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Newsletter

Principal's Message

It was wonderful to welcome our new Reception families to our recent evening presentation. We are really looking forward to working together as the children begin their journey with us.

A huge well done to our Year 4 pupils for their hard work and focus during their Multiplication Check, and to our Year 1 children who approached their Phonics Screening with such enthusiasm and confidence—we are very proud of you all.

We have also had some fantastic sporting achievements. Our Year 6 Girls were amazing and won the Dorset Girls Shield earlier this week after a penalty shoot out. A group of our Year 5 boys attended a football tournament where they were awarded the trophy for respect—an achievement that truly reflects our school values. In addition, a group of Year 3 and Year 4 girls took part in their first football tournament and represented Elm Academy brilliantly. Well done to all involved!

A quick reminder that tickets are still on sale for the signed AFC Bournemouth shirt (with certification). Tickets cost £5 and will be available until 12 noon on Monday—don't miss out on this exciting opportunity.

Finally, next Friday we will be holding a fundraising event for Julia's House—"Teddy Bears Take Over the School!" Children are invited to bring in their favourite teddy, dress up if they wish, and enjoy free entry into a raffle to win a giant Tigger all for a small donation for a minimum of a £1.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Upcoming Events

15th -17th June - Hooke Court

Thursday 18th June - Year 2 trip to Bournemouth Oceanarium

Tuesday 23rd June, 9.30 am – Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 Sports Day

Wednesday 24th June, 9.30 am – Year 4, Year 5 Sports Day

Wednesday 24th June, 2.00 pm - Year 6 Sports Day

Thursday 25th June 9.30 am – Reception and Nursery Sports Day

Thursday 2nd July - Elms Got Talent

Friday 3rd July - Inset Day

6th-8th July – Y6 PGL

Thursday 16th July - Year 1 trip to Beaulieu

Reminders

Water Bottles: Please ensure all children bring to school a labelled refillable water bottle.

Sun hats: Please ensure younger children bring sun hats to school with them and that suncream is applied before school.

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Nursery



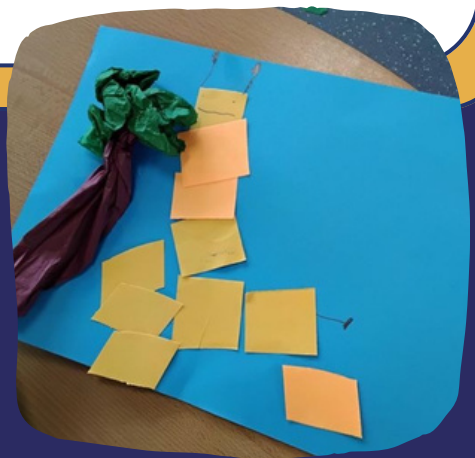




Nursery have had a wonderful start to our new topic, "All Creatures Great and Small." We enjoyed exploring the story Dear Zoo and learning about a range of different zoo animals. The children were excited to describe the animals using words such as big, small, and stripey.

At the maths station, we developed our pattern-making skills by creating colourful snake patterns with beads, focusing on repeating sequences. At the creative station, we made our own giraffe collages using a variety of materials, showing great imagination and creativity. It has been a fantastic start to the term, with lots of enthusiasm for learning!







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Early years food choking hazards

Food Standards Agency
food.gov.uk

Below is a table of advice on key foods for care givers who are involved with preparing and serving food for babies and young children (under 5 years old)

Vegetable and fruits	Advice
Pips or stones in fruit	Always check beforehand and remove hard pips or stones from fruit.
Small fruits	Cut small round fruits like grapes, cherries, berries, strawberries and cherry tomatoes, into small pieces: cut lengthways and then again cut them in halves (quarters).
Large fruits and firm fruits	Cut large fruits like melon and firm fruits like apple into slices instead of small chunks. For very young children, consider grating or mashing firm fruits, or softening them up by steaming or simmering.
Vegetables	Cut vegetables like carrots, cucumber and celery into narrow batons. For very young children consider grating or mashing firm vegetables and legumes like butter beans, chickpeas and tofu, or softening them up by steaming or simmering.
Skin on fruit and vegetables	Consider removing the skin from fruit and vegetables, especially for very young children. Peeled fruit and vegetables can be swallowed more easily.
Cooking fruit and vegetables	Consider softening firm fruit and vegetables (such as carrots, broccoli, yam and apples) by steaming or simmering until soft. Serve cut into slices or narrow batons.
Meat and fish	**Advice**
Sausages and hot dogs	Cut sausages and hot dogs into short strips. Cut them in half and then lengthways or as thinly as possible. Peeling the skin off the sausages helps them to be swallowed more easily.
Meat or fish	Remove bones from meat or fish. Cut meat into strips as thinly as possible. Remove skin and fat from meat and fish, it will help the food pass smoothly down the throat.
Cheese	**Advice**
Grate or cut cheese	Grate or cut cheese into short strips. Cut lumps of cheese as narrow as possible.
Nuts and seeds	**Advice**
Chop or flake whole nuts	Chop or flake whole nuts, peanuts and seeds. Whole nuts should not be given to children under five years old.
Bread	**Advice**
White bread and other breads	White bread can form a ball shape with a dough-like texture at the back of a child's throat, if not chewed properly. Brown bread or toasted white bread are good alternatives. Cut bread, chapatis, naan bread and other breads into narrow strips.
Snacks and other foods	**Advice**
Popcorn	Do not give babies and young children popcorn.
Chewing gum and marshmallows	Do not give babies and young children chewing gum or marshmallows.
Peanut butter	Do not give babies and young children peanut butter on its own, only use as a spread.
Jelly cubes	Do not give babies and young children raw jelly cubes.
Boiled sweets and ice cubes	Do not give babies and young children boiled, hard, gooey, sticky or cough sweets, or ice cubes.
Raisins and other dried fruits	Do not give babies under the age of 1 whole raisins or dried fruits. Cut them into small pieces.

Make sure food is prepared appropriately for children under 5 years old, see: https://www.nhs.uk/start4life/weaning/

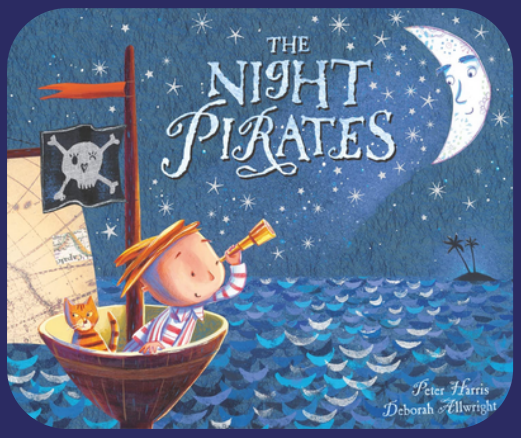
It is also advisable that care givers are familiar with how to respond to a choking incident, see: How to stop a child from choking: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/first-aid-and-safety/first-aid/how-to-stop-a-child-from-choking/

and How to resuscitate a child: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/first-aid-and-safety/first-aid/how-to-resuscitate-a-child/

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Reception

Our book of the week has been The Night Pirates. We have created a ship for the pirates to stay on and making oursleves pirate hats so we can join them! We have also been writing letters to the pirates to send to them across the sea in the bottle!

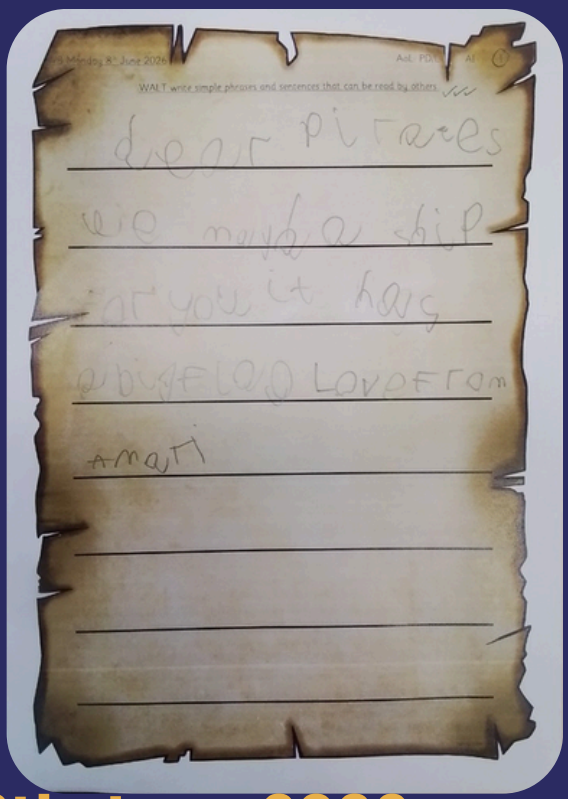








In maths we have been learning about sharing. We have been practising sharing between two and three groups and discussing whether the groups are fair and equal.







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Year 1



This half term, Year 1 are learning about the history of transport. Over the half term they produced some fabulous, creative projects linked to a wide range of transport. Mrs Brennan is always amazed with the high quality work that is produced.



















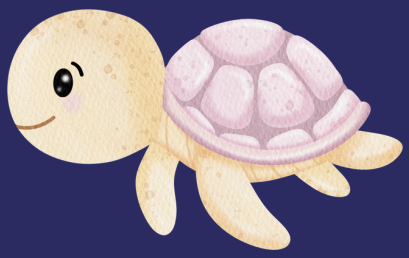




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Year 2



Year 2 have completed some lovely half term home work linked to their current geography unit “Commotion in the Ocean”.













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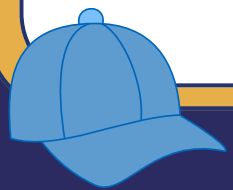




REMINDER

On Thursday 18th June Year 2 are visiting Bournemouth Oceanarium. Please ensure your child is in school by 8.20 am. They will need a rucksack and refillable water bottle. Your child also needs to come to school already having suncream applied.







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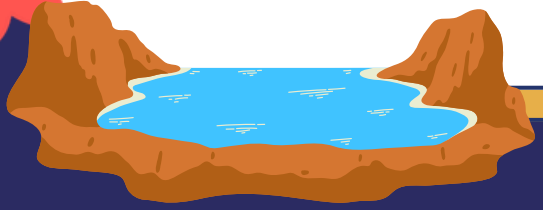


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Year 3



Year 3 had a fantastic day on their Geography field trip to Lulworth Cove. The children enjoyed fossil hunting along the beach and carried out fieldwork in the cove, developing their geographical enquiry skills. We were also incredibly lucky to spot a seal swimming in the water, which was a real highlight of the day! Afterwards, we walked over to Durdle Door, and the children showed great determination and resilience as they tackled the climb to the top of the cliff. Their enthusiasm, curiosity and excellent behaviour made us all very proud. A huge thank you to the adults who gave up their time to support the trip – we could not have done it without your help!

























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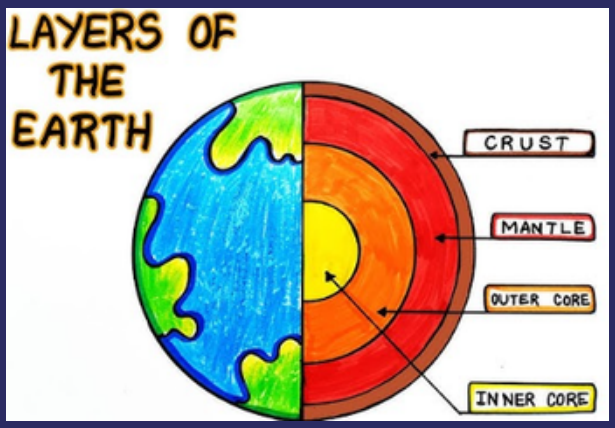
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Year 4

Year 4 have celebrated finishing their multiplication tables check this week, everyone has worked super hard and we can't wait to find out the results! We have been writing balanced arguments in English which we are busy publishing, the children have researched for and against arguments for their chosen question and we have some really interesting texts to read. This week we had a visit from Gerard from the money charity, who came to deliver a money workshop. The children discussed what a budget is, found out different ways that people get money and talked about the difference between needs and wants. They finished the session by choosing how much money to spend on different items with a budget of £50. We were all very impressed with their knowledge and understanding and outstanding vocabulary used when discussing money. The children started their new geography unit about earthquakes, where they built on their knowledge from Year 3 to find out about the focus and epicentre of an earthquake. The children impressed their teachers with their knowledge of teeth in our science unit.





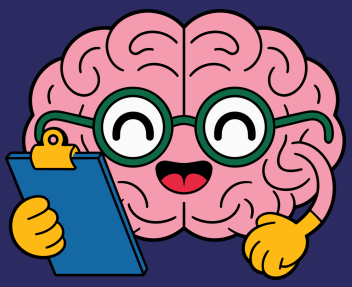
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Year 5



It has been a busy and productive time in Year 5, with pupils continuing to show great enthusiasm for their learning!

In mathematics, we have been exploring symmetry, translating shapes and using coordinates to locate the shape's position. The children have tackled these concepts with increasing confidence.

In English, we have completed our unit on discussion texts and are now moving on to our final unit, focusing on short stories and poetry, where creativity will take centre stage and in science, we are concluding our learning on human development and will soon begin exploring energy sources. In computing, we will be developing our word processing skills.







A number of children completed different projects over half term for our World War I topic. The work produced has been fantastic, offering a fascinating insight into trench warfare.

GOOD TIMES

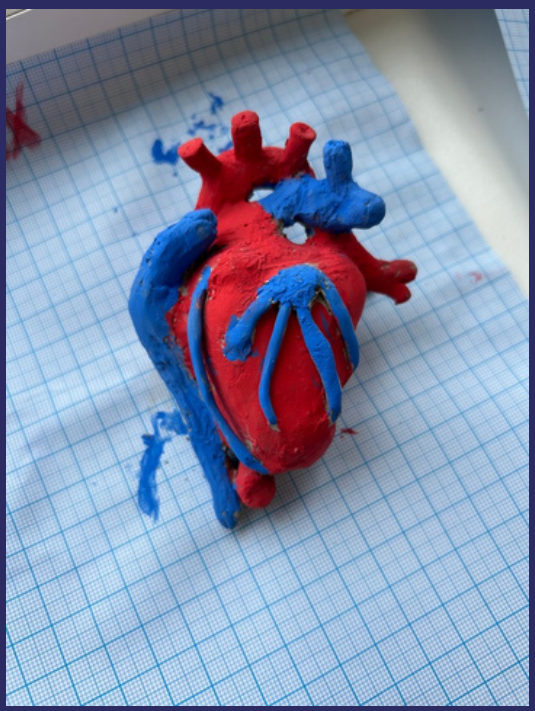
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Year 6

Year 6 have had a wonderfully active and creative fortnight, throwing themselves into every opportunity with enthusiasm. They've continued to grow in confidence during their swimming sessions, showing real determination and teamwork in the pool. In the classroom, they've enjoyed getting hands-on with art, crafting beautifully detailed clay hearts and experimenting with patterns and textures while making clay tiles. Outdoors, their new Fresh Air Club has quickly become a highlight. The children have built impressive dens using natural materials and even learned how to safely use flint to ignite cotton wool—an exciting introduction to basic bushcraft skills. It's been a brilliant two weeks of creativity, exploration and growing independence.

FUN!





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TEDDY TAKEOVER

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

On Friday 19th June, teddy bears will be taking over Elm Academy!

We invite all children to bring a teddy bear to school to join in a full day of fun, bear themed activities. Children are welcome to come dressed as bears or simply in mufti. We kindly ask for a minimum donation of £1, with all money raised going to Julia's House, a charity chosen by our School Council. During the day, children in school that have donated £1 will be entered into a raffle to win a giant tigger teddy.



LOOSE CHANGE TEDDY CHALLENGE

Children may also bring in loose pennies. Together, we will see how big a teddy bear we can create using all the coins—every penny will be donated to Julia's House.



FACE PAINTING

Face painting will be available on the day. Parents can pre book via Friends of Elm on ParentPay for a small charge of £3.



DECORATE A POTATO AS A BEAR!

Following the success of our World Book Day potato decorating competition, we are running another fun challenge. For an entry fee of £1, children can decorate a potato as a bear for the chance to win a £40 Build A Bear voucher and other prizes.



Julia's House
Dorset & Wiltshire Children's Hospices

WHY WE'RE FUNDRAISING

All money raised will go directly to Julia's House, who provide incredible care and support for very sick children and their families. This is a worthwhile cause and one our School Council felt strongly about supporting.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO A WONDERFUL, BEAR FILLED DAY!



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Huge well done to our year 5 & 6 girls for becoming

Dorset Shield winners!



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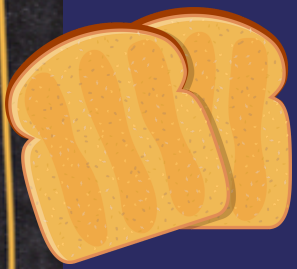
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A reminder that our free breakfast club doors open at 8.20 am and will close no later than 8.25 am.
All children must be accompanied by an adult to the doors.
If your child arrives after this time they will not be allowed in and you will have to wait until 8.40 am for the gates to open.
Please see below for our weekly menu

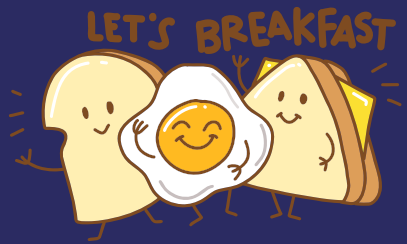














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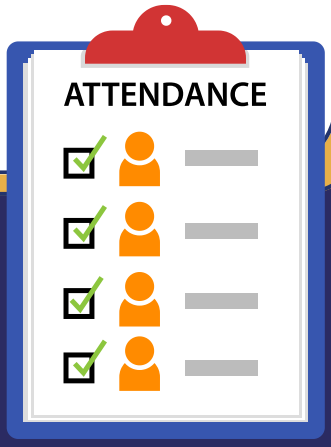




Attendance 25th May - 11th Jun 2026

Hedgehogs - 94.2%
Squirrels - 97.6%
1TB - 94.9%
2JC - 90.7%
3LS - 91.1%
3KW - 93.8%
4LL - 92.1%
4CJ - 93.1%
5JD - 95.6%
5AH - 97.2%
6AC - 91.4%
6BH - 97.7%
6ET - 96.3%





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Please can we remind you that Elm Academy is a NUT FREE School.

We have multiple children at our school with severe nut allergies.

Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a serve, potentially life threating allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a serve reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

We can NOT have NUTs at Elm Academy in any form. So please check that your children have NO NUT products in their lunch boxes or brought into the school as a treat.

The following items should not be brought into Elm Academy:

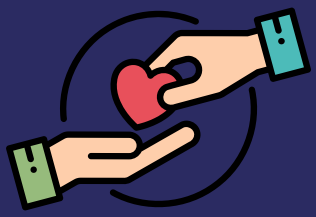
- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (students allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nut

Please ensure you always check the packaging of any food items brought into school. If the packaging says the following words, these items should not be brought into Elm Academy:

- Not suitable for nut allergy sufferers
- This product contains nuts
- This product may contain traces of nuts

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

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Useful Information

MYTIME YOUNG CARERS

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.

HOPE FOR FOOD

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 or complete the Microsoft Form below for a six week referral. These are delivered to school weekly by Hope for Food.

Request for Food Hamper from Hope for Food – Fill in form

Please See below link for the BCP Access to Food Map showing community Food Support in your area

Access to Food Map | Tableau Public

BCP Council

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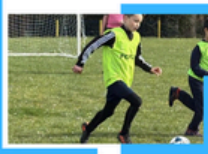
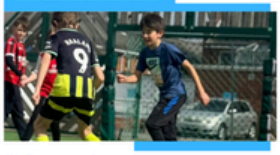
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FOR AGES 5 - 14


26-28 MAY, 2026

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May 26th - May 28th, 2026
Ages Y1-Y9

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- Queen's Park Academy
- St Mary's Catholic Primary School
- Parley First School







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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

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.