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Newsletter

Principal's Message

I would like to begin by offering my warmest congratulations to all the children and staff who took part in DanceLive. As always, you were a true credit to Elm Academy, and your performance was nothing short of outstanding.

Well done to our football teams this week, and in particular to the girls, who secured a fantastic win. Your hard work, teamwork, and determination continue to make us incredibly proud.

Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a fabulous day at the zoo despite the weather, and Year 4 experienced an exciting Roman invasion of their own. It's wonderful to see such rich learning opportunities bringing the curriculum to life.

I look forward to welcoming you all to next week's parent consultations, where you will receive a brief summary of your child's progress and attainment to date. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please contact the main office for assistance.

Thank you all for your continued support; it is truly appreciated and makes a meaningful difference to our school community.

Upcoming Events

Monday 9th February - Y5 & 6 Girls football match against Kingsleigh

Tuesday 10th February - Year 4 Dance Festival

Wednesday 11th February - Y5 & 6 Girls football match against Epiphany

Thursday 12th February -Mufti day in exchange for donation to Hope for Food / Parents Evening

Friday 13th February - School closed - Teacher Training Day

16th - 20th February - Half Term

Monday 23rd February - Pupils first Day Back

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

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 in Nursery, we have been learning all about the story 'Naughty Bus'. We learned about a little red bus, who went on a journey around a house, being very cheeky! The bus went through baked beans at breakfast and fell into the pond!

We learned that the little red bus was a London double decker bus! At the Maths station, we used small wooden bricks to build tall buildings for the bus to drive around! We learned that to build towers, we need to select shapes with flat sides.

At the mark making station, we drew our own buses! We concentrated on drawing a large rectangle, square windows and circle wheels!







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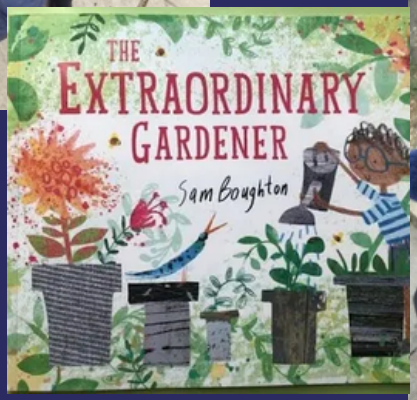
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Reception

This week in class, we learned all about what plants need to grow. The children explored how sunshine, water, soil, and fresh air help plants stay healthy, and we talked about why each one is important. Everyone had the chance to plant their own seeds, carefully filling their pots with soil, watering them, and choosing a sunny spot for them to grow. The children loved getting hands-on with the planting and are excited to look after their seeds and watch them grow over the next few weeks.











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Year 1

In music Year 1 have been learning how to play African drums linked to their Geography learning about Africa!





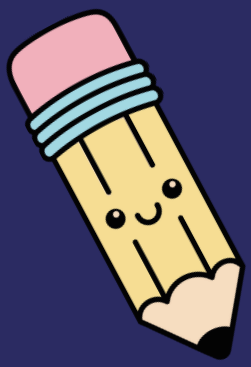






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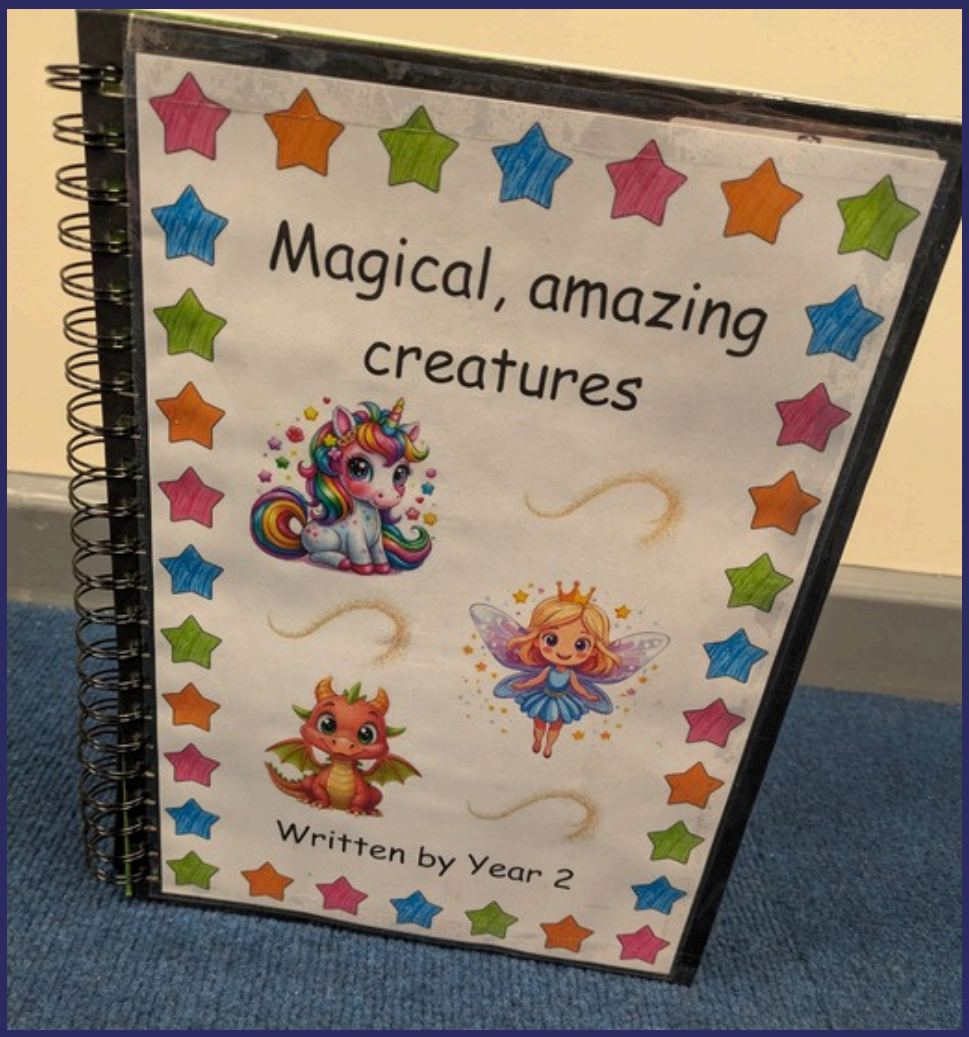
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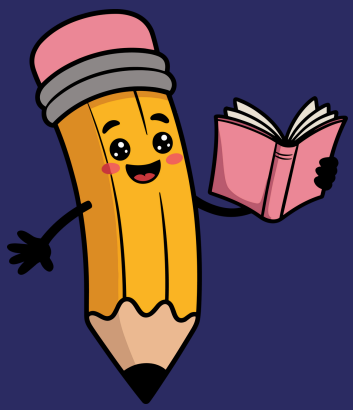
Year 2

In English, Year 2 have read the book Dragon Machine. They then designed their own mythical, magical creatures. Year 2 then enjoyed writing character descriptions for them using expanded noun phrases, -ful words, -less words, possessive apostrophes and powerful verbs. They then published their writing in a book and delivered it to Year 1.









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Marwell Zoo

Year 1 and 2 had an incredible visit to Marwell Zoo on Thursday 5th February. Despite the weather the children and staff had a very enjoyable time and were very lucky to see lots of amazing animals.



















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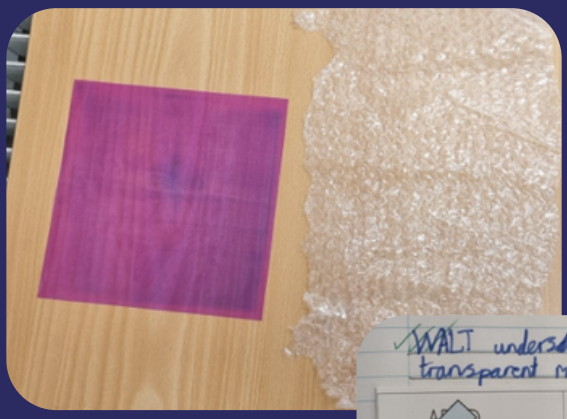
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Year 3

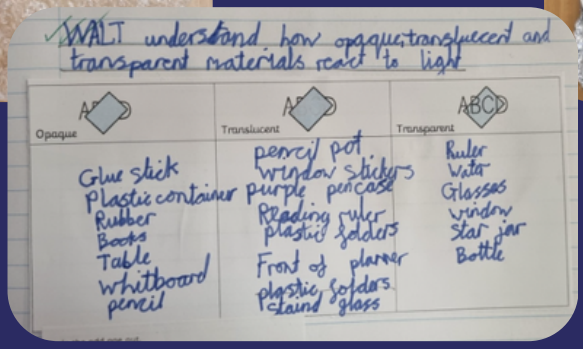


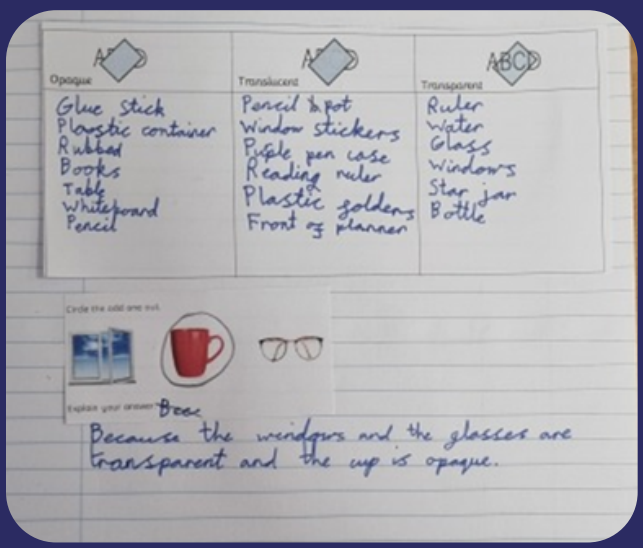


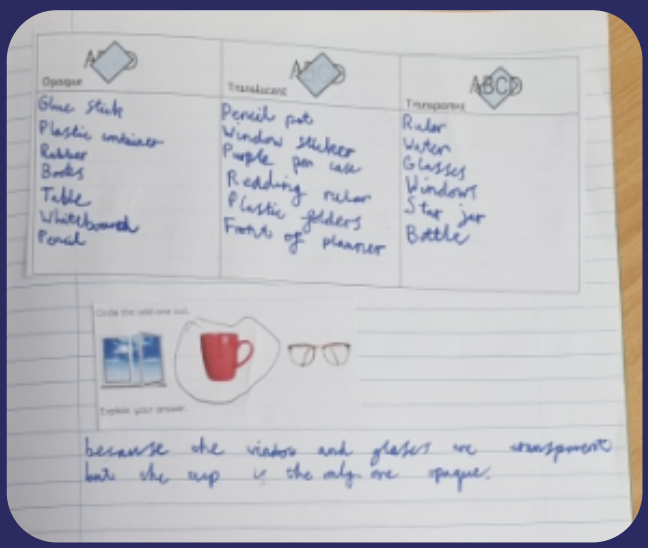
This week, Year 3 have been exploring a range of different materials and classifying them into opaque, translucent and transparent. They have been able to use a variety of day-to-day materials for their investigation. They have produced some lovely presented work from their findings.











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Year 4

Year 4 had a great time participating in their Roman workshop.





















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Year 5



We have had a wonderfully busy and engaging week in school, with pupils diving enthusiastically into their learning across the curriculum. In Maths, the children have been developing their confidence with fractions of a given amount and have enjoyed applying this knowledge to practical tasks and problem-solving challenges. Meanwhile, in English, they have been working on recounts and preparing for an upcoming published piece inspired by Ernest Shackleton's extraordinary journey. Their growing interest in the topic has led to some impressive vocabulary choices and thoughtful writing.

Our Science lessons have been particularly hands-on this week, as the children carried out experiments to discover which materials conduct electricity. Their curiosity and teamwork were fantastic to see. We will be building on this work next week by exploring which materials make effective heat insulators, giving pupils another chance to apply their scientific thinking through investigation.

In History, the children have been transported back to the Victorian era to learn about the Industrial Revolution and its enormous impact on life in Britain. They have shown great enthusiasm when comparing past and present and discussing the changes brought about during this transformative period. A highlight for many has been our PE lessons, where the children have been enjoying rugby sessions led by a former England rugby player. These sessions have been energetic, motivating, and a brilliant opportunity for the children to develop their skills and confidence.



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Year 6

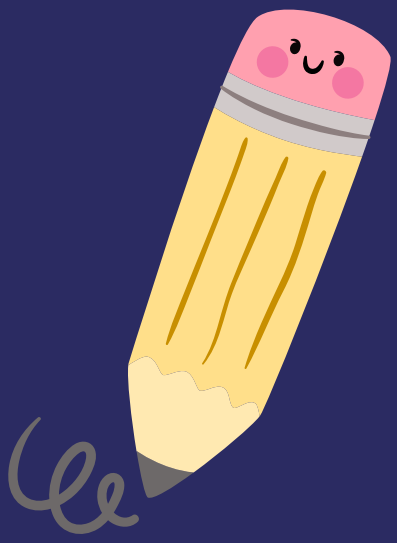


It's been an important week for our Year 6 pupils as they tackled their mock SATs papers. The children have risen to the challenge with real maturity. These practice papers are a valuable chance for pupils to experience the structure and pace of the real tests and they've shown impressive resilience throughout.

What has stood out most is the progress many children have made since the start of the year. We have been delighted to see pupils applying new strategies, taking greater ownership of their learning and demonstrating growing confidence in reading, maths, and SPaG. For some, the improvement has been remarkable - proof that their hard work is paying off!

Beyond the scores and papers, this week has highlighted the supportive spirit within the year group. Pupils have encouraged one another and celebrated each other's successes. As we move forward, Year 6 will continue building on this momentum and we're excited to see just how far they'll go! Well done to all in Year 6.





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Events at Elm

Elm Academy are supporting Hope for Food. We would like to invite all children to wear mufti on **Thursday 12th February 2025** in exchange for an item we can donate to Hope for Food.



HOPE FOR FOOD

Non-perishable items which are in date please or any non-food donations item from the list.



NON - FOOD DONATIONS - FEBRUARY

Yes Please ✓

Children's winter clothing/shoes all ages particularly: girls age 5 - 6,
Seasonal adult day clothes.
Adult shoes/men's trainers/casuals especially size 9 & 10
Men's & Women's new/unused/good condition socks
Underwear - new/unworn size S & M especially boxer shorts
Joggers/Jeans - small/medium - 30 - 32 waist
Men's medium fleeces/sweashirts

Toasters/Kettles/Microwaves/Air Fryers/slow cookers
Frying pans/saucepans/oven dishes/baKing trays
Kitchen utensils, chopping boards/graters/oven gloves/can openers etc.
Crockery/mugs/tumblers/cutlery
Tea towels/Towels
Double/single Duvets & bed linen
Old cables, phones, laptops, tablets.

No Thank You X

Adult party/dress wear or shoes/summer clothes
Knitted/chrocheted blankets/garments (*Bournemouth Hospital charity shop are collecting knitted items)*
Tea sets and very large dinner plates
Wine glasses/Glasswear
Toddler toys
King size duvets
Bric a Brac/lamps/decorative items etc.
Children's car seats/bike helmets or other safety equipment

We politely request that all donations are in good condition, clean and washed as we do not have laundry facilities. If you are unsure about donating an item please call 01202 570804 or 07391 084807.

Thank you

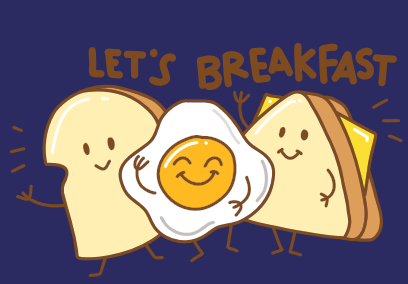
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A reminder that our free breakfast club doors open at 8.20 am and will close no later than 8.25 am.
All children must be accompanied by an adult to the doors.
If your child arrives after this time they will not be allowed in and you will have to wait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





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Attendance



Hedgehogs 94.07%

Squirrels 93.4%

1TB 90.29%

2JC 96.83%

3KW 91.8%

3LS 94.8%

4CJ 90.86%

4LL 96.61%

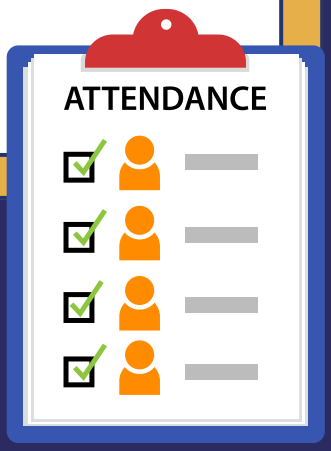
5AH 94.35%

5JD 97.59%

6ET 95%

6BH 97.37%

6AC 88%



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Half term challenge

We would love you to do an activity to represent each of our values.
Please share pictures of the great things you do to live our values.

Here are the some ideas of things you can do:

E

Enjoyment

- Ride a bike.
- Go on a nature hunt.
- Go to the park with friends.

P

Potential

- Try a new activity.
- Set yourself a challenge.
- Practice your favourite skill.

I

Inclusivity

- Carry out a kind act.
- Visit or call a relative you don't often see.

C

Community

- Do a litter pick of your local area.
- Support your local library.

At Elm, we live our values.



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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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COMMUNITY WEEKEND AT SWANAGE RAILWAY



14th – 15th February

Meet the volunteers, explore the railway, and enjoy family-friendly activities.

Dorset residents receive 50% off tickets.






SWANAGE RAILWAY

Book now at: **swanagerailway.co.uk**

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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

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.