Elm Academy News

14th November 2025



Principal's Message

It was great to see so many of you at our most recent parents evening. We look forward to inviting you to our Christmas celebrations at the end of this term.

What a fabulous week we have had supporting anti bullying week. I was blown away by the creative hair on Tuesday, a huge thank you to Miss Tyers for organising this.

Mr Stevenson and other staff have been busy taking children to many sporting events this week – a huge well done to all those children who took part. As always, their behaviour was exemplary.

I would like to say how super proud I am of all the children in our Nursery, they really are superstars and set a very high standard as the youngest members of our school community. A huge thank you to Mrs Lands, Miss Phillips and Miss Sheppard for all their hard work.

Congratulations to both Mr Duffy and Miss Tyers class who have both achieved 100% attendance over the last two weeks, keep it up - who else can challenge them?

Please ensure the children bring coats to school as we are expecting the weather to get much colder next week.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Exciting Curriculum

Nursery

The nursery has had a wonderful week learning all about remembrance and celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week!

First, we learned about remembrance and why it is important to mark this day each year. We learned that people wear poppies to remember brave soldiers who fought to help us have happy and safe lives today. We created our own beautiful poppy artwork using printing and decorated yummy poppy biscuits!

We were excited to partake in World Nursery Rhyme Week and had a lot of fun singing many familiar, and some new, nursery rhymes! We learned about 'Humpty Dumpty' and created our own Humpty Dumpty collages to show him sitting on the wall! We also sang 'Two Little Dicky Birds' in our Maths meeting and enjoyed counting the two birds flying away and then coming back again!

We were very excited to find our new painting easel in our outdoor area this week! We have become budding artists, exploring colours and making shapes with the paints. We have had a lot of fun using our easel and are very proud of our masterpieces!







Exciting Curriculum

Reception

In Reception, as part of our topic this half term 'All Around the World', we have been learning about different countries and traditional celebrations from around the world. Last week we were learning about England and the United Kingdom. We tasted different foods from the countries in the United Kingdom and spoke to our friends about how they tasted using lots of fantastic describing words such as "sweet", "fruity", and "scrumptious". This week we have been learning about India and the celebration of Diwali. We have been learning how to sculpt clay to make a Diya lamp and how to mix colours to decorate them. We were really lucky to have Mrs Adhikari visit Reception to show us how to create a Rangoli pattern. We watched her create the outline, then helped to decorate the pattern with lots of bright coloured sand.







Exciting Curriculum

Year 1







Year 1 had the Dinosaur dome in on Thursday. We learned about different dinosaurs and what they ate. We went into the dome and enjoyed seeing all the dinosaurs. Our favourite part was touching fossilised dinosaur poo. Thank goodness it did not smell!





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Year 2

Here is some lovely dinosaur homework produced by Year 2 over the half term holiday.



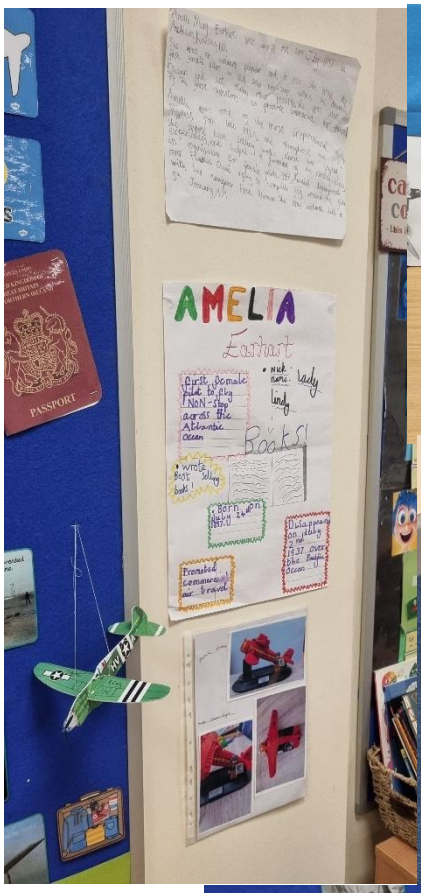




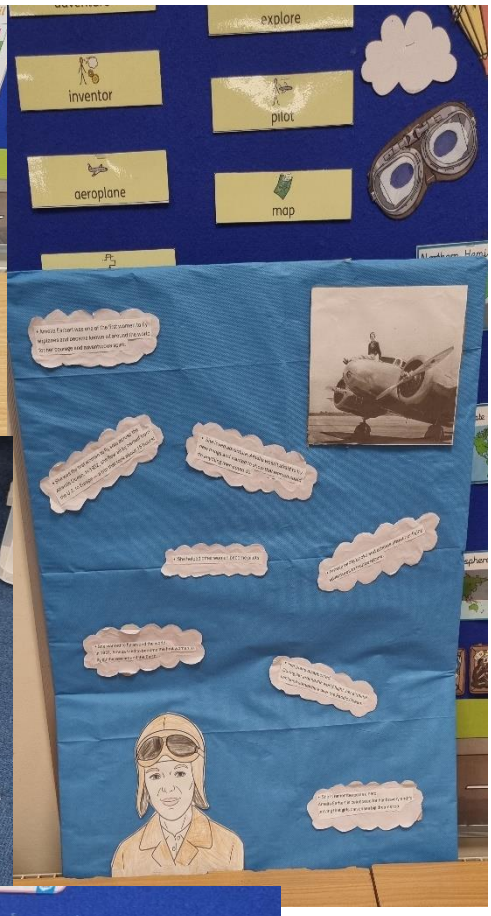
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Year 3

Year 3 have produced some great homework over half term.











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Year 5

Year 5's half termly projects were on the Tudor period and the Mary Rose.



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Year 6

Year 6 took part in Michael Rosen's live lesson where he shared a variety of different poems



Sports



Well Done to all who have attended football tournaments recently!

Superb effort, fantastic teamwork, and brilliant skills on display throughout — we're so proud of you all!



News

As a school we have signed up to Easy Fundraising! This raises money for the school via people shopping etc.

There is an app you can install on your phone and you can access it on the desktop too.

If you have it on your phone when you are shopping it recognises it's a company that donates and it pops up that you can get a donation for your cause.

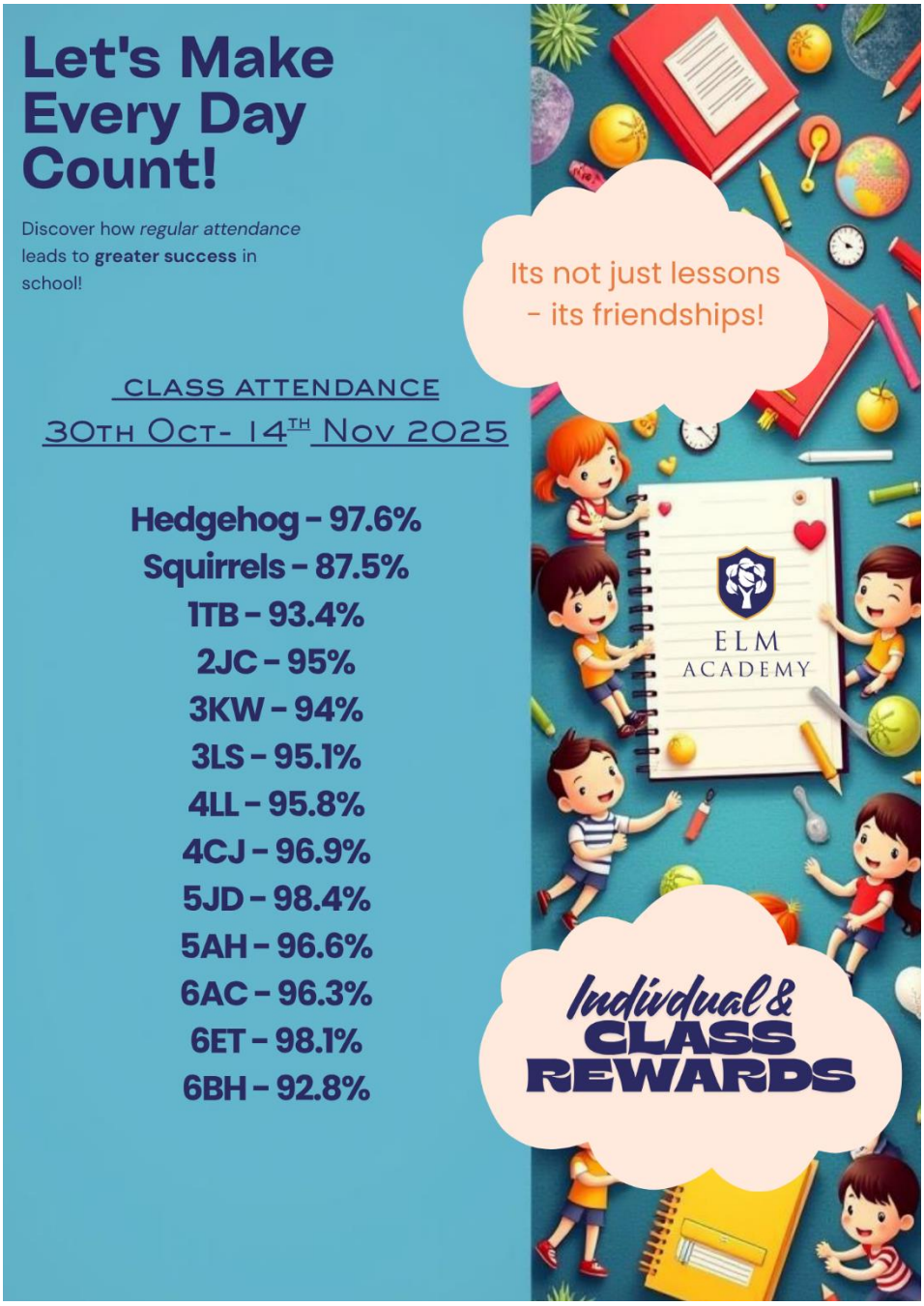
You can also add your bank cards for shops in store. For example, for every shop in Tesco over £70 the school get 50p.

Even just for registering the school get £1 after your first shop. We only have 13 supporters currently so we would really appreciate some more.

Here is a link if you would rather do it on a desktop.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=402339&invite=pbv01c&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_campaign=web-referral

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.

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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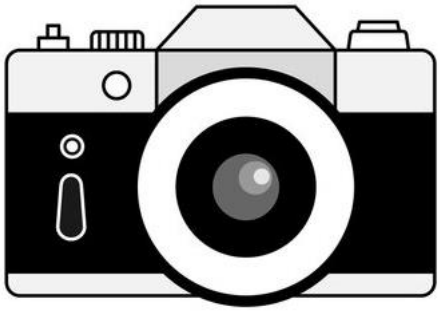


Useful information

Reminder Sibling and catch up photos are on Friday 21st November.

A reminder message will be sent to those who are having catch up photos.

All those having photos on this day will need to be in full school uniform.



Useful information

Action For Children- Online Parenting Support



Parent Talk - Support for Parents from Action For Children

Useful information

The Henry Brown Centre- Community Support





Useful information

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

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
Monday 8th December	Year 6 NCMP Heights and Weights
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

School starts again on **MONDAY 5th JANUARY 2026**

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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