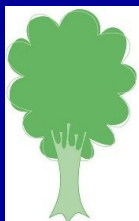


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2023/24 Academic year

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
Sports Day Dates
Y5 & Y6 Mon 1 July back up Tue 9
Y3 & Y4 Tues 2 July back up Mon 8
Infants Thur 4 July back up Weds 10
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,

Wow! Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to the Bags2school initiative.

As the photo shows, we have collected so many bags of your unwanted items and our shed was full too. These will be very greatly received and used by the Bags2school charity as well as raising money for the school. Huge thank you to Debbie our PTA chair and Sophie Kidd for organising it.

We'll give you an update asap on the money raised and what it will be used for.



SS Gt Britain – Yr1 had a spectacular trip to the SS Gt Britain on Tuesday which was a real success. The children learnt so much and really enjoyed seeing their research about Brunel come to life. Thank you to the Yr1 team for their super planning for the event to make it happen and our parent volunteers who supported on the day.

Punctuality – Our school day starts at 8.50am. Please arrive in school so your child is ready to go in to their classroom at 8.50am. We have a large number of families arriving after 8.50am, this means the teachers can't get started and take the registers on time. We are losing approximately 50 minutes of learning time over the week in some classes. The school gates are open from 8.35am to give you time to come in and be ready. If you know this applies to you, please go for a fresh start next week, setting your alarm clock earlier and having all uniform ready and bags packed the night before.

Transition – please check you have read class transition emails sent to all parents of children in Yrs 1,3,4 and 5 this week.

**Lorraine Wright,
Executive Headteacher**



Important dates for your Diary: Class Photos & Sports Day

School (Class) Photo Day - Friday 3 May
Years 5 & 6 - Monday 1 July (back up Tue 9 July)
Years 3 & Y4 - Tuesday 2 July (back up Mon 8 July)
Infant school - Thursday 4 July (back up Weds 10 July)



ESTA News



BAG 2 SCHOOL

A huge thank you to Sophie Kidd who organised Bag2School for us today and to all those who donated. The great news is that we've raised enough money for the inflatable hire for the summer fair!



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.

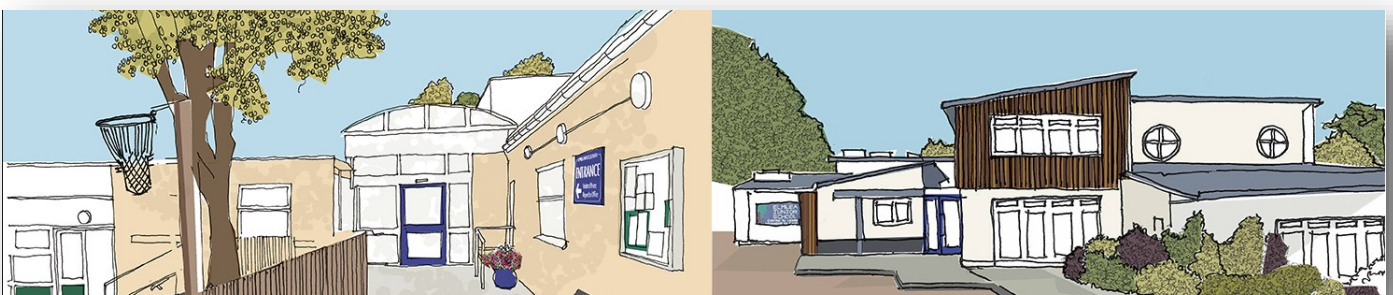


Opportunity to train as a first aider: We often need first aiders for our events and find we don't have enough. If anyone is interested in becoming trained as a first aider to help at our events (paid for by us), please register your interest by emailing us.

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.

Don't forget to use [Easyfundraising](#) where you can raise a FREE donation for Elmlea Schools' Trust Association every time you grab a bargain .

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



Shine May Half Term Holiday Clubs

Shine are back at our school this May Half Term running Holiday Clubs. More and more children are enjoying Performing Arts, Mini Gym & Circus Skills and Mash-Up days. Come and join your friends at Shine!

OFFER: Booking early gives you 20% off when you use the code Early Booker! Discount ends Sunday 28th April. Don't worry if your plans change, we offer a full refund as long as you cancel with 48 hours notice.

Click [here](#) for more information or visit the [website](#) to book your child's place.



Headlice!

Headlice and nits are doing the rounds again, sadly they are a fact of school life. Can we encourage parents and carers to check their children's hair weekly and if they find any creepies to treat immediately. Keeping long hair tied up is a great way to prevent the spread.

The full NHS advice can be found [here](#).

Can you help find all of our missing Lunch bands?!

We are on a mission to find the 100s (literally!) of missing lunch bands which will be either in school or at home. Teachers will be reminding their classes about the importance of handing the bands in, but please could we ask you to check at home as well? Many thanks, The Elmlea Catering Team.

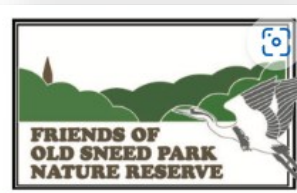


Community News

Learning events at Royal West of England Academy - Please click [here](#) for the latest RWA newsletter or visit the [website](#).

Friends of Old Sneed Park Nature Reserve would like to invite your school and church communities to take part in our Knitted Animal Trail on 11th May 10-12.30pm. Click [here](#) for further details or visit the [website](#).

Smartphone Free Childhood movement - In order to gather opinions from parents and carers across the county on children owning and using smartphones, the team in Bristol have created this [survey](#). For more information, visit the [website](#).





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Year Group News

Reception

Reception have been enjoying learning about number bonds to 8, 9 and 10.

We have continued to practise writing words with consonant clusters in and enjoying accessing a range of 'challenge' activities each day where the children are encouraged to independently complete an activity - well done Reception!



The Reception Team

Year 1

What a fantastic week Year 1. Obviously, our highlight was our wonderful trip the SS Great Britain, all children were so engaged and excited to see some of what we had been learning about in real life. The children were inspired to ask brilliant questions and loved dressing up to act out the day the famous ship set sail for the very first time. The children represented Elmlea wonderfully and we are so proud of each class for their efforts. Thank you so much to all of our wonderful parent helpers! Photos will be uploaded to class Seesaw pages next week.



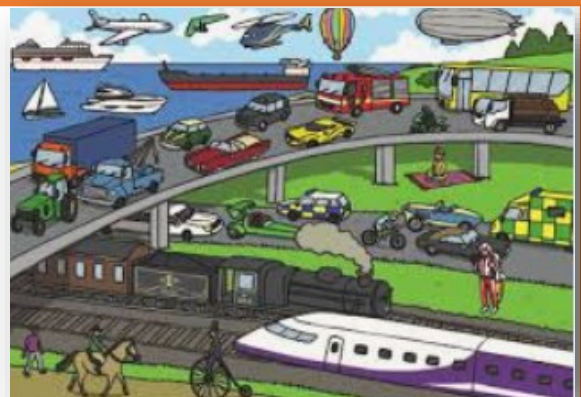
Year 1 Team

Year 2

Year 2 had a great No Tech day on Monday and thought hard about the reasons for doing it. Alongside trying to do normal lessons in less than ideal lighting, we also played some games that the children could take home for their own Earth hour. We looked at the history of travel and how it has changed over time from some of the earliest forms.

In English we have continued our story writing based around the story of the Iron Man which the children have been enthused by.

This has included using conjunctions because we want to improve our writing. In maths we have explored fractions further and looked to find quarters and thirds of shapes and small amounts. In science we began an investigation to find out if seeds would grow in a plastic bag with a wet paper towel. Updates to follow on that one...



Thank you, Year 2 team

Year 3

In Year 3 this week, pupils have been continuing to try and write descriptive sentences based on the 'Escape from Pompeii' text. Children learnt in more detail about what happened on the day of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and how archaeologists are still making new discoveries to this day. On 'No Tech Day!' pupils enjoyed our shape drawing competition. Children completed this in their houses and had to draw and cut accurate shapes. The more difficult the shape, the more points were earned. Pupils also explored the Earth Day's theme of 'Planet vs Plastic' and created A3 posters suggesting ways in which we could try and recycle, reduce and reuse more plastic waste. Well done, Year 3!



Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 4

Year 4 have had a busy and fun-filled week. On Monday, we really enjoyed taking part in No-Tech Day. We took part in whole class discussions around fast-fashion. The question was 'Should fast-fashion be banned?' In Maths, we asked each other questions on the topic of 'Planet vs Plastic' and made bar graphs using the data we collected.

The children are loving learning about Cricket this term and showing their teamwork skills; we are just waiting for some sunshine during our PE lessons! Well done to everyone in Year 4 for being enthusiastic as always. Have a lovely weekend!



Y4 Teaching Team

Year 5

It has been another great week for Year 5 this week! We began the week with "No Tech Day" and Earth Day where we spent time discussing the impact that plastic is having on our planet and created informative posters to share our thoughts and ideas. In maths, we have revisited Fractions, where we have been looking at how to multiply them by whole numbers and find fractions of amounts. As part of our computing project for this term, we have been looking at how to format different data using Google Sheets.

Within English, we have continued to look at how to write effective and engaging biographies, with a particular focus on creating cohesion within our writing and complex sentences

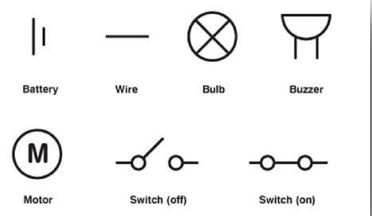


Year 5 Teaching Team

Year 6

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard this week in the final few weeks in the run up to SATS. Keep up the great work. In Science our topic is Electricity and this week we have had fun creating circuits and building a variety of switches. As part of our RWV topic "Rites of Passage" we have been learning about birthing ceremonies in different religions and the importance of different mile stones.

We have also continued on our journey through British history and have enjoyed



learning about the Magna Carta and creating some of our own rules and laws.



Year 6 Teaching Team