



# ELMLEY NEWS

## A little piece of heaven on Earth



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### A note from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

A huge thank you to all our families for your fantastic support at our Spooky Disco! It was a fantastic evening, and thanks to your generosity, we raised some much-needed funds for our school. Now, we're busy preparing for the upcoming Christmas Nativity – it's hard to believe the festive season is almost here!

I'd also like to share some exciting staffing news. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Cook to our teaching team, who will be covering Mrs McCarthy's maternity leave. Mrs Cook brings with her a wealth of experience, and we are excited to have her on board. We are all looking forward to celebrating Mrs McCarthy's new arrival in January!

Speaking of exciting news, we are also thrilled to announce that Miss Stanley is expecting her second child in February. Congratulations to both of them!

Our Trainee Teacher Miss McCreanor is working brilliantly in Elm Class. She is an asset to our team.

Next week promises to be another busy one! We have our Cinema Trip on Tuesday, followed by our Cross Country Event on Wednesday. Our teaching team are looking forward to welcoming you to Parents' Evening on Wednesday and Thursday. Friday is Children in Need - Wear PJs/Cosy Clothes and donate £1 on Parent Pay.

Finally, we would love to see you at our very first Communion Service on Thursday 14th November at St Mary's Church at 2pm. It would be wonderful to have you join us for this special occasion.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support!

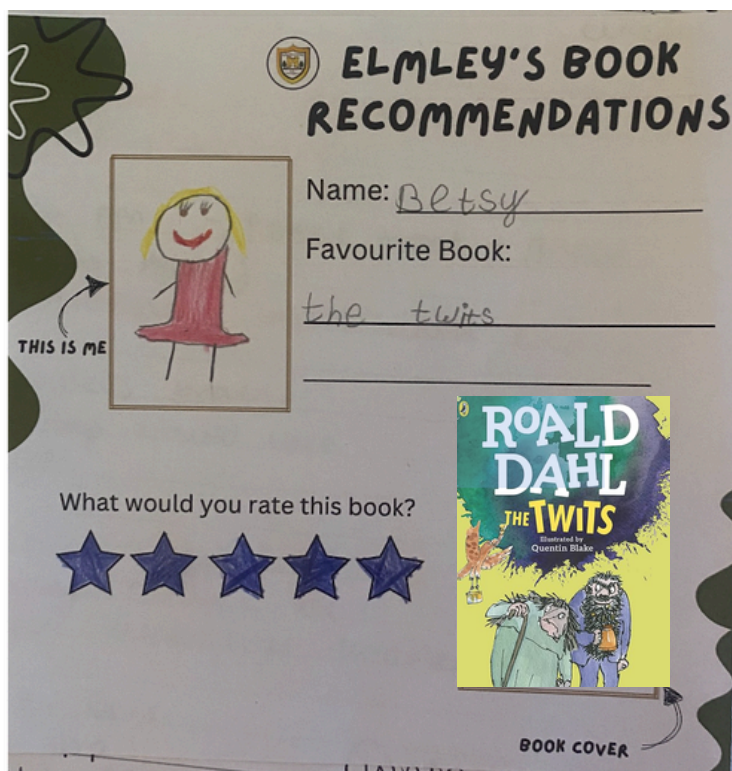
Mrs Penney  
Head Teacher



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# ELMLEY GALLERY



**ELMLEY'S BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS**


Name: Betsy

Favourite Book: the twits

THIS IS ME 

What would you rate this book?





BOOK COVER

**Betsy**  
**Oak Class**

## GREATER DEPTH LEARNING

At Elmley Castle, we are committed to helping every child reach their full potential. As part of our focus on Greater Depth Learning (deepening the moment), we aim to challenge all children, not by putting limits on their abilities, but by opening doors to help them showcase what they can truly achieve.

To guide this process, we've created a **Deepen the Moment Criteria** to encourage and stretch our learners beyond the expected level by getting them to deepen their learning. This will help them develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity, empowering them to excel academically and personally. You could help by encouraging your child to ask questions, make links and be reflective.



**Curious** - Asking questions and being curiosity.

**Connect** - Connecting with prior learning and making links.

**Collaborate** - Teach others and support them.

**Create** - Create using innovative ways.

**Communicate** - Uses reflective language to share their learning.








# THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

## STARS OF THE WEEK



 <p><b>Briar</b></p> <p><b>Acorns</b></p>	 <p><b>Barnaby</b></p> <p><b>Oak</b></p>
 <p><b>Atley</b></p> <p><b>Apple</b></p>	 <p><b>Cosmo</b></p> <p><b>Elm</b></p>

**Generosity Value Awards go to:** Hugo (Elm)  
Benji (Apple) Amelia P (Oak) Archie (Acorns)



**County Cricketers**  
**Congratulations to**  
**Stanley, Hugo, Theodore**  
**and Joe for successfully**  
**trialing for**  
**Gloucestershire and**  
**Worcestershire.**

### Sponsorship Found!

#### SPORTS KITS

**A huge thank you** to the Moseley family and The Goddards for sponsoring our football kit - exciting times ahead!



# PTA UPDATE

## Christmas Bazaar -

Save the date for our Christmas Bazaar! Join us on Friday 6th December 5pm-7pm for some festive fun. If you know of anyone who may be interested in having a stall for their business/hobby please ask them to get in touch via our email - [elmleypta@gmail.com](mailto:elmleypta@gmail.com). We only ask for £5 if they are a family member of an Elmley child (otherwise we ask for £10). No matter what they sell we would love to hear from them!

## EasyFundraising -

Whether you're a super organised get it all done in November type or a last minute Christmas week shopper, if you haven't already done so please sign up to our EasyFundraising page. It really is so easy to use, just by doing some online shopping you can raise vital funds for our school... A QR code to our page can also be found on the banner on the school gate.



# PTA UPDATE



## Support your child's future

Sign up to online cashback site, easyfundraising, and select your child's school as your chosen good cause.

Then, when you shop online with over 8,000 retailers, the retailer will give the school a free donation as a thank you for shopping with them.

It's as simple as that. No matter what you buy, from food shops to holidays and everything in between - it's a free and easy way to support your school.



## How to get started

Head to [easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause](https://easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause) and search for your child's school, or scan the QR code.

Registration is free and will take you less than two minutes to sign up!

17,000 schools and PTAs have raised over £12.5 million using easyfundraising.

Sign up and support your child's future today.


[Log in](#)
[Sign up](#)


## Elmley Castle First School PTA

📍 Elmley Castle, Pershore

£1,594.21 raised

79 supporters

[Sign up and support this cause](#)



# DATES FOR THE FUTURE

Please take note of the calendar dates for the first term. We will always try our best to give us much notice as possible but sometimes there will be factors out of our control that mean we need to add or alter event dates.

November	
Cinema Trip	12.11.24
Cross Country Y4/5	13.11.24
Christmas Shoe Box Deadline Please bring in your Christmas shoe box into school.	11.11.24
Parents' Evening (info to follow)	13.11.24 and 14.11.24
Communion Mass at Church 2pm - families welcome!	14.11.24
Children in Need - Wear your PJs/Cosy Clothes and donate £1 to a worthy cause (please pay on parent pay)	15.11.24
School photos - individual photos - Elm Class to come to school in their uniform and bring their PE Kit to change into.	21.11.24

## FOREST SCHOOL

### Forest School

Below are the dates for your child's class to come to school wearing their Forest School clothes. Children will need to wear a long sleeved top, trousers and old trainers/wellies.

Acorns Class	Oak Class	Elm Class	Apple Class
Forest School every Tuesday	Thursday 14th November	Thursday 21st November	Tuesday 26th November
	Thursday 5th December	Thursday 12th December	Tuesday 17th December





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December	
SEND Reviews – More info to follow	3.12.24
Christmas Bazaar 5pm–7pm at School	6.12.24
<p>Christmas Show 6:00pm at the Village Hall Two tickets per family are available per show. Please book these on Parent Pay. Children to go home in between the end of the day and the show. Children to meet us at the village hall for 5:45pm in their costumes. Please bring costumes back the next day! Children in after school club will be taken over the Village Hall. There will be limited spaces in After School Club so please book early. Children will come back to school after the show to collect belongings and be dismissed.</p>	9.12.24
Christmas Show 2:00pm at the Village Hall	10.12.24
Elm Homework Showcase	13.12.24
<p>Last Week of Term For the last week of term, children can come to school wearing Christmas jumpers, festive headbands and/or Christmas socks/tights.</p>	
Christmas Service 2pm at the Church Families welcome	19.12.24
Mum's Aloud 6:30pm at the Church All invited and more information to follow	19.12.24
Christmas Party Day – Each child to bring a party food item to share with the class and a toy/board game to play with (no electrical items).	20.12.24
Carols around the tree at 2pm – Join us for festive carols, mulled wine and mince pies	20.12.24
Last Day of Term at 3:10pm	20.12.24



# PTA EVENTS 2024-2025

Please take note of the calendar dates PTA events. We will always try our best to give us much notice as possible but sometimes there will be factors out of our control that mean we need to add or alter event dates.


**Get the dates in your diary and book a babysitter!**

Non Uniform Day for chocolate or a bottle donations	29.11.24
Christmas Bazaar (5pm-7pm)	6.12.24
Movie Night and Meal for children 3:15-5pm	9.1.25
Non Uniform Day (Break the Rules Day!)	24.1.25
End of Term Disco 3:15-5pm	13.2.25
Non Uniform Day (bring in eggs and chocolate)	4.4.25
Easter Bingo 3:15-5pm	11.4.25
Non Uniform Day (bring a bottle)	20.6.25
Summer Fayre	TBC

## ATTENDANCE

**Whole School: 94%**

**We have dipped since we last reported our attendance. Let's make every day count by being at school as much as we can!**

Acorns	92%
Oak Class (Y1)	94%
Apple Class	95%
Elm Class	97% 



**We're excited to launch our new attendance challenge! The class with the best attendance each week will receive a special certificate and the chance to look after the Cool Cat—our mascot—for the week. Let's make sure every child is here, on time, and ready to learn.**

**Whole School Target: 98%**





# TERM DATES



## ELMLEY CASTLE TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2024/25

SEPTEMBER						OCTOBER						NOVEMBER						
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tues	3	10	17	24		Tues	1	8	15	22	29	Tues		5	12	19	26	
Wed	4	11	18	25		Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thur	5	12	19	26		Thur	3	10	17	24	31	Thur		7	14	21	28	
Fri	6	13	20	27		Fri	4	11	18	25		Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat		7	14	21	28	Sat		5	12	19	26	Sat		2	9	16	23	30
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun		6	13	20	27	Sun		3	10	17	24	
DECEMBER						JANUARY						FEBRUARY						
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon		6	13	20	27	Mon		3	10	17	24	
Tues	3	10	17	24	31	Tues		7	14	21	28	Tues		4	11	18	25	
Wed	4	11	18	25		Wed	1	8	15	22	29	Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thur	5	12	19	26		Thur	2	9	16	23	30	Thur		6	13	20	27	
Fri	6	13	20	27		Fri	3	10	17	24	31	Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat		7	14	21	28	Sat		4	11	18	25	Sat		1	8	15	22	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun		5	12	19	26	Sun		2	9	16	23	
MARCH						APRIL						MAY						
Mon	3	10	17	24	31	Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tues	4	11	18	25		Tues	1	8	15	22	29	Tues		6	13	20	27	
Wed	5	12	19	26		Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thur	6	13	20	27		Thur	3	10	17	24		Thur	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	7	14	21	28		Fri	4	11	18	25		Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	Sat		5	12	19	26	Sat		3	10	17	24	31
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	Sun		6	13	20	27	Sun		4	11	18	25	
JUNE						JULY						AUGUST						
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tues	3	10	17	24		Tues	1	8	15	22	29	Tues		5	12	19	26	
Wed	4	11	18	25		Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed		6	13	20	27	
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Sat		7	14	21	28	Sat		5	12	19	26	Sat		2	9	16	23	30
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun		6	13	20	27	Sun		3	10	17	24	31

Term Time		Holidays	
Bank Holiday		ED DAY	

Term 1: Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept – Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2024	40 days
Term 2: Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2024	35 days
Term 3: Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan - Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2025	30 days
Term 4: Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2025	35 days
Term 5: Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> April – Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	19 days
Term 6: Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> June – Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	36 days
<b>Total</b>	<b>195 days*</b>

Christmas Bank Holidays	25 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
	26 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
New Year Bank Holiday	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2025
Good Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Easter Monday	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025
Early May Bank Holiday	5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	26 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Summer Bank Holiday	25 <sup>th</sup> August 2025

\*195 days are defined as "School days". In the school year 2024/25 pupils must attend for 190 days. Schools may decide individually or collectively which 5 days in the year are INSET or non-contact days (days pupils do not need to attend).



# COMMUNITY PAGE

Elmley Castle C of E First School

## FREE TASTER SESSIONS

IS YOUR CHILD NEARLY READY TO START PRESCHOOL?

**A Little Piece of Heaven on Earth**

Join us on:  
6th November  
5th February  
21st May  
  
9:30am-11am

Call us to let us know you'll be popping in!

Call Us **01386 710279**

For More Information <https://elmleycastle.worcs.sch.uk/>

**Please share with friends  
and family.**



# COMMUNITY PAGE

Homegrown in the Vale of Evesham



**New Veg Box Collection Point  
Elmley Castle School  
every Friday**

**10% of sales go to the PTA**

## Ordering Details:

**[www.styanfamilyproduce.co.uk](http://www.styanfamilyproduce.co.uk)**

- Please select 'Store Pickup' and choose Elmley Castle School as your collection point
- Orders to be placed by midnight on the Wednesday prior to collection
- Orders will be in crates labeled with your name; produce will be bagged inside boxes with packing slip (please leave the boxes)
- Collection is from the staff carpark next to the school
- Collection is from **1pm on Friday**