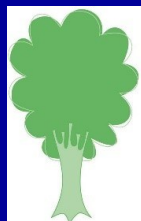


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2023/24 Academic year

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,

I hope you have a good Easter holiday and found time to be together without the usual demands of the school routines. Your children have returned super enthusiastic as always and ready to learn. Thank you!

Scooting and skateboarding – The Infant school have all had scooting or skateboarding workshops this week. They have learnt to scoot safely whilst also learning some new tricks and Yr2 have been learning to skateboard with some of our teachers demonstrating too!! Thank you, Miss Mackenzie our Infant PE leader, for organising the workshops.

Bags2School – If you have any unwanted clothes, sheets, towels, curtains, teddies etc everything but pants, please bring them to school in bin bags next Friday 26th April before 9am to the Junior gate. The PTA have organised as a fundraiser to support this charity. The school gets money per weight of textiles donated and this also supports a charity in Eastern Europe with a focus on Ukraine. (more info on page 2) A big thank you to Sophie (Theo's Mum) who came and talked to the children in both schools in assembly about the work of the charity. Visit [Bag2School Fundraiser](#) for more information.

PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) at Elmlea Schools' Trust - You will have received an email today about PSHE at Elmlea, please fill in this [Microsoft Form](#) if you wish to attend the parent consultation on Tuesday 30 April at 2:30pm in the Infant school hall.

Birthdays – If you would like the class to celebrate your child's birthday unfortunately, we cannot give out any food/sweet treats. However, as an alternative you might like to donate a book to the class instead, which can be shown to the whole class and be used for the reading corner.

Uniform Shed—Huge thank you to the PTA and you for the funds raised to buy our new, fabulous uniform shed— Thank you also to Steve for building the shed it is grreat - pics overleaf

Dogs – please do not leave any dogs, however lovely and well behaved, unattended outside the school gates before or after school. If you are not with your dog, you cannot ensure their behaviour is safe/appropriate towards the hundreds of children and families arriving and leaving the school site.

Lorraine Wright,
Executive Headteacher

A big congratulations to Carmen in 6L who won a workshop for year 6 this week! The incredibly successful author Catherine Barr visited Elmlea Junior School on Wednesday to share her wide selection of published books, all centred around the topical subject of climate change. Purchase any of these inspiring and beautifully illustrated books [here](#).



ESTA News



Ice cream sales are back. Every Friday from 26th April, after school at the lodge. We do need a few extra volunteers to help sell - it takes about 30 minutes after school. If this is something you can help with, please join our whatsapp group and sign up for the Friday slots you can make: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/L1NuOsFgJ1HBykhHnLnMni>



The preparations are in full swing for our **Summer Fair on 6th July**. We will need volunteers on the day to help it run smoothly, just 20-30 mins of your time. We will be in touch with more details on how to sign up.



Opportunity to train as a first aider: We often need first aiders for our events and find we don't have enough. If anyone is interested in becoming trained as a first aider to help at our events (paid for by us), please register your interest by emailing us.

Friday 26th April, before school in Junior Car Park.

What is, and isn't accepted is available here [Bag2School Fundraiser | UK's No.1 Fundraiser for Schools](#)



Quiz 17th May 7.30pm - A huge thank you to everyone who bought tables, this event has now sold out.

Our new uniform shed has arrived. This has been purchased with the funds you've helped us raise, so a huge thank you for your support. We now have much more space for uniforms and fancy dress items for world book day, plays and other events in the school. It will be **open from Monday 22nd April** for donations and purchasing.



Sponsorship opportunities: we have a number of sponsorship opportunities to help raise funds for the school. If you'd like to sponsor a stall at our Summer Fair, sponsor new rugby tops for the school, or sponsor new safety equipment please get in touch via our email address.

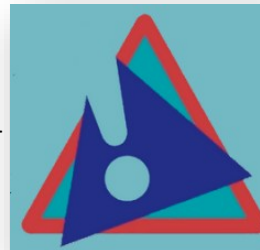
The Elmlea Schools PTA
elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com

Lifeskills Volunteer Opportunities

Lifeskills have created a fantastic realistic village which enabled Elmlea's pupils to learn how to deal with difficult and potentially dangerous situations, in a safe and supportive environment. The year 6's learnt about road, cyber and railway safety, how deal with hazardous scenes set up in kitchens, living rooms and at a substation. They learnt some basic first aid and practiced making emergency phone calls.

Each year Lifeskills welcome over 10,000 children to the centre. Lifeskills is based in South Bristol, in the Create Centre and they are currently looking for volunteers to help take children on tours. Volunteering at Lifeskills is really flexible, fun and a great way to learn new skills.

If you'd like to visit the centre and learn more about volunteering, click [here](#), call 0117 922 45 11 or email volunteer@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk



Shine Stage Stars Dance starts in May

Stage Stars Dance starts in May at Shine! Children in Years 1&2 and 3&4 will get chance to learn routines, choreograph their own moves and learn dance and performance techniques. The class will be mainly based on the commercial style but is open to explore other styles that children are interested in learning. We will be working towards showcases throughout the year to show off their dance skills. Come and try with a FREE first session – for more information and to book click [here](#).

Henleaze Tennis Club May half term 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

Healthy tips from Beezebodies Would you like your child to make some healthy sweet swaps? Click [here](#) for some top tips from Beezebodies.com or visit the [website](#) for recipes.

Bristol SEND News for Families Click [here](#) for the latest newsletter.

The Alternative Parents' Evening - Invites you to join them for a free online event on Tuesday 23 April, designed for parents who are feeling under pressure. More info can be found [here](#).

Support for Inter-Parental Conflict (SIPCo) This project is designed to improve parents' relationships. FREE support programme, click [here](#) for more details.

Managing extreme behaviour course - last minute availability! , with Developmental Therapists Natalie and Abi from the Bibic charity - last-minute availability for a highly valuable course. Click [here](#) for more details or to book for free click [here](#).

FREE online universal parenting courses - [Bristol Family Hubs](#) are excited to launch their new package of online learning for every parent and carer in Bristol for free! More information can be found [here](#).



Community News

Free community event at Westbury Baptist church on 4th May

Head along to Westbury Baptist church (Reedley Rd, BS9 3TE) between 2-4pm on Saturday 4th May for face painting, bouncy castle and more...! For more information, click [here](#).





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Year Group News

Reception

Reception have had a great first week back at school and enjoyed scooting workshops, new topic learning and seeing all their friends again.

Thank you to all those that spent time over Easter making mini Spring gardens. These have been wonderful to see and the children have enjoyed showing them to their classmates during show and tell.

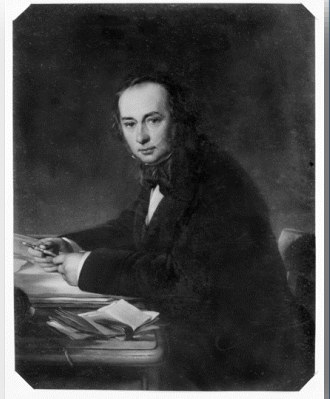
Please can we remind you to keep reading as often as possible at home and record this in your child's reading record book.

The Reception Team



Year 1

Welcome back Year 1! You have had a great first week back with lots of exciting things happening. We have been diving straight in with our brand-new Topic: Brilliant Bristol. We have been thinking about Brunel and his life. We started by thinking about his timeline followed by writing some questions that we would like to ask him. We were then so lucky to meet him in school so that he could answer some of our questions! He told us so many interesting facts that we can share at home and use in our writing. Yesterday, we took part in a scooting workshop which was also very exciting and super fun way to end the week.



Year 1 Team

Year 2

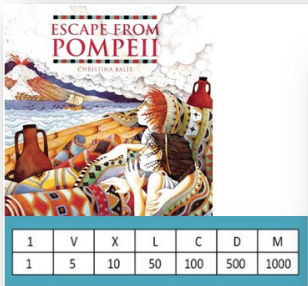
We had an exciting start to Term 5 after realising that Iron Man had visited us! Some news reporters with extraordinary hair talked about the mess he made in the Year 2 garden and then we watched as a giant, iron hand appeared and the news reporter ran away! We have now read the first chapter of Iron Man and practised retelling sections using conjunctions to extend our sentences. We also became travel agents this week and researched how to get to our dream destination and what it might be like when we got there. In maths, the children have been learning about halves, quarters and thirds.

Thank you, Year 2 team



Year 3 Pupils in Year 3 have returned to school eager to learn all about our new topic, 'They're Coming...'. They had a brilliant topic launch day on Tuesday when pupils enacted the archaeological dig for the Sutton Hoo ship and treasure found in 1939.

In English, children have started their new unit of work inspired by the book 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. In maths, pupils have consolidated their understanding about the formal methods of addition and subtraction.



They have also enjoyed learning more about Roman Numerals and how best to remember them with the help of a song.



Well done, Year 3!

Year 3 Teaching Team

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Year 4 Year 4 have returned to school with a brilliant attitude and have made a fantastic start to the term so far.

This week, we launched our new topic, 'They're Coming', with our themed day on Tuesday. We replicated Roman mosaics, practised Roman numerals and acted out discovering Saxon artefacts.



In English, we have also started our new topic of Discussion texts and have had several lively discussions involving different points of view.

A great start so far Year 4, keep it up!

Y4 Teaching Team

Year 5

It's has been a brilliant start to the new term in Year 5! We started the week with our topic launch day which was really exciting. Our new topic is called 'Changing Britain' and we will be learning all about the changes to Britain over time. Our launch day took us on a chronological adventure over the centuries, we thought about the idea of 'greatness' and what we think is special about Great Britain. We're looking forward to learning more!

BRITISH GREATS

Marcus Rashford
 Marcus Rashford is an English footballer, popular known for his incredible skills on the field and his big heart off it.
 Born in Manchester, England, in 1997, Marcus grew up loving football. He played with passion in the streets with his friends and, from a young age, dreamed of becoming a professional player, showing immense talent and dedication to the sport.
 At the age of just 16, Marcus made his debut for Manchester United, one of the biggest football clubs in the world. He quickly became a key player for the team, scoring goals and dazzling fans with his speed and agility. With his impressive performances, Marcus has helped his team win numerous trophies, including the prestigious Premier League.
 But Marcus is not only a star on the pitch; he is also a hero off it. He is passionate about helping others and has used his platform to make a positive impact on society. In 2020, Marcus launched a campaign to provide free meals to children in need during school holidays. His efforts led to a change in government policy, ensuring that millions of children would have access to nutritious meals.
 Looking ahead, Marcus aims to continue making a difference both in football and in the lives of others. He dreams of winning more trophies with Manchester United and using his platform to create positive change.
 In the words of Marcus Rashford himself: "It's not about where you come from; it's about what you want to achieve and how hard you're willing to work for it." Marcus Rashford's story shows us that with talent, hard work, and kindness, we can achieve great things and make the world a better place.

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this week, we have been working on written methods for multiplication and division. Our new English unit is all about biographies and this week we have been exploring the features of this genre. We have lots to look forward to this term and Year 5 are raring to go!

Year 5 Teaching Team

Year 6



This week year 6 were incredibly fortunate to have a visit from author Catherine Barr (the author of Water) to do a workshop. She taught us all about the different types of water that can be found on the Earth and how badly some of it has been polluted. We even got to draw a pink river dolphin alongside the illustrator, which are sadly endangered. At the end of the week, all three classes went on a school trip to the Create Centre to work on life skills. We looked at areas such as road safety, fire safety and even practiced calling up the emergency services. The volunteers were all really impressed with how engaged our year 6 pupils were. Well done.

Year 6 Teaching Team