Elm Academy News

24th October 2025



Principal's Message

The first half term completed, Squirrel and Hedgehog class have settled in really well and attended their first whole school assembly this week – well done to all. We have had another class achieve 100% attendance in a week, huge congratulations to 6BH.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating our girls football team who came joint winners and secured a place in the national final – go girls!

Great fun was had at our first discos last night. The money raised goes back into things for the children. Over the last 2 years we have raised enough money for children in years 4, 5 and 6 to have their own access to a tablet whilst in school. Our aim is for all children from year 1 to year 6 to have access to a tablet for their personal use whilst in school.

I look forward to seeing you at our first parents evening on Thursday 6th November. Have a great half term break, keep safe if you will be celebrating on the 31st October as well as any celebrations around Bonfire night. I very much look forward to the next half term.

Exciting Curriculum

Nursery

What a half-term we have had in Nursery! We have settled beautifully into a routine, started to make friends, and have made our teachers very proud!

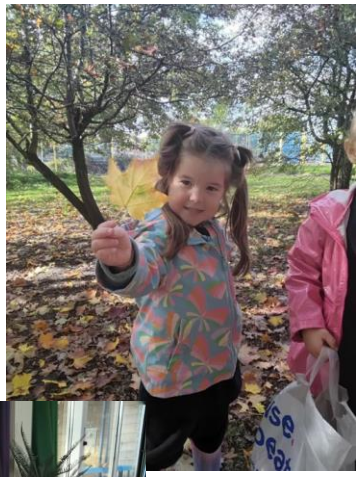
This week, we focused our learning around the story 'The Leaf Man'. We created autumn leaf art using leaves collected outside. We used the leaves to create our very own leaf people! We used different leaves for each body part and then added some googly eyes to finish our masterpieces.

At the finger gym station, we found pumpkins, golf tees, and hammers! Our goal was to hammer the golf tees into the pumpkins, which was a lot of fun! We wore our safety goggles and got to work making patterns with the golf tees.

We have been busy on our welly walk, preparing for our parent craft session by collecting autumn leaves! We will use these leaves to create beautiful leaf wreaths with our families at our craft session!











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Reception



Reception have had such a fantastic first term at Elm Academy and have really enjoyed our topic 'I am Super!' We have enjoyed learning about what makes us super and about the superheroes who help us in our community.

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Year 1 & 2

In DT Year 1 & 2 designed, made and evaluated their own pizzas. We made the dough from scratch and then topped with our favourite toppings.











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Year 3



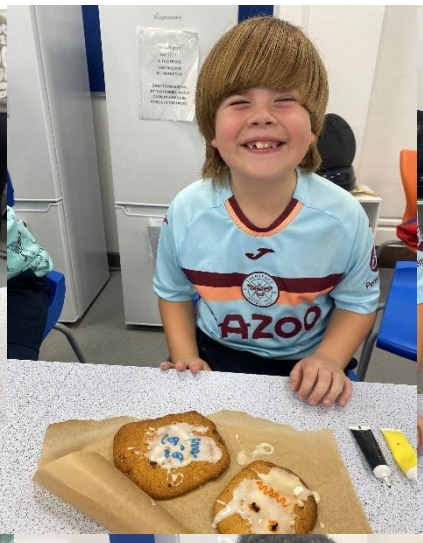


Year 3 had a fun-filled Stone Age WOW Day, where the children had the opportunity to take part in many exciting prehistoric activities.

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Hub 2 & 3

Hub 2 & 3 enjoyed learning to make and decorate cookies.





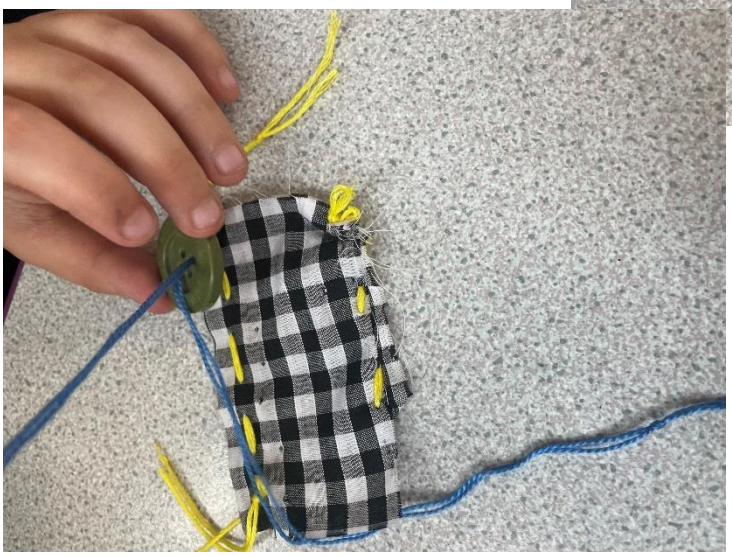
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Year 5

Year 5 have been practicing their sewing skills this week by attaching fabric with a running stitch. They have also learned to attach a button or bead to their fabric in preparation to create a patchwork pillowcase.







Sports



Well done to our Year 4 players who did amazingly well against Manorside.

A huge congratulations to our amazing Year 5 team for absolutely smashing it at the Year 5 tournament at Littledown!



News

We're pleased to share that Authentic Education will be receiving additional support from United Learning for the remainder of this academic year.

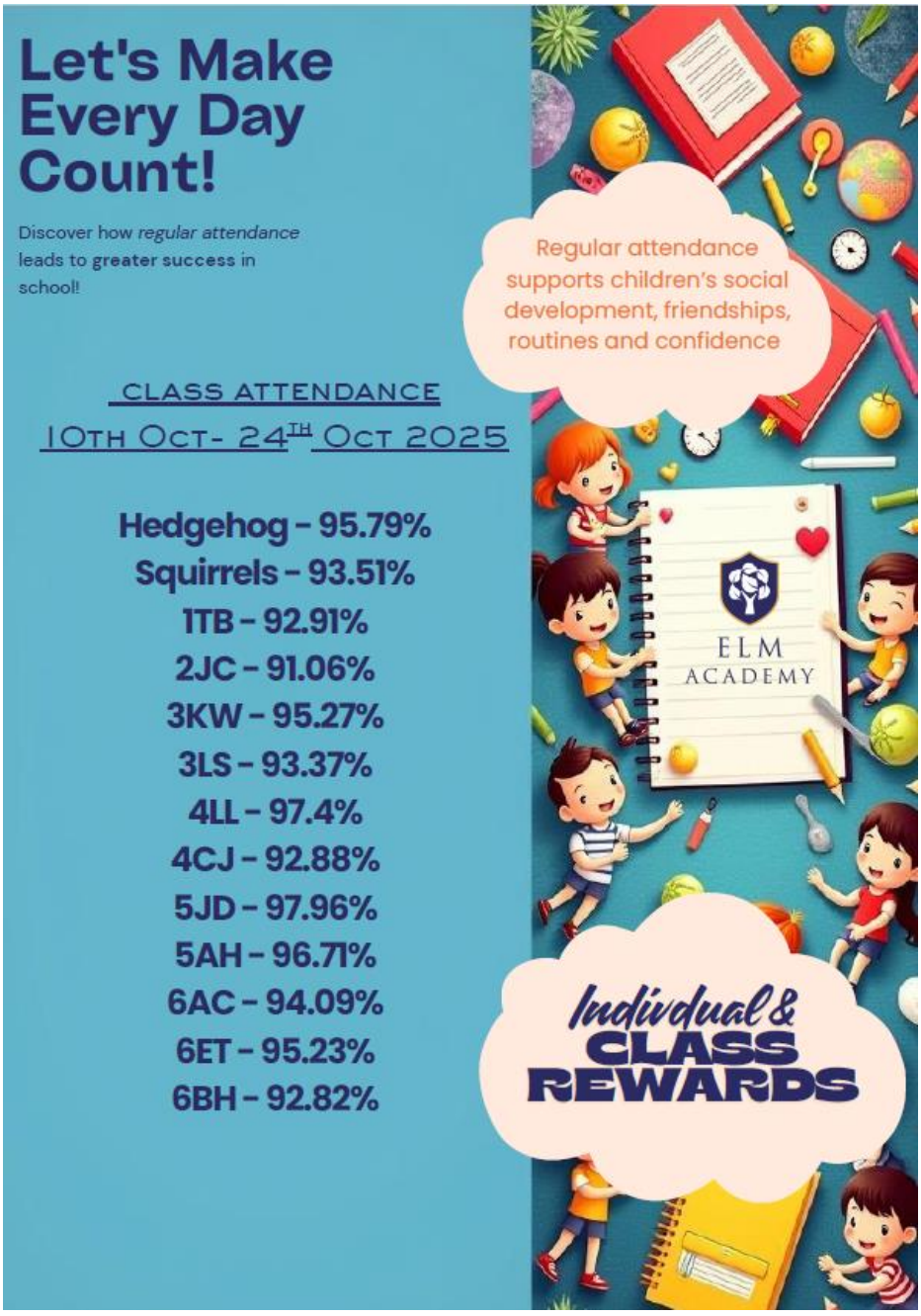
This partnership brings specialist expertise in education to strengthen the good progress our academies are making. Sir Jon Coles, along with experienced leaders Ben Antell and Stuart Ingram who know our local area well, will work alongside our teams to accelerate improvement across our Trust. This is an interim arrangement as we continue to plan for the Trust's future.

For families, nothing changes; your child's education, their teachers, and the school's values remain exactly as they are. We're excited about the new possibilities and resources this collaboration will bring, and we're confident it will benefit all our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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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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Half Term Fun in BCP Libraries

There are lots and lots of FREE activies taking place in BCP libraries this half term. They are for everyone - whether you're a library member or not. Come and join us for some spooky fun.

Please check individual library opening times online. Further information can be found on BCP libraries social media or by contacting the libraries.

Boscombe	• Make a witch's cat with moving eyes - all week • Spooky treasure hunt - all week
Bournemouth	• Mike Paterson Marionettes puppet show and puppet performance workshop (Saturday 25th October 10:30 - 11:30 - booking required) • Halloween scratch-art and concertina crafts - all week
Branksome	• Halloween-themed treasure hunt - all week • Take-away Halloween craft (limited number)
Broadstone	• Musical shaker craft. (Wednesday 10:30 - 11:30) • Halloween decoration station - all week
Canford Cliffs	• Halloween-themed craft station (Wednesday)
Canford Heath	• Spooky Halloween drop-in craft (Thursday 10:30 - 12:00) • Fancy dress Wriggle and Rhyme (Friday 10:30 -11:00) • Green Libraries Week book exchange. (Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
Castlepoint	• Our Freedom Then and Now in conjunction with Poole Lighthouse and artist Holly Spillar. Create pieces of art from recycled materials. (Monday drop-in 10:00 - 13:00) • Design a Jack O'Lantern to add to our gallery - all week • Make an autumn gnome and go on a Halloween treasure hunt - all week
Charminster	• Fang-tastic fun making a paper haunted house and a rocking witch - all week • Spooky Storytime for under 7s. Listen to stories and make a paper owl. (Thursday 10:30 - 11:30)
Christchurch	• Our Freedom Then and Now in conjunction with Poole Lighthouse and artist Holly Spillar. Create pieces of art from recycled materials. (Tuesday 11:00 - booking required) • Halloween craft and treasure hunt - all week
Creekmoor	• Halloween craft activities and treasure hunt - all week • Crafty Crew art club - firework art (Saturday 1st November 10:30 - 12)
Ensbury Park	• Halloween treasure hunt - all week • Discover Military Communications with the Royal Signals Museum (Tuesday 10:30 - 12:00)
Hamworthy	• 3D scary paper pumpkins - all week • Halloween craft and treasure hunt - all week • Lego Club - (Saturday)
Highcliffe	• Monster-themed activities including monster magnets (Monday) and junk model monster making (Friday) • Pumpkin and bug house crafts - adult drop-in session (Friday 14:00-16:00)
Kinson	• Our Freedom Then and Now in conjunction with Poole Lighthouse and artist Holly Spillar. Create pieces of art from recycled materials. (Friday 9:30 - booking required) • Make a monster-grabber and enjoy a monster treasure hunt - all week
Oakdale	• Halloween crafts (Wednesday 14:30 - 16:00)
Southbourne	• The Mummy's Curse craft pack. Create your own spooky masterpiece - all week • Halloween treasure hunt - all week
Springbourne	• Batty Bats children's crafts - all week • Halloween treasure hunt with sweets - all week • Chess and Lego drop-in sessions (Saturday)
Parkstone	• Spooky paper decorations - all week • Halloween pumpkin picture hunt -all week
Poole	• Our Freedom Then and Now in conjunction with Poole Lighthouse and artist Holly Spillar. Create pieces of art from recycled materials. (Wednesday 10:30 - booking required)
Rossmore	• Our Freedom Then and Now in conjunction with Poole Lighthouse and artist Holly Spillar. Create pieces of art from recycled materials. (Friday 13:30 - booking required) • Explore Learning - A Squire's Journey workshop Wednesday 10:30 (Booking required via Eventbrite or contact the library) • Scavenger hunt - all week
Tuckton	• Sid of the Sand Dunes - visiting author event for children aged 7 - 12. Free copy of the book for children attending the event. (Thursday 10:00 - 11:00) • Treasure hunt - all week
West Howe	• Half Term of Horrors in conjunction with the Henry Brown Centre. Spooky Stories, Beastly Bookmarks, Potion Poetry and a Monster Mystery trail. (Monday and Thursday - booking required) • Crafternoon - adult craft open to all (Thursday 14:00 - 17:00) • Chess and Lego drop-in (Saturday)
Westbourne	• Make a hedgehog, autumn leaf or paper plate scarecrow - all week • Autumnal wool crafts and treasure hunt- all week
Winton	• Make an bat finger puppet, hunt the pumpkins in the library and win a Spooooky Booookmark! - all week • Decorate a pebble in the library garden. (Tuesday 10:30)

Libraries West

BCP Libraries Facebook

BCP Libraries Instagram

Useful information

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





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

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
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
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.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook (Elm Events) and Twitter @ElmAcademyAAT

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