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Newsletter

Principal's Message

As we come to the end of a very busy and productive half term, I want to say how incredibly proud I am of our Year 6 pupils. Their focus, determination and maturity as they prepare for the next stage of their journey has been outstanding, and they continue to be wonderful role models for the rest of the school.

A huge congratulations to 6BH, who have achieved an exceptional 100% attendance for the entire half term. This is an amazing accomplishment and reflects their commitment and enthusiasm for learning. As a well-deserved reward, the whole class will be enjoying a special celebratory lunch—I believe the winning vote was for McDonald's, which has certainly added to the excitement.

Thank you to all our children, staff and families for your continued support and positivity. Enjoy the break, keep safe in the sunshine, and take extra care if you are spending time near water.

Upcoming Events

Monday 25th - Friday 29th May 2026
Half term

Tuesday 2nd June - Year 3 Trip

Wednesday 3rd June - Years 5 &6 Rockley Buddens Residential

Friday 12th June - Summer Fair

15th -17th June - Hooke Court

18th June - Year 2 trip

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

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





Over the past few weeks, we have been enjoying our topic The Gingerbread Man! The children have loved listening to the story and taking part in a range of fun activities linked to it.

At our maths station, we have been developing our subitising skills by using dice and counting the gingerbread man's buttons. Once we find the matching number, we get to "feed" the gingerbread man to the fox – a particular favourite!

We also had a wonderful time baking our own gingerbread. The children carefully followed the recipe and showed great teamwork. Once baked, they had lots of fun decorating their gingerbread creations.

Outside, we have been busy using clipboards to mark-make all around the playground, building confidence in our early writing skills while enjoying the fresh air.

Well done, Nursery – we are very proud of all your hard work and enthusiasm!





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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/

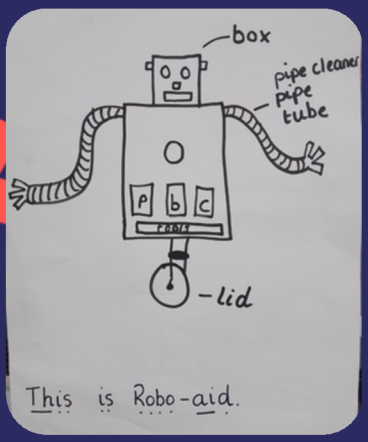
and How to resuscitate a child: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/first-aid-and-safety/first-aid/how-to-resuscitate-a-child/

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Reception

Our book of the week has been Izzy Gizmo and the Invention Convention. We have been learning to design, make and improve our own class invention. Squirrels class designed a First Aid robot to help on the playground and Hedgehogs designed a robot that tidys and cleans and makes popcorn and ice-cream. The children then designed their own inventions and wrote a sentence explaining how it can help.



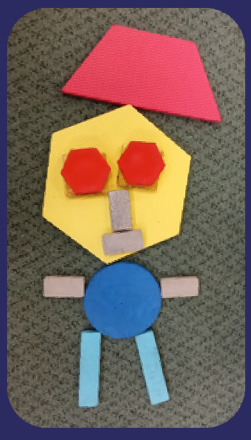






In maths we have been learning about 2D shapes. We have explored how we can put two shapes together to make a new shape. We have also used 2D shapes for a purpose to create our own pictures.







In our special jobs lessons we have been learning about the people who help us in our community. We talked about being part of our school community and the people who help us at school.

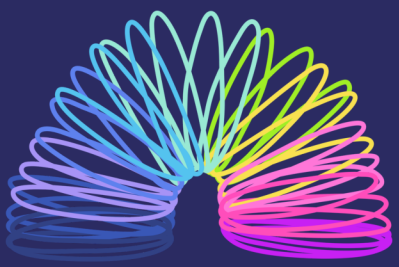
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Year 1



In history, Year 1 have been looking at changes within living memory. They really enjoyed looking at how toys have changed over the years and playing with a variety of old toys and modern toys.



















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Year 2

Year 2 had a really enjoyable DT day to celebrate international nurses day. Some of the children came in dressed up as doctors, nurses or soldiers. During the day children designed, constructed and evaluated a moving ambulance.





















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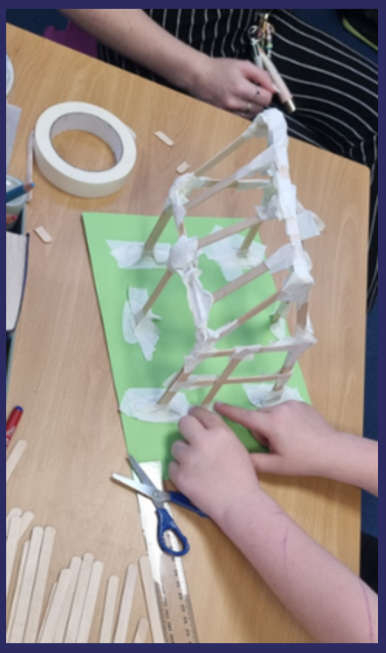


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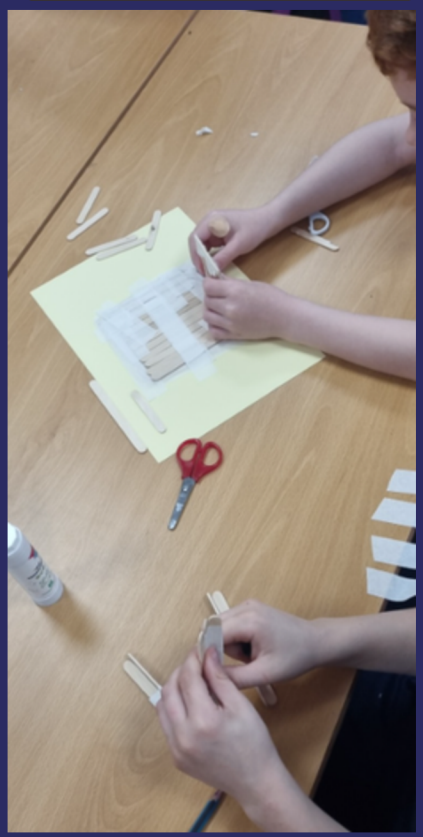
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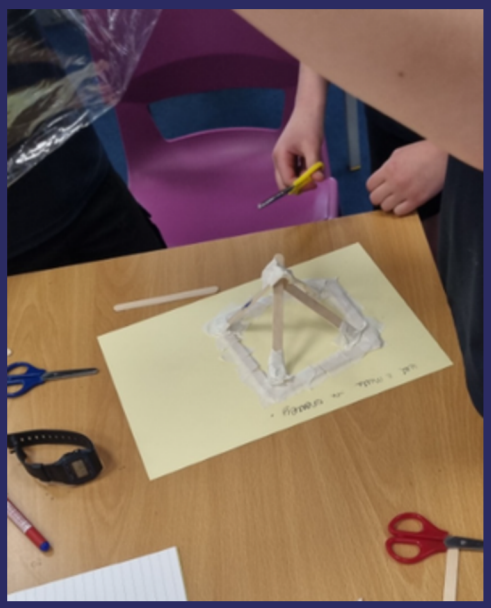
Year 3 have been busy in DT designing and building their own mini greenhouses. The children explored how greenhouses help plants grow by trapping warmth and protecting them from the weather. They worked carefully to measure, cut and assemble their structures, showing great teamwork and creativity throughout the project. We are very proud of their fantastic designs and the enthusiasm they showed while learning about sustainability and plant growth.











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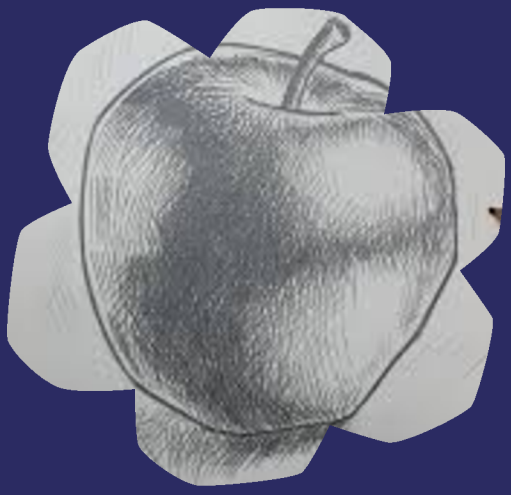
Year 4

Year 4 have been working hard in music lessons learning songs, signs and body percussion. During our visit to The Lighthouse Theatre in Poole to watch the BSO we were able to put our voices and actions to the test and sounded amazing. Year 4 were a great audience.

We have been continuing our practise for the multiplication tables check and have been seeing some great improvements in both speed of recall and accuracy, well done to all of those practising at home.

We were sad to have our final Fresh Air Club session but it was really fun learning how to toast marshmallows.

We have also seen some fantastic artwork. Children have been learning to make drawings look 3D by adding different tones and shadows. We saw some amazing apples drawn.







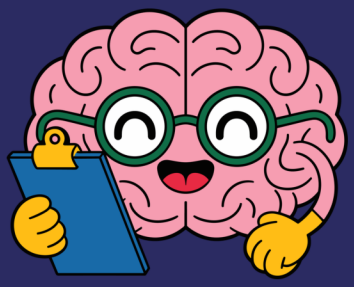
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Year 5



It has been another busy and productive few weeks in our classroom!

In Mathematics, we have continued to develop our understanding of angles within shapes. The children have been exploring both regular and irregular polygons, carefully observing their properties and identifying different types of angles with increasing confidence.

In English, we are preparing to write our own discussion texts based on our class book Real-Life Mysteries. Pupils have been generating ideas, exploring different viewpoints, and developing their ability to present balanced arguments—skills that will support them as they begin drafting their own pieces next week.







In Geography, we are concluding our engaging unit on rivers and streams, which has also inspired our recent Art lessons. On Friday, we visited the River Stour, where the children had the opportunity to sketch the river environment first-hand. They paid close attention to key river features and captured these observations beautifully in their sketchbooks. The children showed great enthusiasm and care in their work—well done to everyone!

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GOOD TIMES

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Year 6



A huge well done to Year 6 pupils for completing their SATs last week! They worked incredibly hard and gave 100% effort. They had a brilliant day at Paultons Park where many faced their fears and had lots of fun with their friends.







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Epic Achievements





Maxwell and Charlie proudly represented their karate club at the TSKUK National Championship 2026

Maxwell became National Champion in Individual Kumite and National Champion in Kumite Team. He also achieved a bronze medal in Kata.

Charlie won a silver medal in Kata and a bronze medal in Kumite.

Charlize and her football team are league Cup champions.

Charlize and her team worked incredibly hard and it paid off.



Well done to all of you for your epic achievements!

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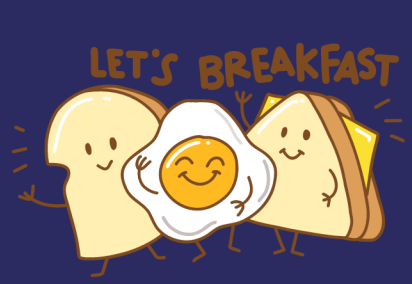
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A reminder that our free breakfast club doors open at 8.20 am and will close no later than 8.25 am.
All children must be accompanied by an adult to the doors.
If your child arrives after this time they will not be allowed in and you will have to wait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





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Attendance





Attendance 11th May - 21st May

Hedgehogs - 90%

Squirrels - 97.6%

1TB - 94.4%

2JC - 94.6%

3LS - 91.2%

3KW - 90.2%

4LL - 96.5%

4CJ - 94.2%

5JD - 96.5%

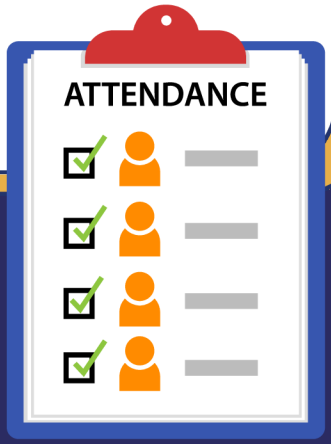
5AH - 96.9%

6AC - 92.7%

6BH - 98.8%

6ET - 98.1%





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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:

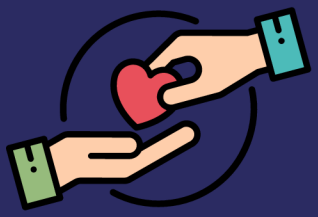
- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (students allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nut

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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FOOTBALL CLINIC

FOR AGES 5 - 14






26-28 MAY, 2026

- Skill Progression
- Fun and Engaging Games
- UEFA Qualified Coaches
- All Weather Facility (QPA)

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BOOK VIA ClassForKids

SC CLUBS MAY HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS

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

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Where will we be?

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







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- Invasion games (football, basketball, etc)
- Arts and crafts
- Superstars Challenge
- Competitions
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Additional Support Courses for Parents

Three new courses offered by FACE, separate from the school membership.
Full access to all three courses for £6.99/month
Complete at your own pace, cancel anytime.



Building Emotional Resilience

Work through six stages of directed exercises to help your child (and yourself) improve emotional resilience.



Facing Defiance

A specific strategy aimed at supporting parents of children aged 5 to 12 with ADHD, ODD or just very challenging behaviour.



You & Your Teen

A skills building course for one parent and one teen (12 years old and above) to learn how they can both improve their communication with each other.

www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Online Courses for Parents page
info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

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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.