

# Elmlea Schools' Trust

## Newsletter Issue 25

### Friday 22nd March 2024



Elmlea  
Schools' Trust

#### 2023/24 Academic year

##### Term 4

Mon 19 Feb - Thurs 28 March

##### Term 5

Mon 15 April-Fri 24th May

May Bank Holiday Mon 6 May

**School Photo Day** Fri 3 May

**Reception class assemblies**

Oak Fri 3 May / Willow Fri 10

May / Maple Fri 17 May (Infant  
gate opens 2:40 for 2:45pm start)

##### Term 6

Mon 3 June - Tues 23 July

**INSET DAY** Fri 28 June

Last Day of Term

Tues 23 July

#### 2024/25 Academic year

##### Term 1

Mon 2 Sept-25 Oct '24

**INSET DAYS** Mon 2, Tues 3 Sept &  
Fri 25 Oct '24

*First day of Term 1 Children return  
to school Wed 4 Sept '24*

##### Term 2

4 Nov – 20 Dec '24

##### Term 3

6 Jan – 14 Feb '25

**INSET DAY** Mon 6 Jan '25

*First day Term 3 Tues 7 Jan '25*

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

Dear parents and carers,

Our Spring concert on Wednesday was a singing sensation with over 100 children from our Infant and Junior School choirs, as well as boys choir singing together. A huge thank you Kath Sadler our Music leader for the Trust who oversees all our music provision and for making it all happen. Thank you to parents too for being such an enthusiastic audience and supporting the event.

**Easter trail** – Yr5 took part in an Easter trail at St Mary Magdalene Church in Stoke Bishop and learnt about the Easter story. Thank you to the Yr5 team for organising it.

**Yr2 out and about** – Yr2 visited Canford park on Wednesday as part of their topic and although many children go there regularly they saw different aspects of the park exploring the wildlife and nature there. Thank you to all the volunteers who attended and to the Yr2 team for organising the trip.

**Safeguarding reminder** – a child was approached by a parent they didn't recognise on the playground who asked their name and where they live. The child knew a stranger shouldn't be talking to them and went and told their teacher straight away. As a reminder please do not approach any child and ask this information for any reason.

**Leaving the school site after drop off past 8.50am** – please use the top gate or infant gate when leaving after drop off – please do not come back down via the Junior gate as we close the wooden gates for the children's safety.

**Staffing update** – Mrs Sloper, our Deputy Headteacher for the Junior School will be retiring at the end of this academic year. Mrs Sloper has been at Elmlea for many years and has given so much to the children, families and staff of Elmlea of which we are very grateful. We will have an opportunity to say a proper goodbye at the end of the summer term. We are currently recruiting for this role and will update you when we have made a successful appointment.

Next week, Yr4 will be saying a big thank you to Mrs Short and Mrs Shaunak who will be stepping back from their current roles. After Easter we will be welcoming back Miss Long who returns from maternity leave and we have appointed Miss Phillipps a new teacher to the Elmlea staff team.

**Lorraine Wright,**  
Executive Headteacher



### Music News

A massive well done to everyone who performed in the Spring Choir Festival on Wednesday. What a fantastic event, we lifted the roof with our singing and everybody had a great time!

Miss Sadler, Co-ordinator of Music



#### Bristol Beacon's Come & Play Day Saturday 23 March

Calling all violin, viola, cello, or double bass players aged 6-11!

Bristol Beacon's Junior Music Centre will be holding its annual free morning of open rehearsals for our beginner string ensembles! Details on how to attend can be found [here](#).

### BRISTOL BEACON

#### Come and Play Day 2024

A string ensemble open rehearsal morning for violin, viola, cello & double bass players ages 6-11



### Elmlea Teacher-run after school clubs

**Term 4 Clubs** - a reminder that the only after school club that is taking place next week is Junior BOXERCISE on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, which is a rescheduled session from a previously cancelled one. All other clubs (Netball, Infant and Junior Choir and Boccia) have now finished and will not be running next week.

**Term 5 Junior Clubs** - Places in clubs for next term have now been allocated. If your child has been offered a place, please confirm their place by signing them up on Arbor by 9.00am on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March so that we can finalise registers.

## Community News and Events

### Smartphone Free Childhood - Free Bristol Parents Workshop Wednesday 27 March

Click [here](#) for information about the workshop and see below links to the School and regional What's app groups should anyone wish to join.

Elmlea Specific Group - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/BfUpLqohcXDDLQN6GgRSrq>

Regional Group - <https://linktr.ee/smartphonefreechildhood>



### Drama Kids - Now enrolling!

In 1979, Helen O'Grady, a trained teacher and actress, recognised the benefits of drama and role-play in building self-confidence, developing communication skills and encouraging social interaction. 44 years later, the international Drama Kids academy is still delivering this vision around the globe through an expertly structured and professionally written drama curriculum.

To book your child in for a 2-week trial for £20 visit [www.dramakids.co.uk](http://www.dramakids.co.uk) or click [here](#) for more information.

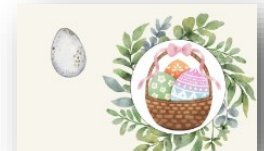


### What Floats Your Goat? Family event on the Downs 12 April

Kick off with a springtime stroll in the timeless Avon Gorge Gully to find our hairy heroes. Discover how the goats are looked after & how they carry out conservation! On to springtime fun and games with all the family. Take home a naturally decorated card & an Easter prize for every child. More information can be found [here](#).

### Bristol Families Easter Holidays Guide 2024

Do you need ideas for Bristol Easter Holidays 2024? There are so many egg-citing events on in Bristol around Easter, click [here](#) for inspiration.



## PTA Events



### Summer Fayre 6th July

Inflatable assault course & slides, food, drinks, hook-a-duck to mention a few events. Don't miss it!!!

Does anyone run a local business? A Would anyone like to sponsor a stall? Or hold a stall at our Summer Fayre on 6th July? Community groups, business or charities are all very welcome! Please speak to any of the PTA, class reps or email the usual email address! [elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com](mailto:elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com)

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### Upcoming events:

**22nd March:** Bag2School bags distributed

**Before 25th March:** Elmlea Junior FB site closing

**26th April:** Bag2school collection.

**Quiz:** 17th May

**Summer Fayre:** 6th July



**BAG 2  
SCHOOL**

A bag, with details of what to do, has been sent home with your child/ren today- so sort through your wardrobes and donate your unwanted textiles in preparation. Collection will be **Friday 26th April, before school in Junior Car Park.**

If you do not receive a bag, please do not worry - you can use any bag to bring your items in! If you receive more than one, or do not want it, please return it unopened to reception as spares.

Details of what is, and isn't accepted is available: [Bag2School Fundraiser](#) | [UK's No.1 Fundraiser for Schools](#)

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**Fb:** The Elmlea Junior Facebook Site is closing on 25th March.

Please ensure you follow :<https://www.facebook.com/groups/576344152516915/> to keep up to date with PTA events and news.



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**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.

If you would like to read the minutes from the last PTA meeting click [here](#) and [here](#).

**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**  
[elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com](mailto:elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com)



## Reception

Reception have been learning about the meaning of 'past', 'present' and 'future'. In school they have been looking at photographs from the past, discussing how things were different and also looking at objects from the past. They have also been imagining how different things might be in the future!

### Weekend challenge:

Can you find something in your house that is from the past? Send us a photo of it on a Tapestry post. You might find an object from the past that is different to what the object looks like now or you might find a photograph of something or someone in the past. Please send them in by Wednesday 27th March so that the children can stand up and share them with their classmates before the half term break. We hope you enjoy looking back and discussing this topic with your child.

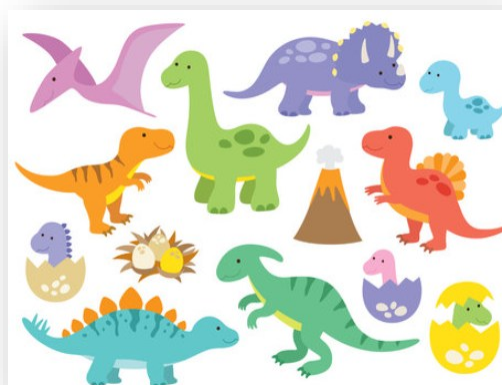
The Reception Team



## Year 1

Well done Year 1! This week you wrote some amazing dinosaur stories and then started to innovate a famous story. I wonder if your grown ups can guess what story it might be? It involves a large, furry animal coming to visit, who eats and drinks rather too much. Can you tell your grown ups how we are going to adapt the story next week, to make it our own?

Also well done to 1F for performing their amazing class assembly!



Year 1 Team

## Year 2

Year 2 represented the school brilliantly on our fieldwork trip to Canford Park this week. Thank you to the children for showing respect to members of the public (and their dogs!) and to our wonderful parent helpers for their support with the trip. We had some interesting findings and saw a plaque from Elmlea!

In English, we have written some amazing myths. The children worked carefully to include lots of detail and are excited to share them with you and their Year 5 buddies soon. In maths, we have been looking at subtracting 2 2-digit numbers by partitioning the number we are taking away.



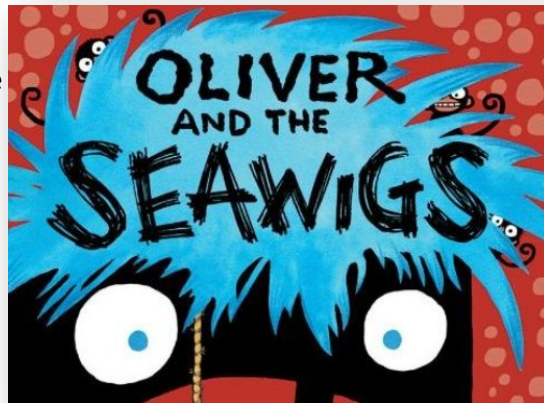
Thank you, Year 2 team

### Year 3

Pupils have had an exciting week in Year 3. In English, children have identified the features of a persuasive text and are working towards creating some persuasive writing inspired by the book 'Oliver and the Seawigs'.

In maths, pupils have demonstrated their knowledge and understanding about division and that it is the inverse operation of multiplication. Children worked diligently when investigating magnets and made predictions about the magnetic properties of a range of objects.

A particular highlight was designing, in small groups, Easter gardens in their religion and worldviews lesson. Well done Year 3!



Year 3 Teaching Team

### Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been working on money in Maths. We have been recognising and using variations of pounds and pence in money. We have been using the 'more than' and 'less than' sign to compare amounts of money.

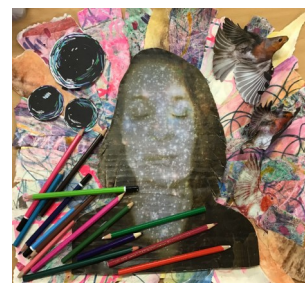
We had a fantastic time at our dress rehearsal on Friday and are also now ready to show the parents our very exciting Year 4 Play for this year which is called 'Gladis Baker Gladiator'. We cannot wait and really hope you enjoy it!



Y4 Teaching Team

### Year 5

In year 5 this week, the children have worked incredibly hard to finish their mixed media self-portraits as part of our art and religion & worldviews unit. The children's work displays their own beliefs, values and identities and you can see your child's finished piece on Seesaw. Ask them, as the artist, about their intentions when making their creative decisions.



In computing, year 5 have also finished making their short films which attempt to persuade people to visit a South American country. We are really pleased with the results and the children are looking forward to our 'Elmlea Oscars' ceremony on Monday where the winning film will be announced!

Year 5 Team

### Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy week in the run up to the easter holidays. We have been finishing our multimedia advert for a South American country, using Imotion, Imovie and green screening. The children also finished collecting their wind turbine fieldwork data. During their geography lessons, pupils analysed their data, creating graphs and looking into areas the fieldwork could be improved.

Towards the end of the week, we have been practising for our end of term Easter performance. Well done year 6.



Year 6 Team