



ELMLEY NEWS

A little piece of heaven on Earth



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A note from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

What a fantastic few weeks we have had at school. We are thrilled to share the incredible progress we've made in so many areas. Our Class Dojo page is up and running and we're delighted to announce that over 85% of our families have now joined the platform, making it easier than ever to stay connected with your child's learning journey, celebrations, and important reminders.

We hope you're enjoying the insights into classroom activities and your child's achievements!

Swimming has also been a huge hit with the children! Their excitement and enthusiasm have made this a wonderful part of the last two weeks, and we're looking forward to all the fun and learning adventures ahead. We will be gathering feedback from staff, children and families soon about the swimming pool.

We have some exciting news to share! Mrs McCarthy is expecting her second child. We'd like to congratulate her on behalf of everyone at Elmley Castle. Apple Class, you should have received an email today.

Thank you for your ongoing support and participation—it makes a big difference to our school community! Communication and trust are key and working together for the future of our children is so important. Do come and talk to us if we can support in any way.

Warmest regards,

Mrs. Penney
Head Teacher



Don't forget to subscribe to our school podcast!
#ElmleyPodcast

20TH SEPTEMBER 2024

ELMLEY GALLERY



Sentence Stacking Lesson 3 13 SEP 2024

Learning Objective:
To write effective sentences for our story.

Steps to Success:
Fronted Adverbial / Action
Prepositions / Repetition
Noticing / Short sentences

DAY 4
Finds magic crayon

Plot Point 3
Finds magic crayon

Jumping out of bed, She picked up
the crayon and drew.
up, up, up Across and over-
Down, down, down. The crayon
glided across the wall and excitement
grew across her face.
The cherry-red door appeared.



ELMLEY GALLERY

Elmley Castle First School Equestrian Team headed to Hickstead for 2 days on Tuesday 20th of August for the National Schools Equitation Association Show Jumping Championship. Joshua, Charlotte, Isabella and Anna competed in the 50cms warm up class on Tuesday. It was a huge class with over 100 competitors at the home of British Show Jumping and it was the perfect opportunity to settle the nerves, soak up the atmosphere and prepare for the following day of competition.

The ponies, Romeo, Fettuccine, Izzy and Cookie were settled into their stables for the night and the humans set up camp. What a fun evening, toasting marshmallows, melting chocolate to dip strawberries in and then settling into sleeping bags in tents, horse trailers and a lorry ready for the following day's competition.

The team jumped in the 50cms championship first and all 4 riders rode brilliantly, a challenging course saw all 4 combinations complete but sadly we were not placed. A long wait till the 40cms Championship in the afternoon, this class was judged on style as well as jump penalties and again all 4 riders did a great job but sadly again we were just outside the placings. However what a fabulous adventure, great team spirit cheering each other on and lots of fun and ice cream!

The team will try again next year, a huge thank you to Charlotte and Elsie for helping us qualify and Good Luck to them as they move on to Bredon School and who knows next year we will be competing against them! We also want to say a big Thank you to Todd at the School Shop for embroidering the school logo onto Saddle Pads for us. The team would love to welcome any new members that want to represent the school.




WELL DONE TO OUR INCREDIBLE EQUESTIAN TEAM!



THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

STARS OF THE WEEK



 <p>Week 1/Week 2 Ada/William</p> <p>Acorns</p>	 <p>Week 1/Week 2 Florrie/ Danny</p> <p>Oak</p>
 <p>Week 1/Week 2 Tilly/ Charlie</p> <p>Apple</p>	 <p>Week 1/Week 2 Grace/Joe</p> <p>Elm</p>

Generosity Value Awards go to: Liv/Isabella
(Elm) Lincoln/Anna (Apple) Aria/Joshua (Oak)
Darcy/Neve (Acorns)





Vegetable Boxes Success!

A reminder for how to order and collect your veg boxes - Let's support local!

To order, visit the Styan Family Produce Shop website. Under 'store pickup,' select Elmley Castle School.

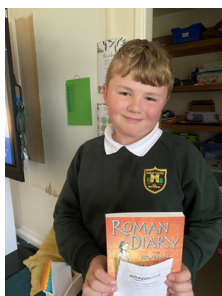
www.styan-family-produce.myshopify.com

Please place your orders by midnight on Wednesday for Friday collection. Pick-up is available from 1pm at the Elmley Castle Car Park (next to the clothes recycling unit). Orders will be in crates labeled with the customer's name. Produce will be bagged inside the boxes along with a packing slip. (Please leave the crates behind.)

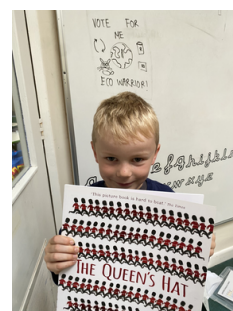
Football Boot Swap Shop

If you have any football boots you'd like to donate, please bring them in. We're excited to launch this sustainable project and appreciate your support in getting it started.

Thank you!



Please keep adding to our Wish Lists :)



Acorns: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1F5RDMCPT9Q5K?ref_=wl_share

Oak: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2LRV5B8TD7805?ref_=wl_share

Apple: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/39ZVNBXPK6IO3?ref_=wl_share

Elm: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2OTXNN3PM5NKZ?ref_=wl_share



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.

September	
New EYFS Phonics Meeting	25.9.24
Maisie Therapy Dog to Visit	25.9.24
Apple Class Worship families welcome	27.9.24
October	
Apple School Trip to Croome	2.10.24
PTA Quiz and Raffle Night - Pop the date in your diary and book a babysitter! More info to follow from the PTA.	3.10.24
Harvest Worship at Church @2pm	3.10.24
Oak Class Worship - families welcome	11.10.24
School Clean up - Please help us for 1 hour after school to clean/tidy/sort the school ready for our Open Day	11.10.24
Open Day for new families - Please spread the word to friends and family	16.10.24
Pumpkin Festival after school from 3:30pm (all welcome)	17.10.24
Acorns Class Worship -families welcome	18.10.24
Acorns and Oak Trip to The Play Village	23.10.24
Spooky Disco - More info to follow	24.10.24
Last Day of Term	24.10.24
TED DAY (training day for school staff) School closed for children	25.10.24
HALF TERM 28.10.24-1.11.24	
November	
500 Words Competition Closes	8.11.24
Parents' Evening (info to follow)	13.11.24 and 14.11.24



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!

Prize Bingo Night – Bring your own drink (adults only!) poster on last page	3.10.24
Spooky Disco 3:15–5pm	24.10.24
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: 97%

This is excellent - well done everyone!



Acorns	97%
Oak Class	98%
Apple Class	95%
Elm Class	98%

Whole School Target: 98%



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 26th September	Thursday 3rd October	Tuesday 8th October
	Thursday 17th October	Thursday 24th October	Tuesday 5th November
	Thursday 14th November	Thursday 21st November	Tuesday 26th November
	Thursday 5th December	Thursday 12th December	Tuesday 17th December



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	
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	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



OPEN DAY

WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER

A Little Piece of Heaven on Earth



✓ An inclusive and nurturing school

✓ A values and faith based school

✓ An inspirational staff team who really love what they do

✓ Forward thinking and innovative

Pop in between 9:00–3pm
and see the magic in action!

Call Us
01386 710279



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



Please share with friends and family.



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.**

The background of the poster is dark blue with various bingo-related graphics. At the top left, there are two yellow bingo balls with numbers 1 and 80. At the top right, there are several red bingo balls with numbers 10, 4, 3, and 19. On the left and right sides, there are large, stylized green and blue circular graphics resembling bingo balls or targets. At the bottom left and right, there are partial views of bingo cards. The card on the left is yellow and white, showing numbers 1, 76, 19, 60, 2, 18, 77, and 5. The card on the right is red and white, showing numbers 11, 35, 4, 48, 23, 65, and 5.

Elmley Castle C.E. First School PTA's

PRIZE BINGO

THURSDAY 3rd OCTOBER
Eyes down - 7:15pm

Cash only please

FREE entry - £5 a card
(At least 4 games to be held)

Soft drinks & nibbles provided
(BYOB welcome)

ELMLEY CASTLE C.E. FIRST SCHOOL
MAIN STREET
ELMLEY CASTLE
WR10 3HS



Pumpkin Fest is coming to Elmley School! Everyone welcome!

What's on:

- Pumpkin decorations; Pre-order your pumpkins £1 each, vouchers will be on sale at 50p Fridays.
- Mystery hay and corn maze;
- *Enchanted Live* music and dance;
- Pumpkin piniata;
- Apple bobbing;
- Camp fire with roasted corn on cob and smores;
- Magic potion (exclusive pumpkin soup & award-winning bread);
- Fresh local apple juice;
- Warming souls spiced cider;
- Festive carrot & courgette cakes;
- Fluffy sheepies petting & hoping for horses;
- Hopefully, legendary tractors on display.
- And maybe more if you like to get involved, please do.

Why not to wear some autumn colours.

Donations appreciated, please bring few pounds for food and drinks.

