Elm Academy News

10th October 2025



Principal's Message

Thank you for your great support with mental health day and our fundraising towards a bench in the sensory garden, the school felt alive with sunshine!

On Monday we are having our annual Harvest festival and if you are able to donate to the food bank please can the children bring something in on Monday.

We have already seen some EPIC achievements this half term and look forward to many more. We are so excited to celebrate our first class gain 100% for a whole week, Well done 6AC.

Well done to Fire who won our first House competition last week, there were some really great costumes and we can't wait until our next one.

Don't forget individual photographs on Monday, sibling photographs will follow in November.

Remember to keep off the grass including the grass verges in the morning, the wet grass and acorns are making it very slippery.

Thank you for your continued support.

Exciting Curriculum

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been learning how to take care of ourselves, as part of our 'All About Me' topic. We learned about the story 'I Don't Want To Wash My Hands' by Tony Ross and talked about why it is so important to wash our hands to keep our bodies healthy!

We explored teeth cleaning and discussed how important this is to have strong and healthy teeth. During Play To Learn, we practised cleaning teeth and even filled mouths with teeth using cubes and tweezers!

We created autumn patterns using conkers at the finger gym and autumnal art at the creation station. We used hand printing to create hedgehog masterpieces!



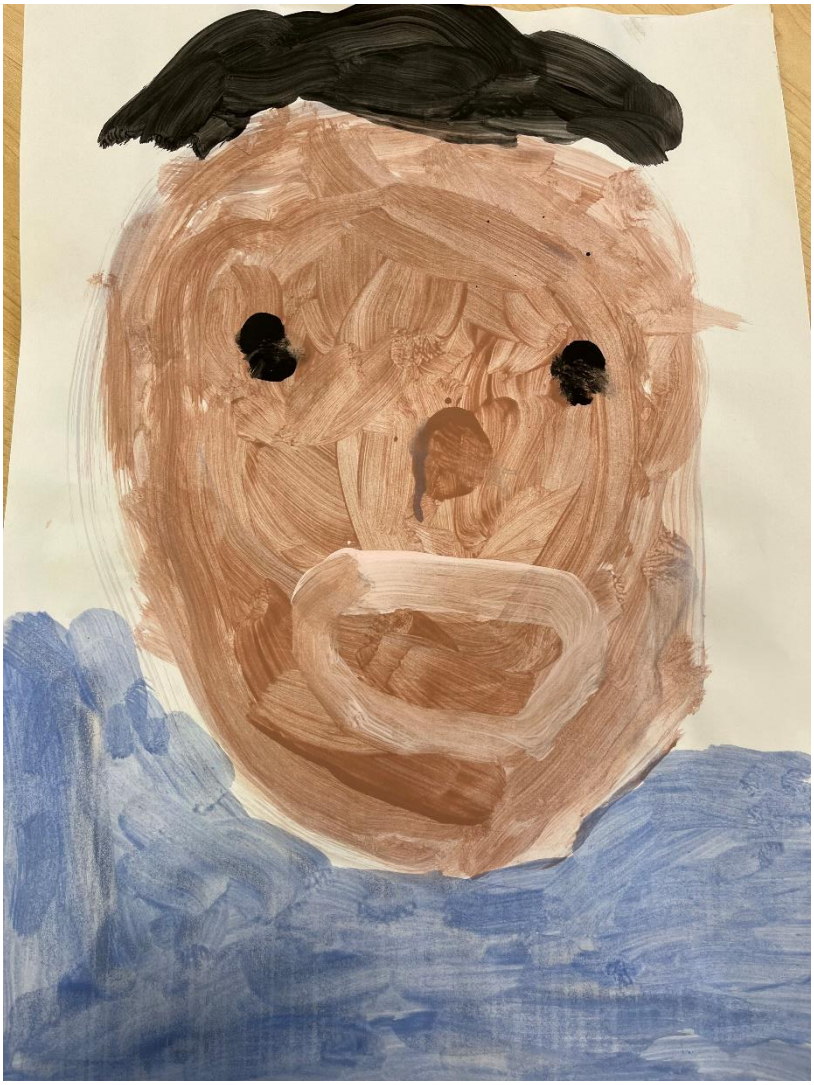






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Reception



In reception we have been talking about ourselves and our families. We have painted a self-portrait looking at our features using a mirror. We have also created family trees using our hands and will add our family members to the trees next week!

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Year 1 & 2

Year 1 & 2 have been reading The True Story of the Three Little Pigs. They then created their own biscuit houses for the pigs to hide in. In English we then wrote instructions on how to build a biscuit house.

The children particularly enjoyed eating the houses.











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Hub 3



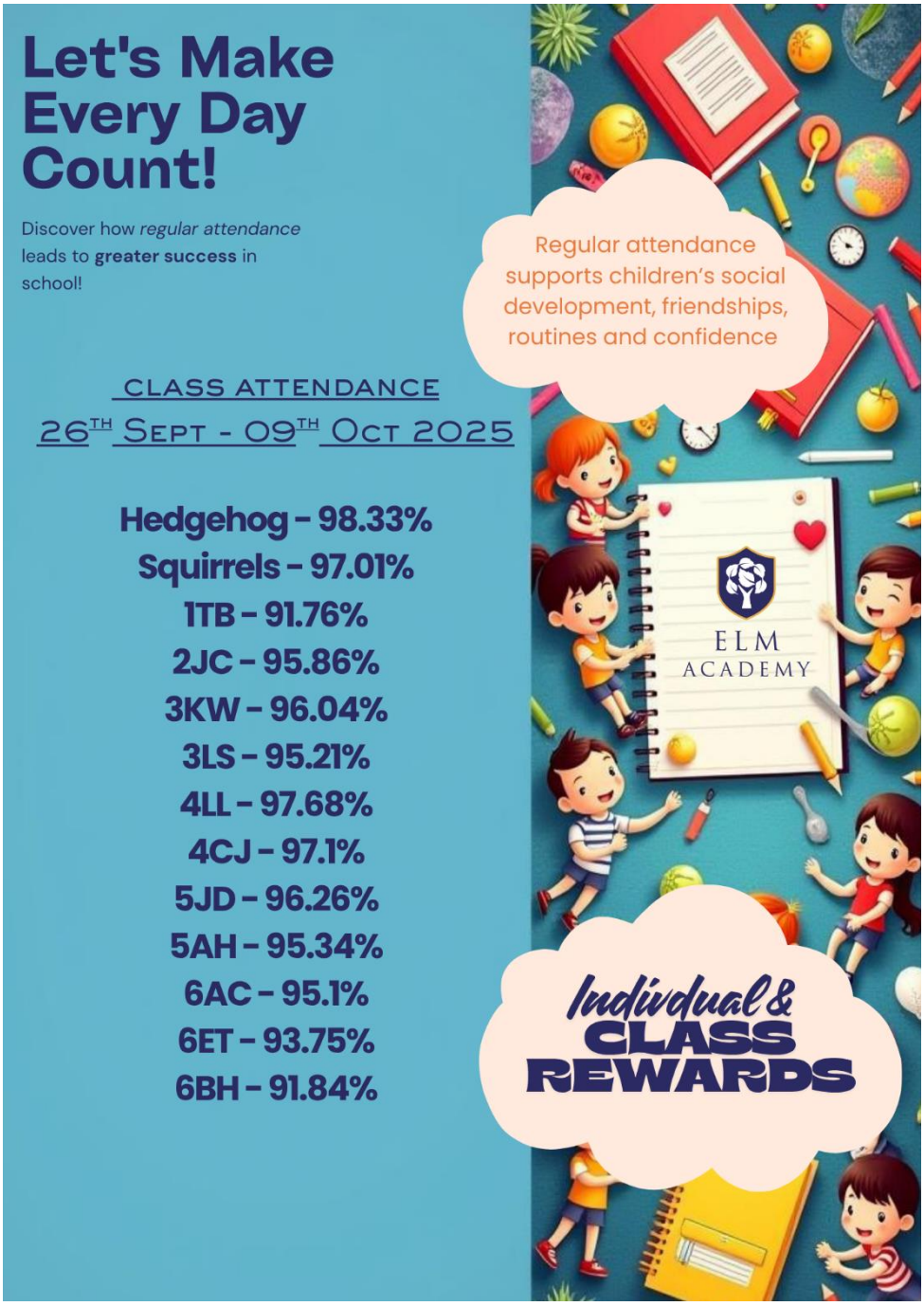
In hub 3 we have been looking at rockets and how they work. The children enjoyed making their own rockets and launching them.

Sports

Some of our Year 6 children played in a tournament and were absolutely fantastic. Such determination, teamwork and smiles all round – a fab afternoon of football!



Attendance



Please call the school office on 01202 574212 or email absence@elm-academy.org.uk if your child is going to be absent from school.

For all requests for leave of absence including for holidays during term time please ask the office for a 'Request for Leave of Absence' form. This needs to be completed and handed into school at least one week before your child is due to be absent. Mrs Wakeman will review each request and only requests for exceptional circumstances will be authorised.

Absence from school can lead to Fixed Penalty Notices or Prosecution.

Useful information

Reminder that Monday 13th October is photo day.

Please can all children wear full school uniform, no PE kits.

Year 4 will still be swimming and can bring their kit to change into.



Volunteers

We would be pleased to hear from anybody that would be able to volunteer to accompany one or more school trips during the year. Volunteer application forms are available at the main office.

Free Breakfast Club

A reminder that our free breakfast club doors open at 8.20 am and will close no later than 8.25 am.

All key stage one children must be accompanied by an adult to the doors.

If your child arrives after this time they will not be allowed in and you will have to wait until 8.40 am for the gates to open.

Please see below for our weekly menu



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Action For Children- Online Parenting Support



Parent Talk - Support for Parents from Action For Children

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The Henry Brown Centre- Community Support





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Is your child a Young Carer?

A young carer is a 'child under the age of 18 who helps to look after a member of their family or a friend who is ill, disabled or living with a Mental Health condition or who misuses substances'.

If your child is a Young Carer they could benefit from support in school and MYTIME Young Carers can

- Give young carers something to look forward to amidst challenging circumstances
- Create much-needed breaks for young carers and safe spaces where they can be themselves
- Offer social opportunities for young carers to connect with one another
- Empower young carers with new skills, confidence and self-worth
- Identify training opportunities and pathways to employment for young adult carers
- Educate schools, local authorities and communities to increase support and understanding for young carers
- Provide support to young carer parents, siblings and other family members

If you feel your child is a Young Carer please contact Mrs Stevenson (Pastoral Support) for more information.

Many people are struggling due to the current cost of living. If you require support with essential food items please contact Mrs Stevenson in the Inclusion Team to request a Food Hamper. These are delivered to school weekly by Hope for Food.

Useful Numbers

National Domestic Abuse Helpline- **0808 16 89 111**

Citizens Advice- **0808 27 87 939**

SHOUT Text Service (Mental Health Support)- **Text 85258**

KOOTH (Mental Health Support 11-18 years)- **08000 55 555**

NSPCC Helpline- **0808 800 5000**

NSPCC Helpline Under 18- **0800 1111**

Dates and Reminders

Monday 13th October	Harvest Festival - donations for the food bank
Monday 13th October	Individual photos
Thursday 23rd October	End of term disco, 3.15 pm – 4.30 pm
Monday 27th October -31st October	Half term
Monday 3rd November	School closed INSET DAY
Tuesday 4th November	Children back to school
Thursday 6th November	Flu Vaccination
Thursday 6th November	Parents Evening (more information to follow)
10th November – 14th November	Anti bullying week (more information to follow)
Friday 14th November	Children in Need Mufti day for a donation
Friday 21st November	Sibling Photos
Wednesday 26th November	Elm Choir singing at BSMA Christmas Carol concert (more information to follow)
Friday 5th December	Pantomime production end of term treat for all children
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Jumper day and Enterprise day
Monday 15th December 2.00 pm	Year 6 Christmas Show
Tuesday 16th December 9.30 am	Year 5 Christmas Show
Wednesday 17th December 9.30 am	Year 3 Christmas Show
Wednesday 17th December 2.00 pm	Year 4 Christmas Show
Thursday 18th December 9.30 am	Reception and Nursery Christmas Show
Thursday 18th December 2.00 pm	Year 1 and 2 Christmas show
Thursday 18th December	End of term disco, 3.15 pm – 4.30 pm
Friday 19th December	End of term prize draw and last day of term

Information regarding Head lice

Head Lice:

- Can't fly, jump or swim
- Are very unlikely to be spread by objects such as hats, combs and pillows
- Don't have a preference for dirty, clean, short or long hair
- Only affect people and can't be caught from animals

Once detached from the hair, head lice will usually die within 12-24 hours.

Preventing head lice

It's very difficult to prevent Head Lice. You may want to consider regular detection combing on a weekly basis. Lotions and sprays don't prevent Head Lice and should only be used if a live louse has been found in your own, or your child's hair. Staying off work or school and washing clothing and bedding on a hot wash is unnecessary, as it's unlikely to help prevent the spread of Head Lice. It is also Ideal if your child has long hair to wear it up to lessen the chance the lice attach.

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