Elm Academy News

28th November 2025



Principal's Message

Thank for your support with Children in Need we raised £228.50.

We have lots planned for the last few weeks of term, but I would like to reassure you that alongside productions, singing, special visits, and pantomines we continue to prioritise learning. Attendance remains a priority and we look forward to celebrating attendance successes towards the end of term.

We are busy planning our Festive 'raffle' so if you know of anyone who would like to donate a prize we would be very grateful. This year any money raised will be used for the redevelopment of our outside areas in the Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 2.

Congratulations to everyone who has taken part in our recent sporting events, as always great results.

Please can I ask you all to respect the parking restriction in place round the school, these are there to help keep children and families safe. The traffic wardens will be doing unannounced visits to the school in the not so distance future.

Thank you for your continued support.

Exciting Curriculum

Nursery

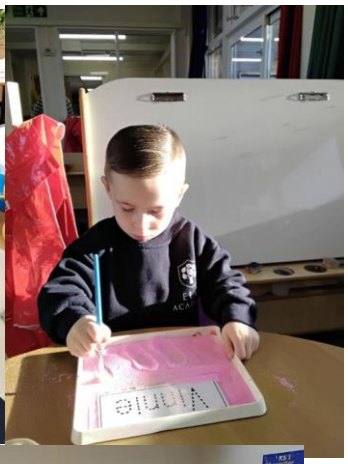
This week in Nursery, we have been learning about the celebration of Hanukkah. We read the story 'Busy Hanukkah' and learned about how people celebrate this festival.

At the creative station, we put our cutting skills into practice, cutting our candles and creating our own menorah! We used scissors to cut the paper into strips and counted to check how many candles we had.

In PE this week, we became superheroes! We moved in different ways like superheroes and practised freezing when the villain superheroes said freeze! We were also very excited to use the parachute as a giant superhero cape! We each had a superhero colour and had to listen for when it was called out!

We love to learn outside in Nursery! On our welly walk this week, we saw a squirrel and learned about how they are preparing for winter by hiding their food! We also enjoyed the last of the autumn leaves, throwing and watching them fall and hearing the crunch beneath our feet!







Reminders

- Costumes for the Nativity - all costumes need to be brought into school in a named bag on or before Monday 8th December, ready for our dress rehearsals.
- Cereal box - all children need to bring their cereal box into school by next Friday 5th December. These will be used to make part of your child's costume.
- Nursery Christmas crafts and fayre - Thursday 11th December is our nursery Christmas fayre. We will be making a craft and then there will be opportunities for you to buy items the children have made especially for fundraising!

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Reception

This week our topic in Reception has been Africa. We have been listening to music from Africa and then had a go at making our own musical instruments from recycling materials.

Last week we had our art gallery for the parents to come and look at their children's' beautiful self-portraits!









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Year 3










Year 3 had a fantastic time at the Bournemouth Aviation Museum this week! All the children enjoyed climbing into some of the historic planes, as well as exploring other forms of transport, like helicopters, buses and fire engines! Also, thank you to the parent volunteers who supported us on the day, we greatly appreciated it!

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Year 5

Year 5 have had a brilliant week!

We've started rehearsing for our Christmas concert, and our choir wowed everyone at the Bournemouth Pavilion – what a performance!

In science, we explored air resistance with exciting experiments, and in English, we began planning Tudor-themed narratives. Maths focused on adding and subtracting fractions, both with same and different denominators.

We also took part in England Rocks through Times Table Rock Stars, and the children smashed their times tables practise!

We're looking forward to another week of creativity, learning, and festive fun!



Sports

Our students spent the day learning new netball skills and then put them into action with matches against local Bournemouth schools. They were absolutely brilliant, showing huge improvement and fantastic teamwork throughout.

Well done to everyone on a great afternoon of netball! 🏐👏



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.

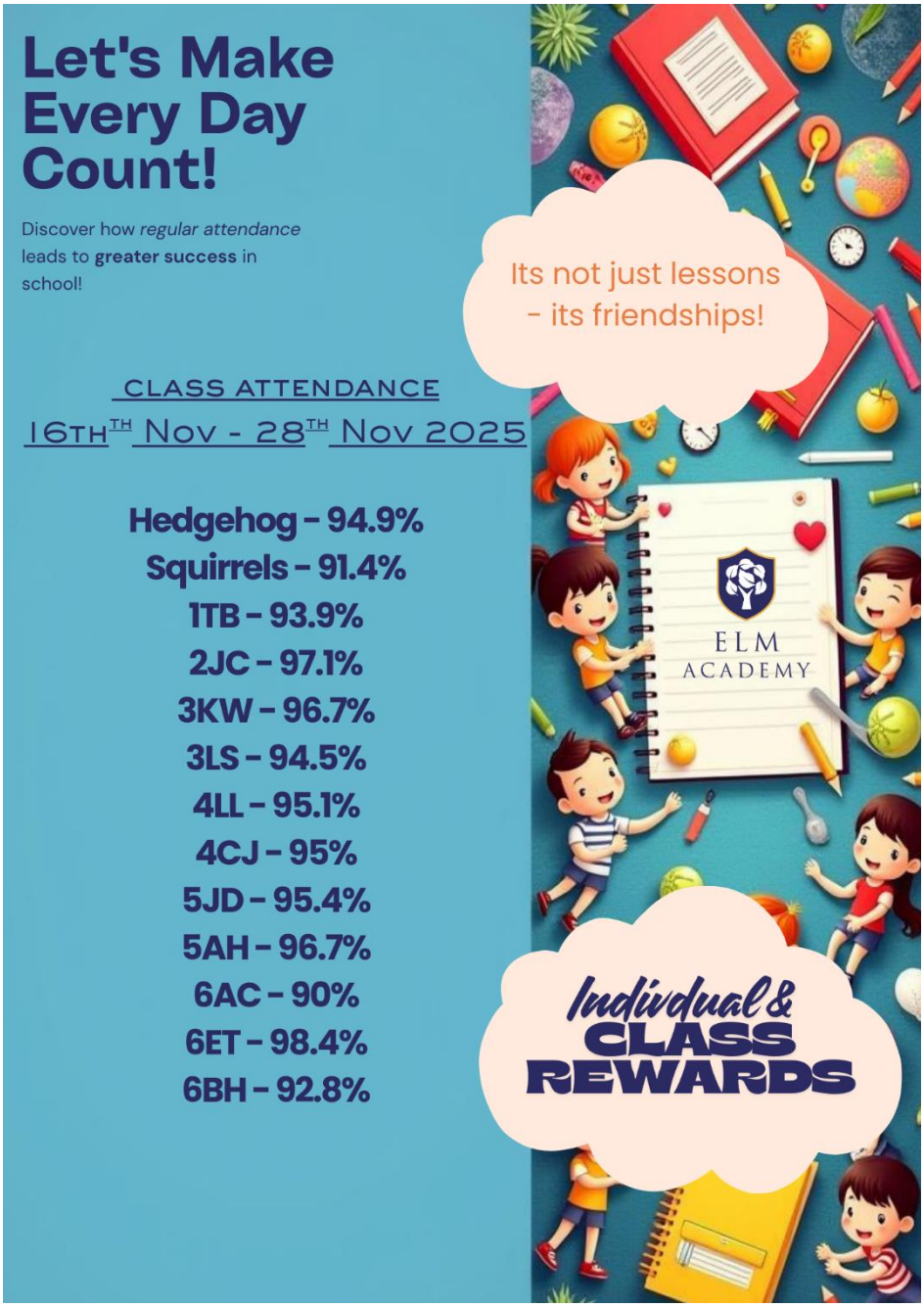
You can also add your bank cards for shops in store. For example, for every shop in Tesco over £70 the school get 50p.

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



Road Safety Reminder

You must make sure that any children in the vehicle you're driving are:

- in the correct car seat for their height or weight until they reach 135 centimetres tall or their 12th birthday, whichever is first
- wearing a seat belt if they're 12 or 13 years old, or younger and over 135cm tall
- children must use an appropriate child seat to sit in the front seat until they are 12 years old or 135 cm tall, whichever comes first

You can be fined up to £500 if a child under 14 is not in the correct car seat or wearing a seat belt while you're driving.



Useful information



ELM ACADEMY

Is your child 3 or 4 years old?

Deadline for applications is January 15th 2026

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, you need to apply for a primary school place now.

You must still apply, even if your child attends a nursery attached to the school.

Apply online

https://www.bcpcouncil.gov.uk/schools-an...



Deadline for applications is January 15th 2026.

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Calling All Parents And Guardians

Big Brush Club

AT HOME DENTAL

We Need Your Voice!

Welcome to our supervised toothbrushing programme!

We've launched a fun and healthy supervised toothbrushing programme within our setting to help children build great brushing habits and keep their smiles sparkling.

Please complete the parent and guardian survey online, it only takes 2 minutes and makes a BIG difference

Your answers are confidential; we will use them only to support your child's participation.

Why your survey matters?

- Helps us understand your child's needs
- Supports better oral health for all children
- NHS requires this to be done as a part of the programme
- To answer any oral health questions, you may have around your child



More resources can be found on our website **www.bigbrushclub.co.uk**

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Harmony through family change

Free six week wellbeing and mindfulness sessions provided by **Universal Mindfulness** for families experiencing separation or divorce.

These sessions offer a safe and supportive space for children to explore emotions, build resilience and self esteem. Learn healthy habits to help their wellbeing through arts, crafts, cooking, yoga, meditation and dinner.

Scan the QR code to book your place

universalmindfulness.co.uk

Dates / times

→ **Wednesdays** 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 Nov
3 | 10 Dec

Primary aged children 5.30-7pm

Secondary aged children 7.05-8.35pm

Townsend Family Hub
Jewell Road, Bournemouth BH8 0LT

→ **Saturdays** 8 | 29 Nov

Parents' sessions 10am-12.30pm

Castlepoint Library
Bournemouth BH8 9UW

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 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
Friday 12th December	Staff Training
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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