

Elmlea Schools' Trust

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**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](#)

Dear parents and carers,

It has been another great term and so much has been achieved in school. The children with their usual levels of energy and enthusiasm are now ready for a rest and we look forward to welcoming them back on Monday 15th April. I hope you all have a lovely holiday and for those who are celebrating Easter, I hope you have a happy Easter. Eid Mubarak for those celebrating the end of Ramadan.

Yr4 Play – Gladis Baker Gladiator was a triumph as yr4 performed their play to very appreciative audiences this week. They have practised so hard and it was a very polished performance. Everyone taking part should feel so proud of themselves.

Yr6 Easter Service – Thank you to our Yr6 children who led our Easter service this morning, using poems, drama, music and song they explained the easter story to the school. It was a very thoughtful and uplifting service for us all, thank you Yr6.

NW24 Marble run challenge – NW24 is a group of local schools who we work closely together with and yesterday some children from Yr2 and Yr3 attended a marble run challenge competing against local NW24 schools – their design and engineering skills on display were so creative and thank you to Mrs Wilson for giving the children the opportunity.

**Lorraine Wright,
Executive Headteacher**

French Fortnight

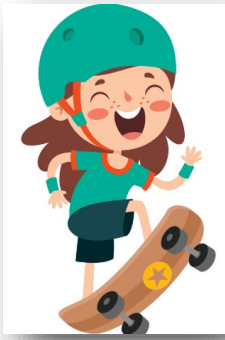
We are lucky to be hosting Océane Poirrette, a teaching assistant from France in school for two weeks as part of a partnership programme between Bristol and Bordeaux University.

Many of the children have had the chance to talk to her and learn about Bordeaux in French lessons and she has also visited Year 2 classes and sang French songs and talked about France with the children.

Thank you to Océane and to 4M who have been her home class for the two weeks.



Year 2 Skateboarding



Scooting/Skateboarding workshops in the Infant School!

In the first week back after the Easter Holidays, all children in the Infant School will be taking part in a really exciting workshop! Each class will attend a 45-minute workshop with Team Rubicon focusing on either scooting (Reception/Year 1) or skateboarding (Year 2). Team Rubicon work nationwide with schools to deliver fun and engaging workshops to children of all ages and abilities. We hope that this opportunity will provide the children with a new experience of a new sport and of course have lots of fun in the hope that they may choose to uptake a new skill learnt outside of school. All scooters, skateboards and safety equipment will be provided by the coaches so no need to bring any items from home.

Miss McKenzie – Infant School PE Lead

Music News

A big well done to all year 3 pupils who took part in a ukulele performance to parents and carers last Wednesday afternoon. Ukulele lunchtime club starts again next term. If your child is interested in keeping up with their ukulele playing, there is a letter [here](#) with information on how to sign up and pay for this.

All music clubs will start again week beginning 15th April, including Junior Choir on Monday. We will be rehearsing for the Big Summer Sing at Bristol Beacon in June.

Miss Sadler, Co-ordinator of Music



Elmlea Teacher-run after school clubs

Teacher run after school clubs will start back week commencing 15th April. Please remember to come along if you have signed up and if for any reason you cannot attend a session it is really important that you let the office know. Thank you.

Fine Art & Craft Club at Elmlea Junior School in Term 4

Fine Art Club on Tuesdays starting Tues 16th April in The Lodge - cost £48 for 6 weeks

Craft Club on Wednesdays starting Weds 17th March in Class 3B - cost £48 for 6 weeks.

Both clubs run from 3:15-4:15pm.

To guarantee your place, please contact Rasa by email

rasa.ashworth@live.co.uk or by phone on 07842 366065 Or click [here](#).



Shine launching Girls Basketball Squad

After the success of the Shine Sharks Basketball Squads, Shine are launching a Girls Basketball Squad at our sports hall in Henleaze.

We are inviting girls who might be interesting in playing basketball to come along for a FREE TRIAL on Monday 15th April. The session is open to girls in Year 3&4 for the Under 9 Squad and Year 5&6 for the Under 11 squad. More information can be found [here](#).



FREE trial for the NEW Shine Sharks Girls Basketball Squad. The session is open to girls in Year 3&4 for the Under 9 Squad and Year 5&6 for the Under 11 squad. Monday evenings 6:00-7:00pm at the Shine Sports Hall in Henleaze. Limited places are available to book here: [Girls Sharks Basketball](#)

Introductory Tennis course for girls aged 4-6!

Never held a racket? This course is designed for girls who are new to tennis. The sessions aim to make tennis fun and relaxed so girls can develop their skills in a supportive environment. For more information click [here](#) or contact heatherforrest14@gmail.com with any questions and to book.



PTA Events

Quiz 17th May 7.30pm - tickets on sale from today.



The annual Elmlea quiz is back, so get your friends together and join us.

Purchase a table for your team of up to 6 people for £90, including half a pizza per person, via the PTA website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa>.

Drinks will be available to buy on the night.

The quiz night is always a sell out event so get your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Wine tasting sold out in 5 days!



Summer Fayre 6th July

Inflatable assault course & slides, food, drinks, hook-a-duck to mention a few events. Put the date in your diary.

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

Upcoming events:

26th April: Bag2school collection.

Quiz: 17th May

Summer Fayre: 6th July



A bag, with details of what to do, has been sent home with your child/ren. 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](#)

New uniform shed has arrived!

Still to be sorted, it will provide more space for uniforms, for fancy dress items for world book day, plays and other events in the school.

You can still purchase uniforms from the old shed, but please no donations! Thank you

Happy Easter, The Elmlea PTA
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Year Group News

Reception

HALF-TERM CHALLENGE!

Can you create a mini Easter or Spring garden? Try and be as creative as you can by using different materials or even better recycled materials to make your mini garden. Please make a plan of your garden by drawing what you want to include and labelling it. Your garden should include signs of Spring and involve cutting and sticking as a creative project. Please bring your mini garden and plan to school during the first week of Term 5 so that we can showcase them to your friends! Good luck!



The Reception Team

Year 1

Well done on a super last week of term Year 1! You have loved rounding off our dinosaur topic by writing your very own story all about the T-Rex Who Came to Tea! Your stories are wonderful, you should be so proud of yourselves!

Have a wonderful Easter break, we look forward to seeing you in Term 5!



Year 1 Team

Year 2

Year 2 have been writing their own Spring haikus this week. We clapped out the syllables and worked both in groups and on our own to perfect our poetry!

In maths we have been subtracting from a 2-digit number and bridging ten using partitioning and number lines. Following our field work, the children designed their own sustainable, dream park!

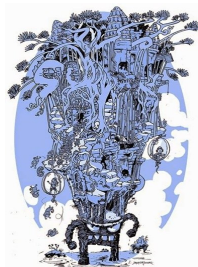
Have a well-deserved Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all in two weeks.



Thank you, Year 2 team

Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy week and have very much enjoyed making their Easter gardens when they demonstrated some brilliant planning, collaboration and teamwork. Most children have had the opportunity to bake their scones and we hope to reschedule for the children who were not able to do it this week at the start of next term.



In English, pupils have planned and written persuasive writing about why they think they would be deserving winners the Seawig competition. Children should be proud of all of their work in relation to our 'Splash!' topic and they are looking forward to our new 'They're Coming' topic next term. Well done, Year 3!

Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 4

We were incredibly proud of all of Year 4 for Monday's matinee and Tuesday's evening performances of 'Gladis Baker Gladiator'.

The children preformed beautifully, acted and sang with passion and looked wonderful in their costumes. The link for the Year 4 production professional photographs will be emailed out early next term.



In English, pupils have written letters to loved ones to share their highlights of Term 4. In maths, children have continued their learning about money and have designed their own maths boardgames.

In Religion and World Views, pupils have learnt about the Easter Story, Easter symbols and about different Easter celebrations around the world. In DT, children have worked diligently on their 'boats' project and have demonstrated their designing, making and evaluating skills together with their knowledge and understanding of electricity.

Well done, Year 4 - what a fantastic term!

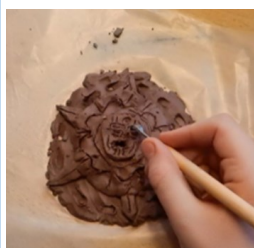
Y4 Teaching Team

Year 5

What a great last week of term year 5, well done! This week in year 5 the children have written letters to people they care about, outlining all the amazing work they have been a part of during terms 3 and 4.



In computing, we celebrated some of the amazing work produced by the children during our very own Oscars' film afternoon. Children made short videos persuading people to visit a specific South American country, they all put a lot of effort into them so well done!



In Maths, year 5 also completed their end of term Times Table Olympics. We also got a chance to explore and play with some of the Maths games the children have been making for homework over the last few weeks. They looked great!

On Wednesday we had busy day taking part in our South America day. We took part in may different exciting workshops, which was a nice way to wrap up our topic learning for this term.

Not to forget finishing with our class treat on Thursday afternoon!

Year 5 Teaching Team

Year 6

On Monday this week, both Year 5 and 6 took part in the 2024 Elmlea Oscars, with Mr Valle judging the top entries for our South American adverts. Well done to everyone involved and congratulations to the winners. Some fantastic creativity and use of technology.



In English we have been adapting our climate change letters of tomorrow into some powerful poetry and in maths we have finished our topic of algebra. On Wednesday, we all dressed up in the colours of South American flags, completed some Inca clay carvings, Mola art and took part in an amazing Copoeira workshop. Excellent work this term year 6, well done.

Year 6 Teaching Team