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Newsletter

Principals Message

What an EPIC start we have had to 2026!

Our athletes attended an indoor event where GV in year 6 broke records, well done to all involved. You may have seen on Facebook what a super time the children have had at the farm this week; children in year 3 and 4 will be given the opportunity to attend in 2027 and information about this will follow shortly.

As a school I would like to celebrate our success having been recognised by the Minister for Education this week:
"Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at Elm Academy achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement.
This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together."

Please remember to sign up for parent consultations on the 12th February, and ensure children are attending school everyday that they can - attendance is really important and ensures the best outcomes for all.

Finally good luck to all involved in Dance Live! 2026 next week I know you will all be EPIC!!

Upcoming Events

Thursday 29th January - Dance Live

Thursday 5th February - Year 1&2 Zoo trip

Thursday 12th February - Parents Evening

Friday 13th February - Teacher Training Day

16th - 20th February - Half Term

Monday 23rd February - Pupils first Day Back

Reminders

Weather Preparation: As the weather changes, please make sure your child dresses appropriately for the temperature. Layers are a good idea!

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

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Nursery

This week Nursery have continued their 'On The Move' topic by learning about the story 'Mr Gumpy's Motor Car'. We learnt all about his journey in his car with lots of animal friends. At the writing station, we drew pictures of the animals Mr Gumpy took on his journey.

We had alot of fun baking our very own 'vehicle' biscuits! We followed the recipe to make the biscuit dough and then cut out our shapes to bake in the oven. Once the biscuits were cool, we decorated them using red icing and even added wheels and windows!

In Maths this week, we were learning about patterns! At the Maths station, we used small world cars to create our own patterns. We used the different colours to create beautiful patterns and enjoyed saying our patterns out loud.







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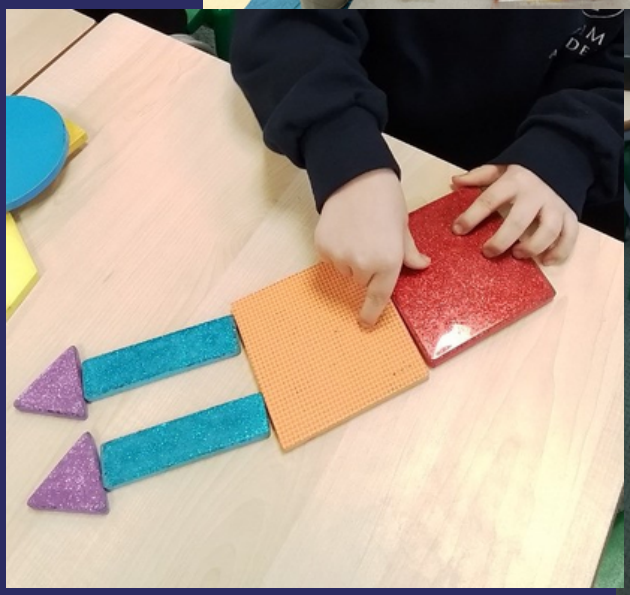
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Reception

In Reception this week we have been learning about castles. We have learnt the names for the different parts of castles and created a castle as a class. The children have been using word mats to write labels for each part of the castle, creating their own castles by exploring 2d shapes and practicing their scissor skills to make their own crowns.









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Year 1&2

Year 1 and 2 enjoyed their fire safety workshop. We learnt about dangers in the home, checking smoke alarms and what to do if there is a fire at home







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Year 3

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their first recorder lesson in our new music unit for this half term.
They played beautifully!



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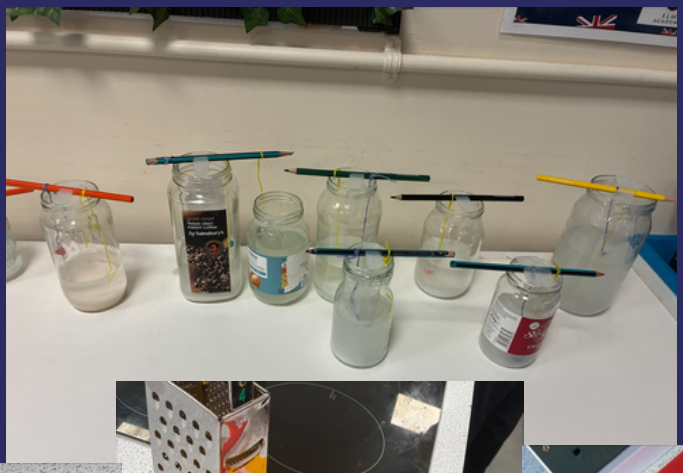
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Year 4&5

Over this week year 4&5 have been growing crystals.
They have also made delicious pizza's and done some fabulous art work.















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Year 5

Year 5 have made a brilliant start to the new term after the Christmas break! We have been busy creating our own Victorian projects, proudly shown in our classroom display. In English, the children have been exploring recounts through the incredible journey of Ernest Shackleton, imagining themselves as members of his Antarctic expedition to develop their writing skills. In maths, we have been strengthening our multiplication and division knowledge, and in science we have started learning about the properties of materials. It's been a great and productive start to the year!





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Events at Elm

Well done to our amazing Year 5 & 6 superstars who recently took part in an indoor athletics event!
They were brilliant throughout, showing fantastic teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship.
We're so proud of you all!



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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

Hedgehogs 95.64%

Squirrels 96.15%

1TB 89.1%

2JC 96.67%

3KW 92.47%

3LS 95.06%

4CJ 92.7%

4LL 93.91%

5AH 95.45%

5JD 96.3%

6ET 95.36%

6BH 97.52%

6AC 90.59%

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Useful Information



NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT HUB

Do you know where to go for help and support?

Everyone welcome

Drop-in to our Neighbourhood Support Hub for free advice and support on cost of living, health and wellbeing and more.

- MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2025 12PM – 2PM
- MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2025 12PM – 2PM
- MONDAY 12TH JANUARY 2026 12PM – 2PM
- MONDAY 9TH MARCH 2026 12PM – 2PM
- MONDAY 11TH MAY 2026 12PM – 2PM
- MONDAY 13TH JULY 2026 12PM – 2PM

HENRY BROWN CENTRE, CUNNINGHAM CRESCENT, BH11 8DU

Chat with local services

BCP Council · WEST HOWE Community Enterprises · NORTH BOURNEMOUTH PRIMARY CARE NETWORK

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BCP Council Libraries Schools' Newsletter

January 2026

The National Year of Reading

Please take a few minutes to look at the information below and help us engage as many children and families as possible.

LIBRARY LEGENDS

2026's National Year of Reading is a great opportunity to encourage children and families to have some fun with books.

Our Library Legends challenge sees children attempt a series of quests based around books and reading.

-Trying new books
-Creating things linked to stories
-Team challenges with their family and friends
-Entering the Summer Reading Challenge

In return, they earn stickers , special character collectors' cards and , if they are successful in all the quests, a medal and their place in the league of Library Legends.

Although children will need to collect their booklets and rewards from a library, the challenges are designed to be completed using any books children might be reading - from home, school or the library. The hope is that schools might be able to incorporate some of these challenges into their own National Year of Reading celebrations.

We've included the following:

- Information for teachers
- Information for parents and carers
- A PowerPoint for assemblies
- A trailer!





Proud to support The National Year of Reading 2026.

GO ALL IN.

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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. These are delivered to school weekly by Hope for Food.

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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