



ELMLEY NEWS

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A note from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

The festive spirit is truly in the air here at Elmley Castle! We are busy preparing for our Nativity, and the excitement is building as we get closer to our Christmas celebrations. We have so much to look forward to, including our Christmas service, Christmas lunch, the Mums Aloud concert, and singing Christmas carols on the last day of term.

Please take a moment to check our end-of-term dates to ensure you don't miss any of the festive fun!

It was wonderful to welcome families to our SEND reviews this week. Thank you for your engagement and for taking the time to be involved.

While the holiday cheer is in full swing, we are still working hard on our learning. Please remember to keep reading at home to support your child's progress. If you need anything or have any questions, don't hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher or myself on the gate. Working together is so important for the good of our children.

Wishing you all a joyful and festive time ahead!

Warm regards,
Mrs. Penney
Head Teacher



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FUNDRAISING AT ELMLEY

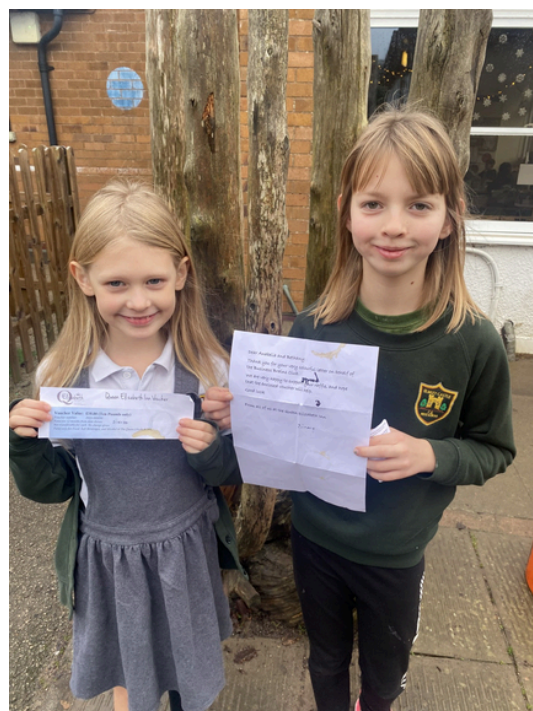


Our Business Brains Club wrote letters to local businesses to get some raffle prizes for our Christmas Bazaar.

Roscoe managed to get £30 worth of goodies from Aldi.

Bethany and Anabella managed to get a £10 voucher for the Queens pub.

Well done team!



Well done to Anabella and Aviv for raising over £140 selling our raffle tickets.



Thank you to our amazing PTA (special thanks to Volha) who created mistletoe wreaths and had lots of festive fun yesterday with the children.
Thank you Liz for the mistletoe.



STAFFING AT ELMLEY

We are excited to share some staffing updates at Elmley Castle following Christmas. While we will be saying farewell to Mrs. Beamish, who will be leaving us at the end of this term, we want to express our gratitude for her hard work during her time here at Elmley. We wish her all the best in her future.

Additionally, we would like to inform you that Mrs. McCarthy will be leaving us on Friday 17th January to begin her maternity leave, and Miss Stanley will be leaving us at half-term to have her baby. We wish both of them all the very best during this special time.

With these changes, we will be making a few adjustments to ensure that the children’s learning experience remains consistent and positive. These decisions have been carefully considered with the children's needs at the forefront of our planning.

We are also pleased to welcome Mrs. Tierney and Miss Gable, who will be joining us as 1-1 support Teaching Partners. We are excited for the positive impact they will have on our school community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Class	Teacher	Teaching Partner	1-1 Support	Intervention Teaching Partner
Acorns	Miss Preece	Mrs Hemming	Mrs Tierney	Mrs Allen-Jones (Working across the school to support with targeted interventions)
Oak	Miss Vines	Mrs Allen-Jones		
Apple	Mrs Brown (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Cook (Thurs-Friday) Mrs McCarthy (Mat Leave from January)	Mrs Shuard	Mrs Davis Mrs Shuard Miss Dent Miss Gable	
Elm	Mr Jarvie Miss Hill - Thursdays	Miss Stanley		

"Every child deserves
A CHAMPION
an adult who will never give up on them
who understands the power of connection
and **INSISTS** that they
become the best
they can possibly be."
-Rita Pierson
-inthelandofteaching-

PARKING AT ELMLEY



Police Officers attended Elmley Castle C of E School School on Wednesday afternoon at pick up time after noticing various vehicles parked on a bend and on the zig zags.

Advice was given to several parents regarding where best to park around the school as well as notices placed on the windshield.

The best advice is to either walk or allow time to find a parking space and be prepared to walk a short distance to the school. The Village Hall a great place to park as well as neighbouring roads.

- ⊘ Do not drop your children off on the yellow zigzag lines as they are there for safety reasons.
- ⊘ Do not block residents driveways. Try not to double park as that restricts the traffic flow and causes frustration and may impede emergency vehicles.
- ⊘ Do not park on or opposite junctions as this restricts visibility and is dangerous. This is a complaint we receive a lot! The Highway Code advises drivers not to stop or park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction.
- ⊘ Do not park on a bend, a dropped kerb or the brow of a hill.
- ⊘ Do not block pavements which would force pedestrians into the road.
- ✓ Always aim to let your children out by the door nearest the kerbside.

•• Should anyone see any illegal or dangerous parking then you can send either video or photographic evidence to Op Snap. Op Snap enables members of the public to report and submit digital footage showing potential traffic offences via a secure online form. Please note general parking complaints are unable to be dealt with via Op Snap and should be directed to the relevant local authority, however any parking on Zig Zag lines or parking that is placing pedestrians at risk will be actioned. <https://www.westmercia.police.uk//police-forces/west-mercia-police/areas/west-mercia/campaigns/campaigns/2019/operation-snap/>





Thank you for your support in keeping children safe!



THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

STARS OF THE WEEK



 <p>Archie/Neve</p> <p>Acorns</p>	 <p>Ralph/Betsy G</p> <p>Oak</p>
 <p>Sophia/Anna-Mae</p> <p>Apple</p>	 <p>Aviv/Isabella</p> <p>Elm</p>

Generosity Value Awards go to: Cosme/Stamley (Elm) Olivia/Isabelle (Apple) Amos/Barnaby (Oak) Catherine/William (Acorns)



PTA UPDATE

Join us TONIGHT for some festive fun at our Christmas Bazaar!

We’ve got something for everyone from a visit to Santa to a bottle of champagne on the raffle! Foodgenie will also be serving a chip shop menu from the playground.

We hope to see you there 🎄



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. **Dates for after Christmas to be shared very soon!**

Acorns Class	Oak Class	Elm Class	Apple Class
Forest School every Tuesday	NA	Thursday 12th December	Tuesday 17th December



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.

December	
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.</p> <p>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 underlayer (items on the costume letter) Please bring costumes back the next day!</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Children will be dismissed from the village hall. Please be patient as we ensure the children leave safely.</p>	9.12.24
<p>Christmas Show 2:00pm at the Village Hall Bring back under layer (items on the costume letter) Children to be dismissed from school.</p>	10.12.24
Elm Homework Showcase	13.12.24
<p>Last Week of Term</p> <p>For the last week of term, children can come to school wearing Christmas jumpers, festive headbands and/or Christmas socks/tights.</p>	
Children's Christmas Lunch - Please order in the usual way via the Deli	18.12.24
Christmas Service 2pm at the Church Families welcome	19.12.24
<p>Mum's Aloud - 7pm-7:45pm (ticketed event) Meet at the Church. Thank you to those who have signed up to sing - all are welcome!</p>	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, hot drinks and mince pies (bring some money -all proceeds to our PTA)	20.12.24
Last Day of Term	20.12.24
First day back for children	7.1.25

10th January - Aladdin @ The Everyman Cheltenham - more info soon!



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January	
Aladdin Panto at the Everyman	10.1.25
PTA Kids Movie Night – Please sign up Via Parent Pay Movie and Meal provided 3:15–5pm	10.1.25
Clubs Begin	13.1.25
Elm Class Worship	17.1.25
Community Afternoon Tea	17.1.25
Free Taekwondo Experience Sessions – Please come in PE kits on this date Oak Class Elm Class	21.1.25
Non Uniform Day (Break the Rules Day!)	24.1.25
Apple Class Worship	24.1.25
Free Taekwondo Experience Sessions – Please come in PE kits on this date Acorns Class Apple Class	28.1.25
February	
Oak Class Worship	31.2.25
Communion Service at St Mary's 2pm – All welcome!	6.2.25
Acorns Class Worship	7.2.25



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


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 Matters



ATTENDANCE

Whole School: 95% - This is a 1% improvement on last week!
Let's keep going!

Acorns	94%
Oak Class	94%
Apple Class	96.1% 
Elm Class	96%

Congratulations to Apple Class for winning Super Sloth (our attendance mascot) this week! I wonder which class will have the best attendance next week?

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

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

- 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**



HOLIDAY CODE CLUB: Unlock Digital Creativity This Half Term



Jam Coding is coming to a venue near you to deliver a fun digital workshop!

Kids will dive into everything from winter racing Kodu to Merry Minecraft, Elf 'N' Seek - Make Code Arcade and 3D Ornament Making - Tinkercad!

If your child is eager to explore the world of digital creativity, this is the perfect FREE FUNDED (HAF) opportunity.

Check out the detailed itinerary for the week below.
[Click here](#) for the full itinerary.

VENUE

Holy Redeemer Catholic Primary School, 3 Priest Ln, Pershore
WR10 1EB