Elm Academy News

26th September 2025



Principal's Message

A very warm welcome back to this new school year and especially the children who have joined us in Reception and Nursery, they have had a fabulous start. Welcome to the children who have also joined us in other year groups, I hope you have been made to feel very welcome.

I would also like to introduce and welcome some new staff members, Mr Duffy and Miss Whiffen in Year 5, Miss Andreotti in Reception and Mrs Lands in our Nursery. We are extremely lucky to have such dedicated staff join our already EPIC team here at Elm.

We have an exciting and busy year ahead of us as we continue to ensure the children at Elm academy do the absolute best they can do.

Please see towards the back of this newsletter the dates for the upcoming term – we endeavour to do our best not to change these but this may occur if something unexpected happens.

I am so looking forward to another EPIC year and sharing the success of all our children.

I will continue to expect children to be attending school and as per the government guidelines, holidays in term time will not be authorised, and fines may be issued.

Please remember we are available every morning on the gate.

Exciting Curriculum

Nursery

Nursery went on an Autumn walk this week around our school grounds to look for signs of change in the season. We worked in pairs to explore our school and find different items! We found beautifully coloured leaves and acorns. We also enjoyed hearing the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet as we walked on the field!

Finally, we had our very first P.E. lesson this week! We were excited to be in the school hall and meet Jimmy, our P.E. teacher. We played lots of games, focusing on balance. We listened well to instructions and made our teachers super proud!











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Reception

Reception have had their first full week at school this week! They have been busy making lots of new friends and have all settled beautifully into Squirrels and Hedgehogs!





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Year 1

Year 1 had a great time at Kinson library this week. They got to explore all the exciting books on offer.







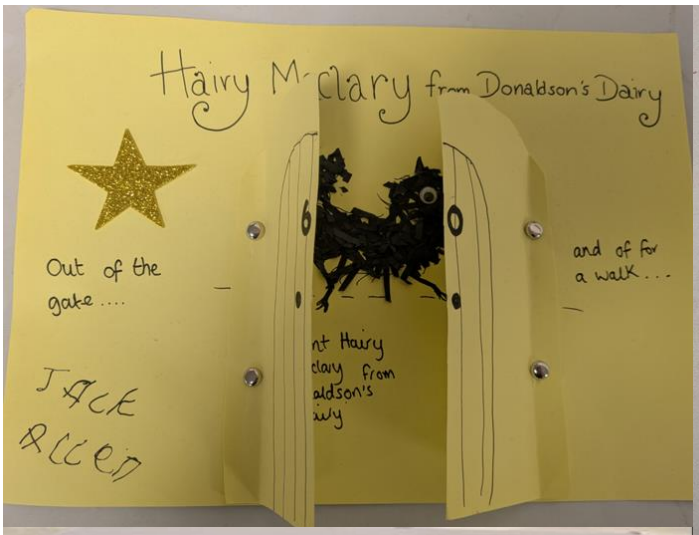


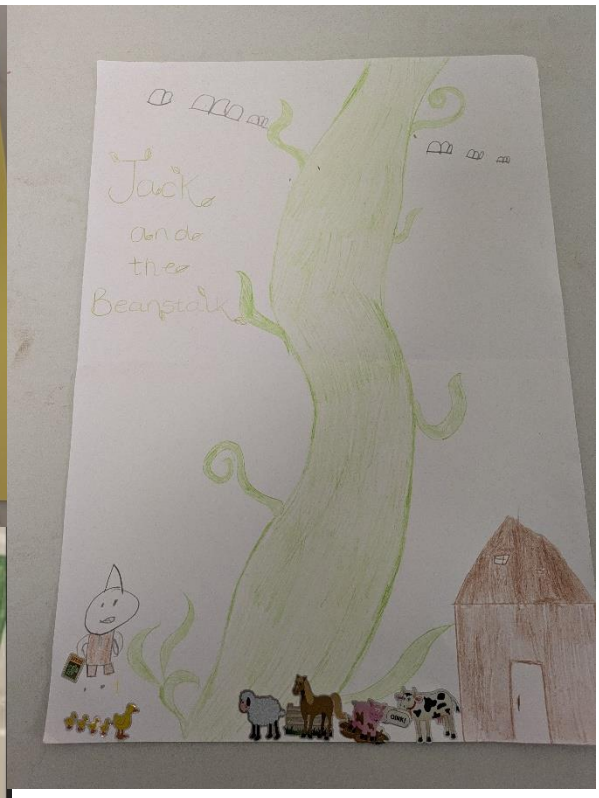


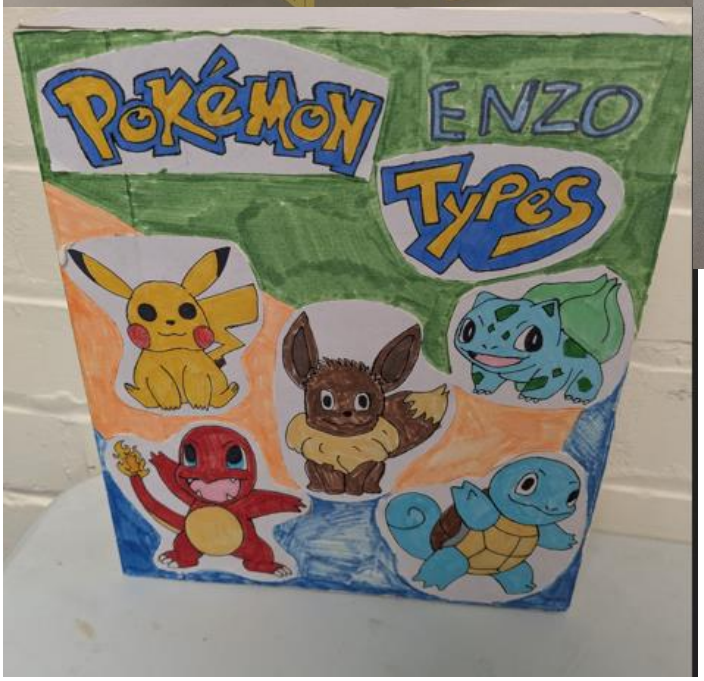
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Year 2

Lovely summer holiday homework completed by Year 2 about their favourite book.

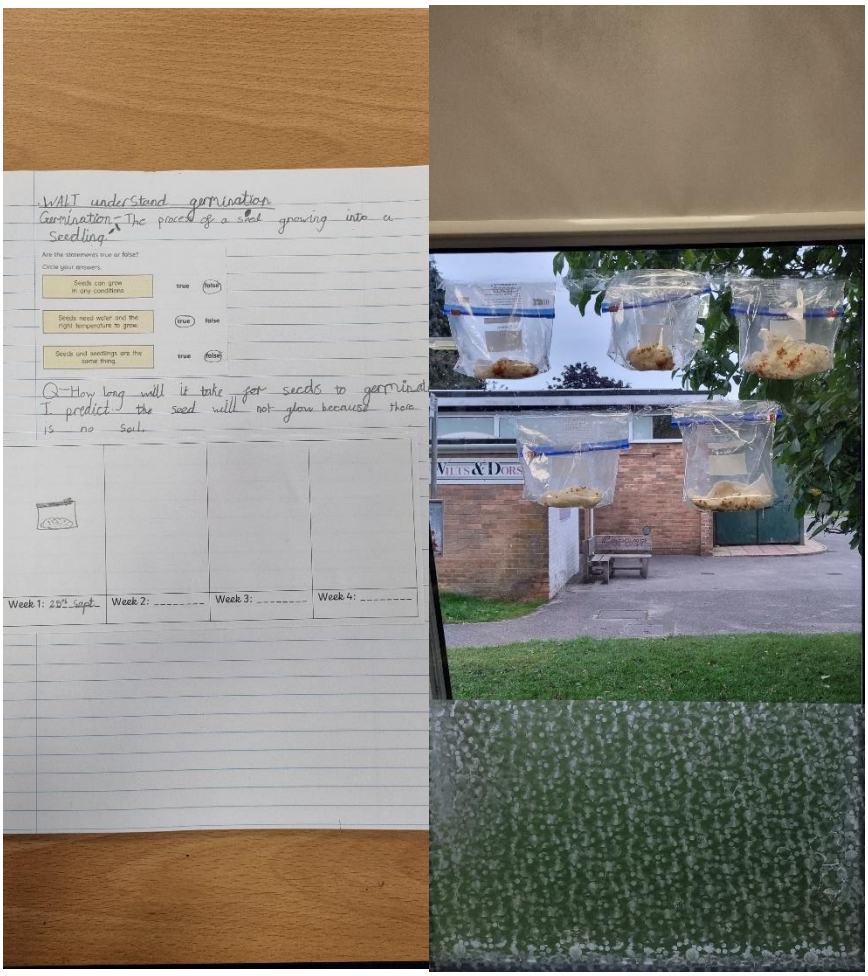






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Year 3



Year 3 have begun their investigation of growing seeds into seedlings this week. We will be investigating whether seeds will germinate without any soil or oxygen getting to them. Keep your eyes peeled on the seeds in the Year 3 windows for updates on how our seeds are getting on.

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Year 5 have started their exciting Space topic

Year 5

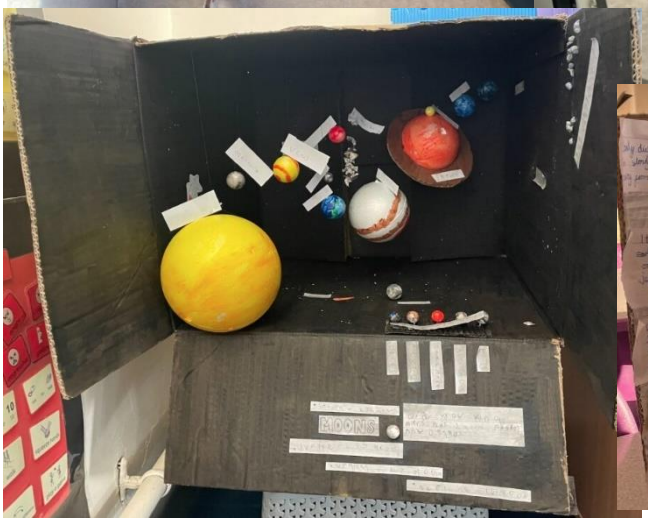














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Academic Outcomes

Our academic outcomes from last academic year are a testament to how hard our staff work to provide pupils with the highest quality teaching & learning possible and we are very proud to share these with you.

Year 1 – Phonics Screening Check (% passed)	
Elm Academy	National
87%	75%

Year 4 – Multiplication Check – Average Scores*	
Elm Academy	National
22	20.6

Year 6 Key Stage 2 Outcomes Reading (% achieved)			
Elm Academy Expected	National Expected	Elm Academy Greater Depth	National Greater Depth
80%	74%	38%	29%

Year 6 Key Stage 2 Outcomes Writing (% achieved)			
Elm Academy Expected	National Expected	Elm Academy Greater Depth	National Greater Depth
72%	82%	20%	13%

Year 6 Key Stage 2 Outcomes Maths (% achieved)			
Elm Academy Expected	National Expected	Elm Academy Greater Depth	National Greater Depth
87%	73%	33%	24%

Year 6 Key Stage 2 Outcomes Combined (% achieved)			
Elm Academy Expected	National Expected	Elm Academy Greater Depth	National Greater Depth
77%	61%	15%	8%

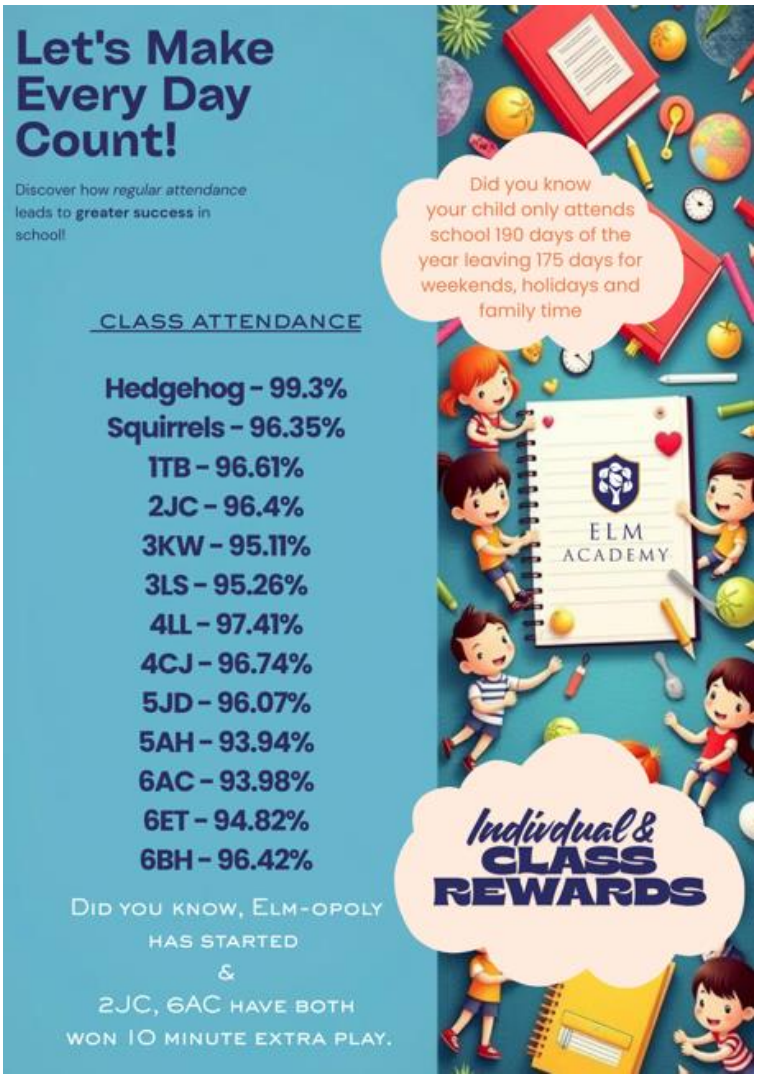
Attendance

Whole School Attendance:

95.3%

Target for the year: 96%

The expectation is for **every** child to achieve at least 96% 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.

Useful information



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 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



Term Dates

AUTHENTIC EDUCATION

TERM DATES 2025/26

Autumn Term:

Staff Training	Wednesday 3 September 2025
Staff Training	Thursday 4 September 2025
Staff Training	Friday 5 September 2025
Pupils' First Day	**Monday 8 September 2025**
Half Term	*Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October 2025*
Staff Training	Monday 3 November 2025
Pupils' Last Day	**Friday 19 December 2025**

Spring Term:

Pupils' First Day	**Monday 5 January 2026**
Half Term	*Monday 16 to Friday 20 February 2026*
Pupils' Last Day	**Friday 27 March 2026**

Summer Term:

Pupils' First Day	**Monday 13 April 2026**
May Day	Monday 4 May 2026
Half Term	*Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May 2026*
Staff Training	Friday 3 July 2026
Pupils' Last Day	**Wednesday 22 July 2026**

PE Days

Reception – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 1 – Wednesday and Friday

Year 2 – Wednesday and Friday

Year 3 – Monday and Wednesday

Year 4 – Monday and Friday

Year 5 – Tuesday and Friday

Year 6 – Tuesday and Wednesday



Useful information



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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

Monday 13th October	Harvest Festival - donations for the food bank
Monday 13th October	Individual photos (siblings photo date TBC)
Thursday 23rd October	End of term disco, 3.15 pm – 4.30 pm
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 (more information to follow)
10th November – 14th November	Anti bullying week (more information to follow)
Friday 14th November	Children in Need Mufti day for a donation
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
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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