Group News

Reception

Reception have had a great book week with amazing costumes on Thursday! Thank you for all of your support!

On Tuesday next week Reception are walking to Westbury Baptist Church for a visit.

Red Nose Day is next Friday 15th March - Please send your child to school in something red. Reception will be taking part in mini challenges for Red Nose Day in the afternoon.



The Reception Team

Year 1

We have loved Book Week in Year 1 this week! We had a brilliant Jack and the Beanstalk drama workshop which we loved, we made our own book marks, completed a character quiz and of course dressed up as our favourite characters yesterday! We really feel that the buzz for reading has come to life this week in our classrooms. Also, a big well done to class 1M for their class assembly today, we can't wait to see 1AW perform theirs next week!



Year 1 Team

Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic Book Week, thank you for sorting all of the children's wonderful costumes! We enjoyed a Matilda workshop on Tuesday and a special day filled with reading and book-related activities on Thursday. We have learned division rules in maths and have continued studying myths in English. We practised writing character descriptions with expanded noun phrases and using thesauruses to upgrade our WOW words. Thank you to everyone who visited the Book Fair!



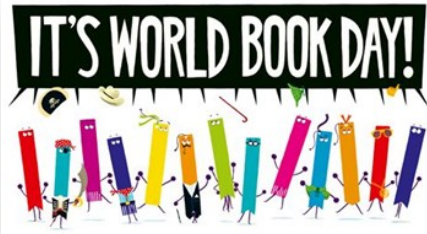
Thank you, Year 2 team

Year 3

Year 3 have had a great week and have really enjoyed our 'Book Week 2024 - Heroes and Villains' theme. Every morning we have had fun with the starter book activities which have included 'Book of the Day' and on Wednesday, pupils enjoyed the Mystery Staff Reader and also the House Quiz. Children have also been inspired to draw and describe James Bond-like gadgets and write an adventure story about a character called SpyFox. World Book Day was a sea of wonderful characters and thank you to parents for providing the children with their costumes. In maths, pupils have consolidated and extended their knowledge and understanding about statistics and about the different ways in which we can represent and interpret data. In science, we have finished the

Marble Run Challenge entries and have continued our unit of work on magnets.

Year 3 Teaching Team



Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic week with all the fun world book day activities! In particular, we really enjoyed dressing up as book characters and reading to our infant buddies!

We have continued to work hard during our Year 4 production rehearsals. The songs are now sounding amazing, and the props and scenery are slowly being included. We have worked very hard this week!



Y4 Teaching Team

Year 5



This week, during Book Week, we enjoyed a drama workshop on Pantomime Villains which was delivered by Sophie Isaacs, a West End actor. It was so exciting to meet and be taught by someone who had performed as Katherine Howard in the musical 'Six'. In art, we have continued our self-portraits project by using iPads to edit a digital image of ourselves that represents our personality, values and individuality. In science, we learnt why planets are broadly spherical and explored how scientific theories have evolved over time - especially with Flat Earth versus Spherical Earth Theory.



Year 5 Team

Year 6

Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed Book Week - thank you Miss Leach. We have written an episode of Dr. Hammer vs Spy Fox and debated who is the most villainous Roald Dahl villain. (Our winner was the Grand High Witch!) We also enjoyed some drama about Henry VIII and his wives with Sophie Isaacs who was in the musical 'Six'. In maths, we have learnt about ratio and in geography we focussed on Rio de Janeiro and what life would be like to live in a favela.



Year 6 Team